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DATA SHEET

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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 **Steuben County Jail**

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **201 South Wayne**

CITY, TOWN

Angola

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

COUNTY

Steuben

CODE

151

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Steuben County Commissioners**

STREET & NUMBER
Angola

CITY, TOWN

Angola

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, **Steuben County Courthouse, Registry, of deeds, Vol. II P. 15 & P. 43**
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Angola

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
NONE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Steuben County Jail was the brick and concrete inspiration of Ohio architects Gibbs and Moser. Built in 1877, the 2 1/2 story structure has an irregular main wing with a rectangular prison wing extending from the back of the building. Light rust colored and black brick were used in between concrete coursing. A sculpted representation of a sun with the completion date inscribed, adorns the entrance wall. The roofs of the back wing and two recent additions (the enclosure of a north porch in 1961 and a large though unobtrusive south wing in 1971) are flat while the main structure has a slate mansard roof. The main wing also contains an elaborate tower with a pyramidal roof and an elaborate cupola and weathervane on top. There are four brick chimneys at each corner of the main wing. The hooded dormer windows are sculpted in the Second Empire mode. Elaborate brickwork forms the cornices. The windows are double hung with a flush fan and concrete quoining surrounding them. A Victorian style grill work covers the front entrance stoop which leads to the simple door with a segmented architrave. The interior has handsome wood mouldings in the sheriff's quarters while the jail is plain yet very functional and comfortable.

Aside from the two additions mentioned which mar but do not obstruct the unity of the original structure, the jail has changed very little. It continues to serve as an effective penal institution with an architectural charm not widely seen in buildings of this use.

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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Gibbs and Moser

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

September 6, 1876 proposals for a new county jail were discussed by the Steuben County Board. A few months later, Gibbs and Moser, Ohio architects, had been selected to design the structure which was to include the jail, residence for the County sheriff and the sheriff's offices. The construction firm of Litzenberger and Zoller of Fort Wayne finished the building on schedule in 1877 for the sum of \$21,144.13.

Much architectural interest is derived from the anomalous nature of the structure, (This is with~~o~~ut reference to the two functional additions; in 1961 a north porch was enclosed, and in 1971 an addition was made on the south side.) Gibbs and Moser employed pale rust brick, and white painted wood for trimmings, in a manner that defies architectural classification. The tower, cupola and weathervane are truly a delight.

From a historical perspective, the Steuben County Jail was designed with a humane touch not typical of penal institutions in the 1870's. The cells have not been changed up to this very day and local authorities report, they serve their purpose with rarely a complaint.

The adverse effects of a monotonous poorly planned jail have only recently become a public concern. It is for this reason that far sighted humane planning coupled with an attractive well constructed design gives the Steuben County Jail great significance.

It has also become a significant landmark in the community of Angola and serves with the courthouse as a focal point in the downtown area.

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Northwest Indiana - Vol. I, The Lewis Publishing Co. Chicago & New York, 1920 Page 183
- History of Steuben County, H. Morley Publisher, 1955 Angola, Indiana
- The Steuben Republican, Jan. 17, 1877
- Vol VII Pgs. 446, 451, 454, 456, 478, 489, 505, 453. Steuben Co. Courthouse VIII Pgs. 36, 43 and 45.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

4610

A

1,6	6,6,6,6,0	4,6,1,18,4,0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Janis Kepler Layman (Mrs. Ralph E.)
Ina Hubbell (Mrs. James)

ORGANIZATION DAR DATE July 7, 1975

STREET & NUMBER Steinmont, (Layman) TELEPHONE
804 N. Wayne (Hubbell)

CITY OR TOWN Hamilton, Indiana 46742 (Layman) STATE
Angola, Indiana 46703 (Hubbell) 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

TITLE Joseph C. Cloud S.H.P.O.

DATE 7/11-75

FOR NPS USE ONLY
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHIOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/2/76

ATTEST: Joseph C. Cloud
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3-26-76