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INDIANA	
COUNTY: Marion	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Crown Hill Cemetery (Portion)

AND/OR HISTORIC: Crown Hill Cemetery

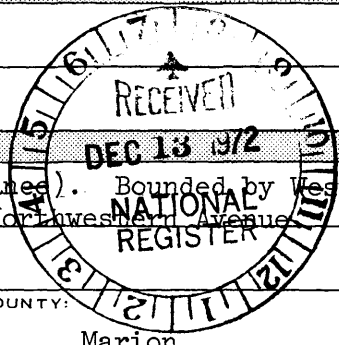
2. LOCATION (Nomination Portion)

STREET AND NUMBER: 4302 Boulevard Place (Entrance). Bounded by West 38th St.,
Boulevard Place, West 32nd St., and Northwestern Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

STATE: Indiana

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
IN-18	Marion	097



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Cemetery</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: The Crown Hill Cemetery, an Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation.

STREET AND NUMBER: 700 West 38th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

STATE: Indiana

CODE: IN-18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City-County Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

STATE: Indiana

CODE: IN-18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress, Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: District of Columbia

CODE: DC-11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The portion of Crown Hill Cemetery nominated for inclusion in the National Register comprises approximately 37¹/₄ acres lying about three miles north of the center of the city and within the present city limits. The winding roads of the cemetery grounds lead through a natural and informal pattern of grassy meadows and clumps of trees and shrubbery of a wide variety of species. Near the center of the west boundary the road ascends a low hill of a hundred feet or more, known as Crown Hill, from which the cemetery takes its name. The remainder of the terrain surrounding the hill is generally level ground.

The main entrance to the cemetery is by means of elaborate iron gates in the three Gothic arches of the imposing gray limestone Gateway near the middle of the east boundary. Just within the Gateway lies the one-story red brick Office Building with its gray limestone trim and tower.

About 2,000 feet west of the Gateway is situated the Chapel, an earlier building with gray limestone walls and gray limestone vaulted main interior space.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The cemetery is significant for its landscaping, being an excellent example of Romantic Landscape Design in the Olmstead tradition.

The cemetery is also significant for the architectural nature of the structures mentioned in Section 7. Both Gateway and Office Building are in the High Victorian Gothic style of architecture; both were built in 1885, and both are the designs of Adolf Scherrer, an Indianapolis architect born in Sanct Gallen, Switzerland, and educated in Europe. The Office Building is noteworthy as well for its rich interior ornament.

The Chapel, built from 1875 to 1877, is also in the High Victorian Gothic style. Its designer, D. A. Bohlen, was also an Indianapolis architect, of German birth and education. In 1917 D. A. Bohlen & Son were the architects chosen to add the apse to the Chapel.

The graves themselves are of great significance both to the cemetery and to Indianapolis, for many historically important people are buried there. At the level of national importance is the grave of President Benjamin Harrison, and the graves of three Vice-Presidents. In addition, after 1864 when the cemetery was dedicated, it found itself considered the most fashionable burying ground in the community, and graves of most of the prominent people of Indianapolis are found there. A small portion of Crown Hill Cemetery is also a United States National Military Cemetery, established in 1866, and containing some seven hundred graves of soldiers of the Civil War and of subsequent wars, and of one drummer boy who died in the American Revolution.

The hill is crowned by a memorial to the poet James Whitcomb Riley.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nicholas, Anna, The Story of Crown Hill. Indianapolis, 1928.
Proceedings of the Incorporator- and Directors of Crown Hill Cemetery 1863-1894. Manuscript, at Crown Hill Cemetery Offices.
 Burns, Lee, Early Architects and Builders of Indiana. Indianapolis, 1935.
 Withey, Henry F. and Elsie Rathburn, Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased). Los Angeles, 1956.

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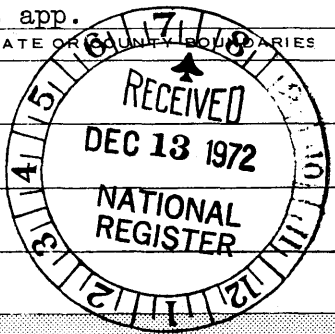
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39° 49' 29"	86° 10' 52"				
NE	39° 49' 29"	86° 09' 50"				
SE	39° 48' 47"	86° 09' 50"				
SW	39° 48' 47"	86° 10' 52"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.74 acres app.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Wesley I. Shank, architectural historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE: August 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Department of Architecture, Iowa State University

CITY OR TOWN: Ames STATE: Iowa CODE: IA-19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>W. Donald Dyke</u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12-6-72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>2/28/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>W. J. Smeltzer</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>2-27-73</u></p>
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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 CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis

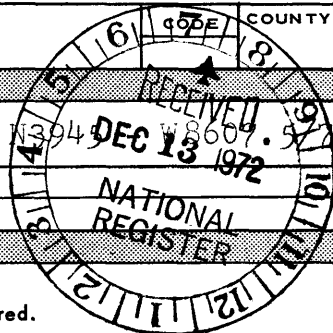
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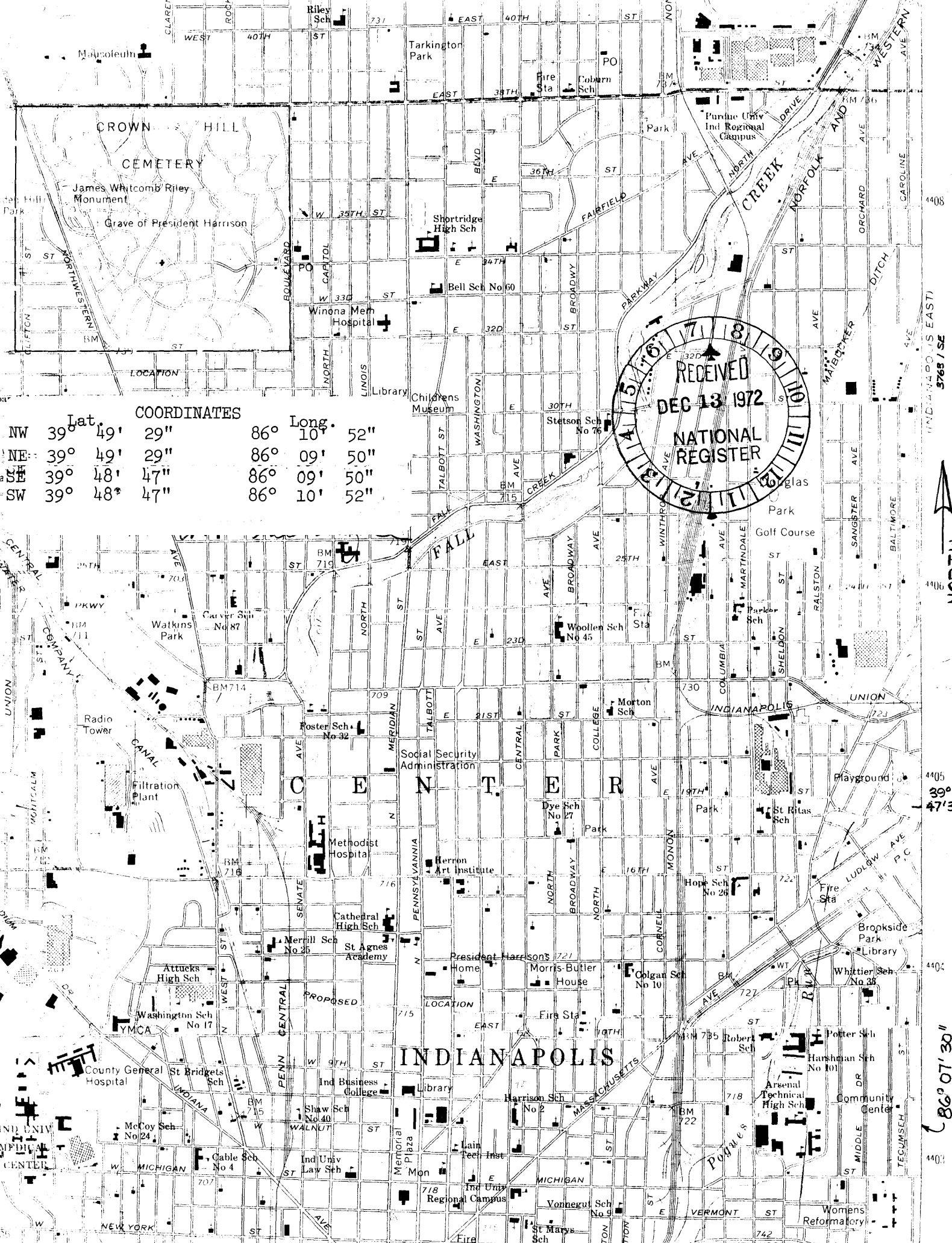
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U. S. G. S. Map ~~W3944~~ ~~W8607.5~~ ~~77.5~~
 SCALE: 1 : 24,000
 DATE: 1967

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.





COORDINATES

	Lat.	Long.
NW	39° 49' 29"	86° 10' 52"
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INDIANAPOLIS (EAST)
3768 / SE

39° 47' 3"

4405

4404

4403

86° 07' 30"

4402

4401