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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Indiana	
COUNTY: Vanderburgh	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.13.0004	DATE 10/6/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence

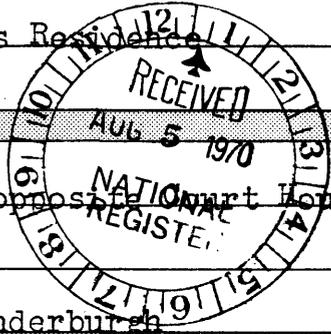
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same as above

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fourth Street between Vine and Court, opposite Court House

CITY OR TOWN:  
Evansville

STATE: Indiana CODE: 13 COUNTY: Vanderburgh CODE: 163



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public* <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both *Leased to Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Vacant at present

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Vanderburgh County Commissioners

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House, Civic Complex, 8th and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Evansville STATE: Indiana CODE: 13

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Same as above

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: 13

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
No known existing survey

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence located in front of the former County Jail and directly opposite the west side of the Vanderburgh County Court House is built of rusticated blocks of Indiana limestone. It was built to resemble a feudal castle and was obviously influenced in its design by Schloss Lichtenstein near Reutlingen in the State of Baden-Württemberg, West Germany.

It has a central round tower or "keep", crenelated roof lines, step gables, turrets and portcullises to give it a castle-like appearance. There is little which can deteriorate about the exterior except the wooden window frames, which need paint.

The interior has not been heated since the Sheriff moved out in the late summer of 1969, resulting in minor damage from peeling of paint from the walls. There is a roof leak in the north-east corner of the building, which has damaged the plaster in the ceiling of the bedroom directly beneath. Otherwise the interior is in good repair, although a complete re-painting and re-decorating would be indicated to make it attractive enough to serve for other purposes.

The first floor has three rooms measuring respectively 15 x 16 feet, 15 x 20 feet and 16 x 18 feet. The entrance and stair hall measure 6 x 30 feet, the portion not occupied by the stairs widening to 8 feet. There are also a small kitchenette and powder room on this floor.

The second floor likewise has three rooms of similar size to those downstairs, plus a bathroom and closet space. There is a full basement, formerly used as a kitchen for the Jail.

Thought is being given to interesting a club or organization to use the former Residence as a meeting place or club house. Other suggestions for its use have been as a children's museum or a museum of Civil War history.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

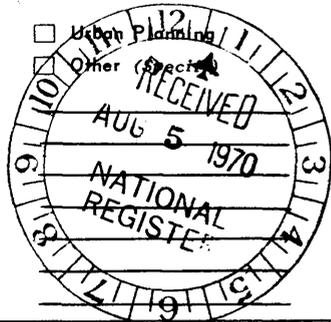
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input 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) **Completed in 1891**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence housed the incumbent Sheriff and his family from 1891 until 1969, when the new City-County complex was completed and the former County Court House, Annex and Jail were abandoned and rented to the Conrad Baker Foundation, a group organized for Historic Preservation in the community.

The significance of the Sheriff's Residence would be as a period piece of quaint "Bastille" type architecture such as the 19th Century conceived to be appropriate for the housing of offenders against society in grim, dungeon-like surroundings.

The Residence is connected with the Court House across Fourth Street by a tunnel, through which prisoners were formerly taken to trial.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Architectural Heritage of Evansville" by Howard E. Wooden  
Published by Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences

"The Evansville Story" by Dr. James E. Morlock 1956  
Professorat the University of  
Evansville

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

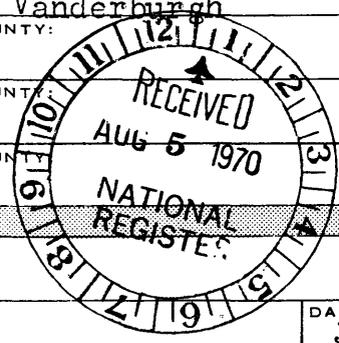
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CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"
				37	58	23
				87	34	23

NO UTM  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: City Lot 75 x 40 Feet

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Indiana	13	Vanderburgh	163
No overlapping			



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Alexander L. Leich, President

ORGANIZATION: Conrad Baker Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Vanderburgh County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Evansville STATE: Indiana CODE: 13

DATE: June 29, 1970

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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:

National  State  Local

Name: John R. Ryzard N.S. 9/15/83

Title: Dir of Nat Resources

Date: 8-3-70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 6 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Knutson  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: AUG 20 1970

STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

1. HISTORIC NAME  
2. OWNERSHIP:  PUBLIC  PRIVATE  
NAME VANDEBURGH COUNTY  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
3. LOCATION NOTES DONATION ENL., LOTS 171  
4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY:  YES  NO

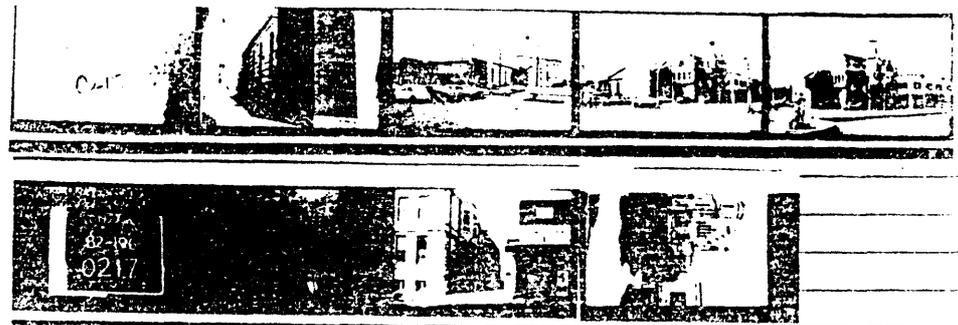
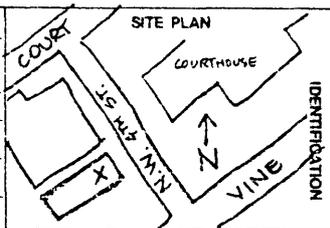
5. USE PRESENT PAST  
Residential (sing.)    
Residential (mult.)    
Commerce    
Industrial    
Agriculture    
Transportation    
Organization    
Military    
Political    
Unknown    
Vacant    
Other JAIL

6. CATEGORY  
 DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

7. ACCESSIBLE  
 YES/RESTRICTED  
 YES/UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

8. ENDANGERED  
 NO  
YES/BY WHAT \_\_\_\_\_

9. DATE 1891  
10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER  
HENRY WALTERS,  
LOUISVILLE



11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC \_\_\_\_\_ 17TH/18TH CEN. \_\_\_\_\_ 1800-1860  1861-1899 \_\_\_\_\_ 1900-PRESENT \_\_\_\_\_

12. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	

13. STYLE  
 Federal  
 Greek Revival  
 Gothic Revival  
 Italianate  
 Second Empire  
 Stick Style/Eastlake  
 Queen Anne  
 Romanesque Revival  
 Colonial Revival  
 Neo-Classical

14. CONDITION  
 EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

16. SITE INTEGRITY  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

17. OUTBUILDINGS/SECONDARY STRUCTURES  
 NO  
 YES

15. ALTERATIONS  
 UNALTERED  
 MINOR  
 MAJOR

18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 NO  
 YES/NAME \_\_\_\_\_

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) DOWNTOWN, ACROSS FROM OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COLISEUM.

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

21. PREPARED BY N. LONG 22. DATE 8/78

10. \_\_\_\_\_  
11. ENTIRE BUILDING IS RUSTICATED LIMESTONE. SHERIFF'S  
12. HOUSE IS RANDOM ASHLAR, VENER CUBIC BRICK, IS MORE MASSIVE  
13. BLOCKS OF COURSED ASHLAR.  
14. SHERIFF'S HOUSE RESEMBLES A CASTLE OR FORTRESS, 2 1/2  
15. STORIES WITH ABOVE-GRADE BASEMENT. PLAN IS L-SHAPED  
16. WITH OPEN ENTRANCE PORCH IN CROTCH OF "L" ON FIRST  
17. FLOOR. PORCH FEATURES SQUARE PILLARS WITH ORNATE  
18. CAPITALS, SUPPORTING TUDOR ARCHES WITH FALSE PORT-  
19. CULLISES. STONE RAILING RUNG BETWEEN PILLARS, AND IS  
20. REPEATED ON PORCH ROOF. ABOVE PORCH IS A 3-STORY  
21. ROUND TOWER THAT EXTENDS ABOVE ROOFLINE.  
22. SLATE ROOF IS GABLED WITH STEPPED PARAPETS AT GABLE  
23. ENDS. PARAPETS, TOWER, EAVES AND CORNER TOURELLES  
24. ARE CASTELLATED. WINDOWS ARE DOUBLEHUNG. THOSE  
25. IN TOWER AND GABLES ARE NARROW SLITS.  
26. THE JAIL IS ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE HOUSE  
27. AND IS ALSO GABLED, ALTHOUGH IT IS PLAIN IN COMPARI-  
28. SON TO THE HOUSE. ITS SCALE IS MORE MASSIVE,  
29. WITH LARGER BLOCKS OF STONE AND TALLER WINDOWS  
30. THAT ARE BARRED. ADDITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO  
31. THE JAIL.  
32. \_\_\_\_\_  
33. NAT'L REG. 6 OCT 1970: only Sheriff's  
34. residence however.  
35. \_\_\_\_\_

Architectural Information

CLASSIFICATION/DATE

SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION

Number 82-196-18-0217  
82-196-18-0217  
F. QUAD SHEET Evansville South  
37  
449690  
16  
1. UTM Reference  
E. TOWN/CITY Evansville  
HAER  
HABS  
NHIL X NR  
H.  
SITE X STRUCTURE  
G. ADDRESS 208 N.W. Fourth Street  
OLD SHERIFF RESIDENCE & COUNTY JAIL