

**United States Department of the Interior  
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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Administration Building, Indiana Central University  
and/or common Good Hall

**2. Location**

street & number Southeast corner of Otterbein and Hanna Avenue N/A not for publication  
city, town Indianapolis N/A vicinity of  
state Indiana code 018 county Marion code 097

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Indiana Central University  
street & number 1400 E. Hanna Avenue  
city, town Indianapolis N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46227

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marion County Recorder's Office  
street & number City-County Building  
city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Indianapolis Historic Preservation  
title Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1977  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission  
city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Good Hall is a 3½ story Classical Revival structure situated on a pleasant, shaded lot on the southern edge of the campus of Indiana Central University. Constructed of red brick, the building measures approximately 127' x 150'. The central section of the structure is 3½ stories high, while the two sections flanking either side of the central section are two stories high.

The west, or main, elevation is 15 bays across. The dominant feature of this facade is a colossal, two-story portico, which extends across nine of these bays. Supported by six, tin-covered concrete Ionic columns, the portico features a wide entablature.

The central section of the west facade, seven bays across and three stories high, is recessed from the main plane of the building, and terminates in a wide pediment. Centered on the ground floor is the main entrance, marked by pilasters with stone capitals supporting a deep stone entablature that is engraved with the date of construction. The actual entrance is recessed from the opening and is approached by a flight of stairs. The doors are modern replacements. On either side of the entrance are three double-hung windows. Second story windows are directly over the first floor windows. Triple windows are centered over the entrance. At the third story of the central section the windows are arranged differently, and separated by brick pilasters in pairs. Above these, the tympanum of the pediment features a blind oculus, with flanking ornamentation done in relief. The pediment was formerly decorated with modillions, and with stone ornaments at its peak and base ends, but these have been removed.

The flanking two story sections of the west facade are four bays wide. A stone water table crosses all three sections of the building above the basement window. All windows have splayed stone lintels, while a white stringcourse highlights the upper edges of the second-story windows. Above the second story windows is a dentiled and modillioned cornice.

The north elevation is dominated by a porte-cochere, supported by two massive Ionic columns. The carriage-way has been removed, and the original steps have been replaced with cinder-block steps. A pair of metal and glass doors have replaced the original doors. Pilasters mark either end of the elevation, and the belt course and stringcourse continue across this facade from the front elevation.

The south elevation is similar in appearance and detailing to the north elevation. Instead of a porte-cochere, however, a canopy, supported by elaborately carved scroll brackets, dominates the center of the elevation. Beneath the canopy is a set of large double windows. Formerly, this was an entrance with large stone steps, but the steps and doors have been removed, and the opening now serves as a window. Metal siding on the top level of the central section is visible on this east elevation.

On the east, or rear, elevation, two wings project east from the building. This facade is much simpler than the others, with little ornamentation and detailing. Some of the original windows have been replaced by industrial-type windows. At the northeast corner of the building, in the "L" formed by the north projecting wing, there is a small overhang, with a shingled roof supported by two small Ionic columns. Beneath the overhang are concrete steps leading down to a rear entrance. The entire east elevation overlooks an asphalt parking lot.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1904 **Builder/Architect** A. H. Ellwood & Sons

### Statement of Significance (~~in one paragraph~~)

Good Hall has architectural as well as historical significance. It is a good example of Classical Revival design, featuring a massive front portico, ornamented tympanum, and pediment roof. Good Hall has historical associations with the establishment of Indiana Central University, as well as with the development of the community of Beech Grove.

Indiana Central University was incorporated in 1902 by the Church of the United Brethren. The church selected the new Indianapolis suburb of Beech Grove as the location of their new university. The university incorporation occurred during the same period as the development of new residential areas in Beech Grove. Also at this time, the construction of an interurban line linked the new suburb with Indianapolis. William L. Elder, a Beech Grove realtor, struck a bargain with the United Brethren: he promised to donate a building to the university on the condition that the church assist in selling lots for his new University Heights development. A sufficient number of lots were sold in the prescribed period of time, and Elder built Good Hall. He also donated eight acres of land to the university.

Indiana Central University opened its doors for classes in September, 1905. In its early years, the institution was a teachers' college, as well as a secondary school. It was renamed "Indiana Central College" in 1921. In subsequent decades, most notably in the 1960's, Indiana Central College expanded its programs and facilities to become a four-year liberal arts institution. In 1968, the United Methodist Church assumed control of the college. The original name, "Indiana Central University," was reinstated in 1975.

Completed in 1904, Good Hall was the first and only building on the Indiana Central University campus for nearly 50 years. During this period, Good Hall provided space for classrooms, as well as administrative offices, so it has especially close associations with the university's first five decades. Since the expansion of the university facilities, Good Hall has served as the administration building.

Because of its associations with Indiana Central University, as well as its Classical Revival design, Good Hall is a significant historical and architectural resource.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Approximately 2 acres

Quadrangle name Maywood, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	6	5	7	4	1	3	0	4	3	9	5	4	9	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Starting at the southeast corner of Otterbein Street and Hanna Avenue; thence 272' south along the east right-of-way of Otterbein Street; thence 320' east; thence 272' north to the south right-of-way of Hanna Avenue; thence 320' west to Otterbein Street.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title LaDonna Riddle Weber

organization date April 10, 1980

street & number 59711 Crumstown Highway telephone 219/287-5804

city or town North Liberty state Indiana 46554

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. M. Redman*

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-3-84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register Entered in the National Register

*Melores Byers* date 3/15/84  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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