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82-196-0235

C. NUMBER

Vanderburgh

B. COUNTY

Evansville

HULMAN BUILDING

A. NAME

F. QUAD SHEET Evansville South

E. TOWN/CITY Evansville

D. ADDRESS 20 Northwest Fourth Street

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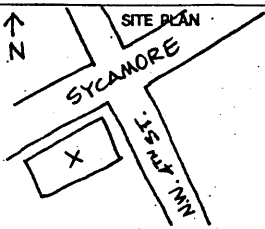
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G. SITE X STRUCTURE

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STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

1. HISTORIC NAME MORRIS PLAN/CENTRAL UNION BANK
2. OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC X PRIVATE
NAME HULMAN & CO.
ADDRESS
3. LOCATION NOTES DONATION ENL., SUB. OF 177 LOTS
4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: X YES NO



5. USE PRESENT PAST
6. CATEGORY DISTRICT X BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT
7. ACCESSIBLE X YES/RESTRICTED YES/UNRESTRICTED NO
8. ENDANGERED X NO YES/BY WHAT
9. DATE 1929-30
10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER MCGUIRE & SHOOK OF INDIANAPOLIS

11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH CEN. 1800-1860 1861-1899 X 1900-PRESENT

12. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE
Archeology-Prehistoric Conservation Law Sculpture
Archeology-Historic Economics Literature Social/Humanitarian
Agriculture Education Military Theater
X Architecture Engineering Music Transportation
Art Exploration/Settlement Philosophy Other (Specify)
Commerce Industry Politics/Government
Communications Invention Religion
Community Planning Landscape Architecture Science

13. STYLE Federal X EXCELLENT 14. CONDITION FAIR 16. SITE INTEGRITY X ORIGINAL SITE
Gothic Revival GOOD MOVED DATE
Italianate FAIR
Second Empire DETERIORATED
Stick Style/Eastlake RUINS X NO
Queen Anne UNEXPOSED YES
Romanesque Revival
Colonial Revival
Neo-Classical
Bungalow UNALTERED X NO
Vernacular X MINOR YES/NAME
Other (Specify) ART DECO MAJOR

15. ALTERATIONS
17. OUTBUILDINGS/SECONDARY STRUCTURES X NO
18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT X YES/NAME

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) DOWNTOWN, ONE BLOCK OFF WALKWAY. ONE OF 3 IMPORTANT MODERNISTIC OR ART DECO BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN (OTHERS ARE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE CO.).

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR EVANSVILLE PRESS 7/24/76; COURIER 9/26/30, CENTRAL UNION BANK SUPPLEMENT.

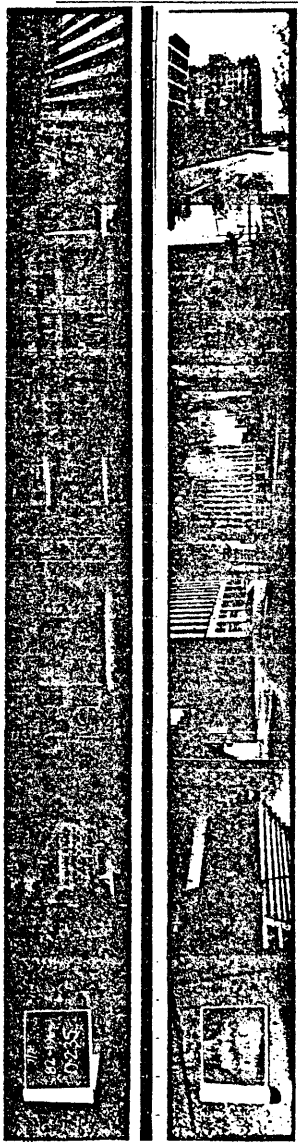
21. PREPARED BY N. LONG 22. DATE 8/1/78

IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION/DATE

SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION



Architectural Information

TEN STORY BUILDING WAS ORIGINALLY CENTRAL UNION BANK; NOW OCCUPIED BY SO. INDIANA GAS & ELECTRIC CO. AND OTHER OFFICES, SINCE 1938.

FACED WITH GRANITE AT THE FOUNDATION LEVEL, FIRST 2 STORIES ARE OF INDIANA LIMESTONE. REMAINING STORIES ARE BUFF-COLORED BRICK. VERTICALITY IS EMPHASIZED BY PIERS THAT ARE CONTINUOUS FROM THE SECOND FLOOR LEVEL TO THE TOP, WHERE THEY END IN A LIMESTONE PARAPET FEATURING A STEPPED OR SET-BACK DESIGN ON EACH PIER, AND FLAT, LOW-RELIEF ORNAMENTATION CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ART DECO STYLE.

DOUBLEHUNG WINDOWS ARE SEPARATED AT EACH FLOOR LEVEL BY ALUMINUM SPANDRELS FEATURING A ZIG-ZAG DESIGN. OTHER ART DECO MOTIFS APPEARING IN BOTH STONE & METAL ARE SUNRISE AND FLORAL PATTERNS, CHEVRONS, STEPPED WINDOW HEADS AND WAVES. BOTH THE FOURTH ST. & SYCAMORE ST. ENTRANCES EMPLOY METAL GRILLWORK AND ARE FLANKED BY OCTAGONAL LIGHT FIXTURES.

INTERIOR OF LOBBY & BANKING ROOM WAS ORIGINALLY DONE BY OHMER, INC. OF DAYTON, OHIO. MODERNISTIC STYLE IS CARRIED OUT IN MARBLE & BRASS, PLASTER MOLDING, LIGHT FIXTURES. BANKING ROOM RESTORED 1978.

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Additional Architectural Information
Morris Plan Central Union Bank

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D. UTM References 16 449760 4202690

E. Architectural drawings for the building indicate that it was constructed for the Morris Plan and the Central Union Bank. While the thrift institution survives, the bank was apparently a victim of the 1929 Crash, an event which unfortunately coincided with the untimely erection of this skyscraper in 1929-30. The Hulman Company, a prominent Indiana name, acquired the building afterward, and it eventually became the home of the local utility company.

The building was erected according to the plans of the well-known Indianapolis firm of McGuire and Shook. Hailed as Evansville's first tall building of the Modern Movement, the Hulman Building is noteworthy for its fine Art Deco ornament and its elegant, soaring quality. Its current owners have undertaken a recent restoration of the main banking room and plan further sympathetic renovations.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES Architectural Renderings and Photographs in the possession of the Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company. City Directories.

G. PREPARED BY Douglas L. Stern H. DATE 22 December 1981