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DOWNTOWN MUNCIE MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA

MUNCIE

INDIVIDUAL SITE LISTINGS

2114
CITY HALL
220 East Jackson Street
1925

Owner: City of Muncie
220 East Jackson Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

DESCRIPTION:

Bldg. #195, Photo #40

The Muncie City Hall, located at the northwest corner of East Jackson Street and South Jefferson Street, is a three story, light beige colored brick with terra-cotta detailing. Constructed in 1925 to house city offices, the building is a fine example of the Renaissance Revival idiom. The Muncie City Hall is L-shaped in plan at the first level with rectangular second and third stories. The main (south) facade, facing Jackson Street, is divided into three bays, twelve elegantly proportioned two-story attached pilasters. Block steel-frame windows, with decorative grill-work punctuate the facade. The roof line is adorned with urns above the entry and eagles at the corners. The plan is organized around a central hallway running lengthwise with a large open stair in the center rear. The ground floor contained police and judicial functions with detention cells as well as a seven carr police garage in the back (north). The second floor held administrative offices, including that of the mayor while the third level contained a large courtroom and 750 square feet of unassigned space.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Muncie City Hall is significant as an excellent example of the Renaissance Revival idiom. This building represents the best use of architectural terra-cotta in the city. Under the leadership of the then newly elected mayor, Dr. J. C. Quick, this structure brought together all city offices except for the Fire Department. The building was the first major project of Hauck and Smenner, a

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notable local architectural firm. The building, though not spectacular has a classical plan with a classical facade, is small scale, ornate and low-key; a prime example of simple city pride and accessibility.

Geographical Data:

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16 637 520 4450 210

Boundary: Map #11-10E, Block #364, Parcels #6-011,7-012