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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

* * HISTORIC

Historical Society of Porter County Old Jail Museum

AND/OR COMMON

Porter County Jail and sheriff's Home

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

153 Franklin Street, attached sheriff's home

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

102 Indiana Avenue

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Valparaiso

VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Indiana

18

Porter

127

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

Remodeling
Restoration

NAME

Porter County, administered by Board of Commissioners

STREET & NUMBER

Porter County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Valparaiso

VICINITY OF

Indiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Porter County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Porter County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Valparaiso

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sheriff's Home-Two story red brick Italianate Style. The double round arched windows have Joliet Stone voissers and keystone (rusticated) at vertical third points. Rusticated Joliet stone is also used in the quoins and basement. The brackets and eave moldings are of pressed tin. The roof is a shallow hipped style, covered with asphalt shingles. The four large chimneys have been removed. Original heating was provided by stoves except that there were small rounded arched white marble fireplaces in each first floor room.

Jail- Two story structure of Joliet stone, built in tyle of an English Castle "keep". It has two square towers forming connecting units with the Sheriff's home. There are two round towers for visual effect (there being no access to the interior) on the south end. Walls are of stone outside - brick with plaster inside. Thickness of walls is 19 inches.

Inscription of the cornerstone laid in 1871 names R. Rose as architect. Shade & Lampke, Builders. Wm. Davidson, Stone Cutter, Joliet, Illinois. S. P. Robbins, A.B. Price and A. V. Bartholomew, County Commissioners.

The rooms and woodwork of the Sheriff's Home interior are unchanged except for installation of modern bathrooms and steam heat. There are four rooms with an open stairway leading to the second floor from the main hallway. The balustrade is of walnut. There are four large rooms on the second floor directly over the rooms on the first floor. A closed stairway leads from the large hall on the second floor to a large attic (this is directly over the open stairway). Interior doors have segmented arch tops. The basement has a furnace and laundry area (with small fruit cellar), a large coal bin room, and two rooms that had been paneled and carpeted for use of deputies for relaxation and office areas.

These two attached buildings are on the same quarter block as Memorial Hall (known now as the Memorial Opera House). It was built by members of the G.A.R. as a memorial to Civil War veterans in 1893. This building is also owned by Porter County and administered by the Board of County Commissioners. It is used by the Valparaiso Theater Guild for local talent.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **March 16, 1871 for Jail.** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jail-Architectural style responds to the contemporary concept of criminal treatment and justice.

Sheriff's Home-The Italianate style of the Sheriff's Home is typical of Indiana grand houses of the 1860-1870 period. The stone jail building is connected or "tied into" this home.

Jail-Built at County expense by the Board of County Commissioners holding office in 1871. The names of board members are listed in the weathered cornerstone.

The Porter County Jail and Sheriff's residence represent a concept of local law enforcement that appears frequently in Indiana. Often an attached residence was provided for the Sheriff because he must be on 24-hour duty. His wife would cook for the prisoners and act as jail matron. Thus a County would obtain several services when housing was provided on the premises.

This example is unusual because it combines the Italianate and castle styles of architecture, thereby reflecting the specific uses of the buildings.

The Porter County Opera House is next door. With the jail-residence it provides a small but significant street vista in this university city.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bertha Stalbaum, Museum Curator; Joann Sporleder; Ruth Price

ORGANIZATION

for Board of Porter County Commissioners

DATE

March 19, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse, Courthouse Square

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Valparaiso

STATE

Indiana

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

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TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 27, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

SUPERVISOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

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DATE

6/28/76

DATE

6-23-76

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CITY, TOWN

Valparaiso

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COUNTY
Porter

STATE
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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE Map at County Surveyor's Office and Porter County Governmental Space Report
for Board of County Commissioners 7-21-69

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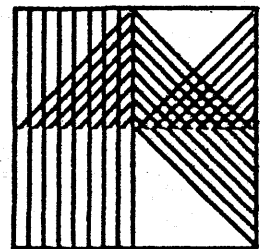
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REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES

PORTER COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL SPACE REPORT



Hall Kane Associates

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DETERMINATION OF SPACE USE
REFERENCE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
JULY 21, 1969

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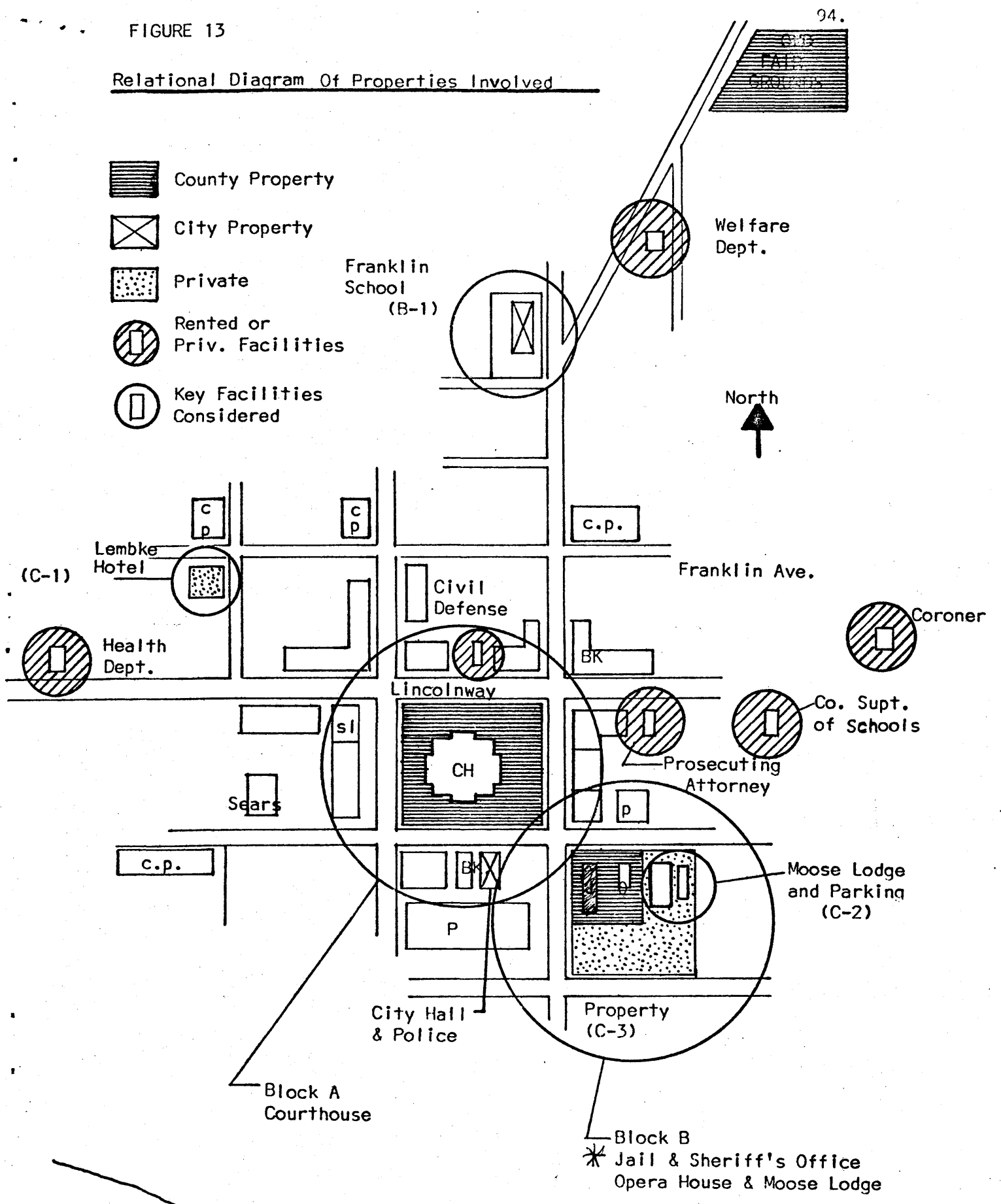
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FIGURE 13

Relational Diagram Of Properties Involved

-  County Property
-  City Property
-  Private
-  Rented or Priv. Facilities
-  Key Facilities Considered



COUNTIES

OF

PORTER AND LAKE

INDIANA.

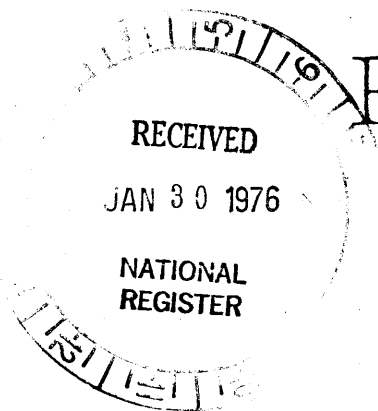
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A man named Lovering, by profession a school teacher and minister, was convicted of theft, and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. Three years later, a murderer was brought into court, but, owing to popular fury, was granted a change of venue. It was John McIntosh, who murdered an old gentleman, Charles Askam, in Pleasant Township. Other changes of venue were obtained, and the murderer escaped conviction through a legal technicality, being set at liberty at South Bend, two years later.

The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway was laid through Porter County in 1858. John N. Skinner and Ruel Starr were the principal contractors. The road passed through Valparaiso, where a large grain depot was built, and brought a great deal of trade to the county seat.

In 1869, Henry Andrews was murdered by Philip Schaffer, in a saloon, at Valparaiso, and the murderer was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for his crime.

Among the legislative acts in the sixties was that under which the Kankakee Valley Draining Association was organized. The assessments made upon the lands to be benefited by the draining of the Kankakee region were regarded as excessive and unjust. Very bitter feeling was aroused against the company, and vigorous denunciations and threats were uttered at numerous indignation meetings. The scheme as contemplated was never carried out.

* The new jail was built in 1871, opposite the southeast corner of the public square in Valparaiso. It cost somewhat more than \$26,500, and is a fine piece of architecture. For some years the county had been without a jail, and the prisoners had been taken to La Porte County for safe keeping. Notwithstanding the apparent security of the new prison, there were several "jail deliveries" which startled the community and perplexed the officers. The famous monte man and desperado known as "Texas Jack" was confined here in 1876. His preliminary trial was held before Mayor Skinner at the court house. Dense crowds thronged the court room, and large numbers of people visited the prisoner at the jail. He was held for trial. His pals and supporters in Chicago were determined to effect his rescue if possible; and though a close watch and efficient guard appeared to be maintained, he disappeared one night, having been aided by accomplices in his escape.

A memorable sensation was caused in 1872 by the discovery of a murdered man, or a suicide, hanging from a tree a short distance southwest of the county seat. The circumstance is a mystery which has never been satisfactorily explained.

The Peninsular Railway reached Valparaiso in 1874. A station was established near Prattville and named Malone. It is near the site of the old Indian village called by the aborigines "Skeenwa's Town." The Balti-