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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Huntingburg Town Hall *and* Fire Engine House

AND/OR COMMON

Old City Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

311 Geiger Street

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Huntingburg

\_\_ VICINITY OF

8th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Indiana

18

Dubois

037

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

\_\_PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

\_\_OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_PARK

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Huntingburg

STREET & NUMBER

411 Fourth Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Huntingburg

\_\_ VICINITY OF

Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dubois County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Jasper

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Huntingburg Town Hall, one of the oldest buildings in Huntingburg, is a five x seven bay two story brick building with Greek Revival form and Italianate detailing. The Medium gable roof has brackets around the eaves and across the pediment. The cornice is boxed and decorated with small brackets. A small circular window is in the gable end. The other windows in the structure are very tall with segmental arched lable lintels of brick. Over the centered door that leads to the second floor is a balcony with a cast iron railing and low relief pilasters that extend to the decorative brick work just below the pediment. On the sides there are low relief pilasters between each of the evenly spaced windows and a band of decorated brick work between the first and second floors. The windows are for the second floor with the exception of three small windows on the first floor. The front door was originally flanked by two store fronts that are now three part windows with shutter-like wood covering.

In about 1953 the three chimneys were removed as was the clock and bell tower. The interior of the building has had extensive remodeling. The stage has been removed from the second floor and the first floor, which originally contained at least four rooms (a council room, fire engine room, and two stores) is now one large room with a vault in the center. Original plans still are in the possession of the city and the original bell, purchased in 1890 from the Cincinnati Foundry Company, is in the possession of the church fifteen miles south of Huntingburg.

This building, closed in 1971, is in good structural condition. The windows have been closed and a small concrete block building has been added to house equipment at the side. It maintains its architectural integrity well in spite of many years of hard and varied 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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

1865-1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Henry Mursinna

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This town Hall, one of the oldest buildings in Huntingburg, is significant as not only a good example of early Italianate architecture but also as an example of a well known local architect's work. It was for years the seat of Government in Huntingburg and a community center as well. With its location on an important street (Geiger), the council, the fire engine room, and a stage it was the scene of many kinds of activity at all times of the day and night.

The architect, Henry Mursinna, designed many buildings in southwestern Indiana including houses, hospitals, churches and cathedrals. In this building he combines the waning Greek Revival style of public buildings with the newly popular Italianate style to produce a structure with regular massing and line but typically ornate Victorian decoration.

Huntingburg was a major brick producing town and the numerous brick buildings in the town reflect the ease of access to this material. The lack of any other material, with the exception of the stone sills on the windows is notable in the Old Town Hall. In this way it reflects the growth of Huntingburg. It was built by a local general contractor (Herman Dickenson Co.) as well as local bricklayers (Schlessing Brothers) in 1865 and 1866.

This Old Town Hall symbolizes the growth of the social political and economic life of Huntingburg as well as add considerably to the streetscape.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Town Trustee Minutes of meetings (originals) 1884-1890

Architectural Heritage of Evansville, Howard Wooden, Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences, 1962.

Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century, Wilbur Peat, Indiana Historical Society, 1962

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx .25

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 510.317.60 4.213.813.30  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 16 510.317.60 4.213.813.30  
 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

Greg R. Hyer, Intern to the Mayor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

City of Huntingburg

STREET & NUMBER

February 5, 1975

TELEPHONE

511 Fourth Street

CITY OR TOWN

812-683-4111

STATE

Huntingburg

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE February 11, 1975

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 5/12/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5/19/75

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**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE Scruggs & Hammond Planning Consultants

SCALE 1:2400'

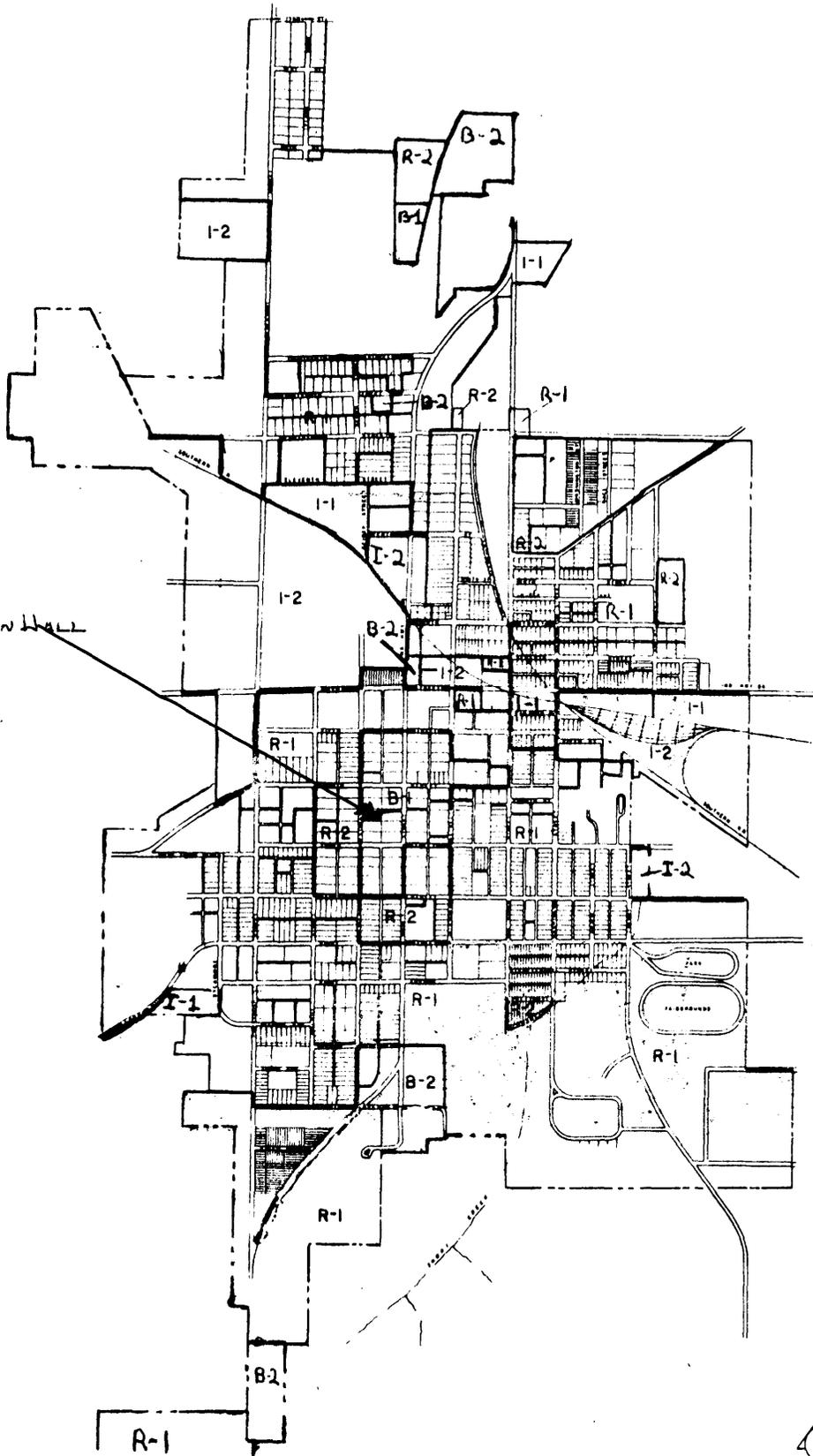
DATE 1965, updated 1974

**REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

SITE OF TOWN HALL

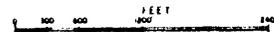


R-1 ONE & TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	B-2 SERVICE BUSINESS
R-2 MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
B-1 GENERAL BUSINESS	I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

update: june, 1974

DATE JUNE, 1966

# Zoning Districts, Huntingburg, Indiana



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 HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

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 INDIANA

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