This turn-of-the-century building, erected in 1903, housed 4 stores fronting on 4th Street. In about 1926, Siegel's acquired 105-07 in order to enlarge their own store. (See also state inventory sheet 00065-317 Locust Street.)

### Description

- **Type:** Rectangular plan, 2½ stories, red brick in common bond, recessed panels, belt course, a great deal of corbelling, stone roof trim, twelve-bay facade, window openings round-headed, windows flat with radiating header.
- **Coursing:** First floor substantially altered.
- **Condition:** Building is 82-196-00065 attached, same style.
- **Alterations:** This portion of 4th St. is wider than the rest used to be market, 1800s storekeepers lived upstairs.
- **Significance:** To be a market place, predominantly Jewish.
- **Establishments:** The storekeepers lived over their stores.

### Archival Information

- **Architectural Information**
- **Historical Information**
- **Additional Information**

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| 7. Accessible | YES | RESTRICTED |
| 8. Endangered | YES | NO |

### Architectural Description

- **1900-PRESENT**
- **Prior to 1900**

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### Plan

- **Location Plan:** S.E. 4th St.

### Notes

- **Prepared by:** N. Long
- **Date:** 5/31/77
This outstanding commercial block—and its counterpart on Locust Street—were constructed in 1902-03 and shortly afterward occupied by the Siegel haberdashery. The entire building—now all combined—actually housed eight separate concerns, including a sign painter, a clothier, a barber, and a watch shop. As was the custom at the time, the proprietors lived above their various shops. The Siegels still hold forth at this spot nearly 80 years later.

The block of Fourth between Locust and Walnut presents an interesting social phenomenon. City directories in the 1880s and 1890s indicate that the street was lined with saloons, groceries, second-hand stores, clothing dealers, barber shops, boarding houses, and restaurants. The block also contained a variety of goods being sold from stalls occupying its wide sidewalks. It was here that a brisk trade developed for those doing their daily shopping for fresh produce and the like. The shoppers were, according to photos, nearly all black. The block was convenient to both Baptisttown (the black enclave) and the Riverside neighborhood (the most fashionable white enclave), and it may be assumed that these blacks were either domestics employed in Riverside shopping for employers or were merely doing their own shopping. At least one major structure in the block housed shops owned or operated by black proprietors.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES City/Business Directories. Deed Records. Assessment
Willard Library Photo Archives.

G. PREPARED BY Douglas L. Stern

H. DATE 21 December 1981
Property: Sigel's Department Store
State, County: IN, Vanderburgh
Federal Agency: 

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

strong bundling aid tail of car

Recom./Criteria ________________________
Reviewer__________________________
Discipline__________________________
Date______________________________

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

7. Description

Condition
- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- unaltered
- altered
- unaltered
- altered
- unaltered
- altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance
- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection
8. Significance

Period
Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates
Builder-Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___ summary paragraph
___ completeness
___ clarity
___ applicable criteria
___ justification of areas checked
___ relating significance to the resource
___ context
___ relationship of integrity to significance
___ justification of exception
___ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property
Quadangle name
U.S. References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is

___ national
___ state
___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title
Date

13. Other

___ Maps
___ Photographs
___ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed __________________________ Date __________________________ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet
DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE RESOURCES
Vanderburgh County, Indiana
N. Long, DMD 1977

#22: view southwest of
2/ 105 S.E. Fourth Street
Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000186
101 S.E. Fourth Street
Evansville, Indiana 47708

February 23, 1982

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Richard Gantz
Division of Historical Preservation
Indiana State Museum
202 N. Alabama Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: 101, 103, and 105 S.E. Fourth Street
   Evansville, Indiana 47708
   Siegel's Department Store

Dear Mr. Gantz:

In reply to your notice that the above-captioned property has been recommended for registry in the State Historical Society, please be advised that as one of the owners of said property, I am opposed to being in either the State, Federal, or any other historical registry.

In our correspondence received from your office, it was stated that if the owners of the real estate objected, their property would be withdrawn from consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Meyer Siegel

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(ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON NEXT PAGE)
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

I hereby certify that on this day before me, an officer duly authorized in the state aforesaid and in the county aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Meyer Siegel, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal in the county and state last aforesaid this 23rd day of February, 1982.

(Signature)

Ralph DiGiovanni
(Printed)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on April 24, 1984.
TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Seigle's Department Store

TO/FROM: Nancy Long

DATE: 11/22/82

ADDRESS: IN

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER: MacDougal

DIVISION:

REPORT:

She called to inform us that she believed that the property had been listed incorrectly because there was an owner objection.

11/30 I called back and left word for her that as far as we could tell there were at least three owners (as the form stated) and that one owner did not constitute a majority. The property would remain listed unless they could show otherwise.