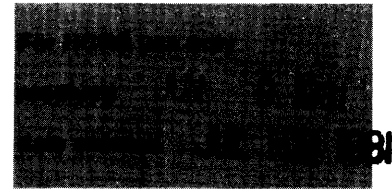


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Plymouth Fire Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 220 North Center Street not for publication

city, town Plymouth vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Indiana code 018 county Marshall code 099

3. 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Plymouth

street & number 124 North Michigan Street

city, town Plymouth vicinity of state Indiana 46563

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marshall County Recorder's Office

street & number 601 North Center Street

city, town Plymouth state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NONE has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Plymouth Fire Station is a painted brick structure, facing west on Center Street in the heart of downtown Plymouth. The building stands two stories high, with a 59-foot bell tower on its southwest corner. The ground level of the main facade has a round-arched pedestrian entrance and large overhead door on the main building, and another pedestrian entrance in the bell tower. The bell tower entrance has a four-light window directly above the door.

The second story of the main facade has three four-over-four windows in the main building, with rounded corners on the heads. Heads and sills are of brick. An identical window is located in the bell tower.

Above the center window is a stone that reads "Engine House, 1875." The main building is topped by a parapet on the facade, with tile coping. On the bell tower is a circular opening, now filled in by a blank panel. The tower is capped with a square open pavilion, formed by square columns supporting a bracketed cornice.

The south side of the building has three bays, with windows like those on the front. A one-story addition obscures the ground floor. The north side has openings only on the rear portion, and also has a one-story addition the full length, with an overhead door.

Changes to the exterior include the overhead door, which replaced two smaller arched openings, as well as the two one-story additions. Also, the parapet was changed from a simple rectangle to a stepped wall.

Inside, the first floor originally consisted of one large room in which the fire fighting equipment was kept. The floor was designed with grooves in it to provide traction for the horses as they raced to answer an alarm. The upper story of the new building had two rooms, one for the use of the fire department, and the other used as a city council chamber and Mayor's office.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Firefighting
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1875 **Builder/Architect** Robert McCance and W.P. Beaton

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Plymouth Fire Station is historically significant as the city's only fire station from its construction in 1875 until a new station was built in 1980.

The building was constructed by contractors Robert McCance and W. P. Beaton in late 1875, for a cost of \$4,200. Possession of the building was taken by the city on February 21, 1876, and the dedication was marked with a grand ball. In its early years, the building also served as the town hall, with offices for the fire department and the mayor.

The building is significant to the community as one of the oldest in the town, and for its continuous use as the only fire station in Plymouth for 105 years. The building presently houses the City's ambulance service.

9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, Daniel, History of Marshall County, Indiana: 1836-1880. Chicago: Kingman Brothers 1881..

Durnan, Mary, "From Buckets to Snorkles: A History of the Plymouth Fire Department," The Marshall County Historical Society Quarterly. Plymouth: The Marshall County Historical Society,

10. Geographical Data

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Plymouth, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot Number Forty-eight (48) in the Original Plat of the Town, now City of Plymouth

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ronald D. Gifford, City Attorney

organization City of Plymouth date July, 1980

street & number 309 East Jefferson Street telephone 219/936-2169

city or town Plymouth 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *James M. Ridenour*

James M. Ridenour title State Historic Preservation Officer date June 3, 1981

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Alfred Byers</i></u>	Entered in the National Register date <u>7/9/81</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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ABOUT OUR COVER PHOTO.....

This month the Historical Society salutes the 100th birthday of the Plymouth Fire Station building. Constructed in 1875 at a cost of \$4,200 and changed little architecturally in the intervening years, the building has served the community well. Probably taken in the spring of 1876, the photo shows the completed building, proud members of the fire companies in uniform, their various pieces of fire fighting equipment and, perched on the fence to the right, young boys of the town who, then as now, had a special fascination with this exciting aspect of community life.