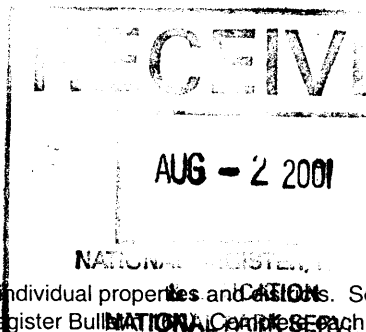


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National Register of Historic  
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin ~~NATIONAL COMP~~). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name South Bend Remedy Company Building

other names/site number 141-56150-598 (original site) / 141-598-33034 (current site)

2. Location

street & number 501 W. Colfax N/A  not for publication

city or town South Bend N/A  vicinity

state Indiana code IN county St. Joseph zip code 46601

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jon C. St. D-SHPO  
Signature of certifying official  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

7-23-01  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

other (explain:)

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

Entered in the  
National Register

9/16/01

South Bend Remedy Company Building  
Property Name

St. Joseph, Indiana  
County and State

### 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

1

### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: business  
Industry/Processing/Extraction: manufacturing facility  
Domestic: multiple dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant

### 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Classic Revival  
Late Victorian: Queen Anne

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Poured concrete  
walls Stone: limestone  
Brick  
roof Asphalt  
other

**Narrative Description**  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)  
See Continuation Sheet(s)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

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**Significant Dates**

1895 – date of Construction

1988 – date of relocation

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering

Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other : Name of repository: Hist. Landmarks Foundation

South Bend Remedy Building  
Name of Property

St. Joseph IN  
County and State

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than 1 acre

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting	Northing

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See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Todd Zeiger  
organization Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana date 06/01/2001  
street & number 520 E. Colfax Ave. telephone 219/232-4534  
city or town South Bend state IN zip code 46617

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

##### Continuation Sheets

##### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

##### Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

##### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana  
street & number 340 W. Michigan St. telephone 317/232-4534  
city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46202-3204

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### Narrative Description

The South Bend Remedy Company Building (Remedy building) is a two story, masonry, Classic Revival/Queen Anne style structure with a rectangular plan, a steeply pitched hip roof with conical corner tower. The Remedy Building was moved to its current location (501 W. Colfax) within the West Washington National Register District in 1988. It was listed as a historic resource within the Downtown South Bend Historic Multiple Resource area when it was located at its original site (220 W. LaSalle). The Downtown South Bend Multiple Resource area was listed in the National Register on June 5, 1985. The relocation of the structure was necessitated due to its threatened demolition to make way for the construction of a new press building for the South Bend Tribune. Despite its relocation and varied reuses since its construction, the exterior remains unaltered from its original design.

Originally the structure was situated close to the street with little setback. Its current siting reflects the predominant set backs found within the West Washington National Register District – most directly the historic Birdsell mansion which is located on the next parcel west from the Remedy building. The current lot was never landscaped and remains a flat lot with grass no trees or fencing.

The Remedy building is two stories high and is constructed of solid masonry (brick and limestone). It was designed as the end bay of a eventual set of row houses. And while additional structures were never developed at its original location, the “row house” design is carried out in the concentration of finish details on the front and a portion of the west facades. The Remedy building survives as South Bend’s last remaining examples of “row house” style design.

The structure sits on a raised basement demarcated by rock faced ashler limestone and is separated from the first floor by a limestone string course. Above the belt coarse on the main façade, smooth faced limestone with a butter joint is carried to the second floor where smooth faced red brick with a butter joint terminates at a wide frieze band of garlands and torches topped by a denticulated cornice. A raised recessed entrance is surrounded with smooth limestone accented by decorative incised bands. The entry appears to be a double leafed door but the left side is fixed. Constructed in oak, both sides have a square panel and window and are topped by transoms. Above the entrance is a round turret with a conical roof punctuated by three windows. The turret projects from the plane of the façade at the second floor level. The base of the turret is carved with an organic motif and a cartouche with the original address of the building (220) carved in the limestone. The second floor center windows have the same pattern that is used in the turret. A pediment punctuates the steeply sloped roof immediately above the windows. The pediment contains an oculus window with a decorative limestone surround. The balance of the elevations are red brick with regular mortar joints. On the first floor, just right of the entrance is a three part window with double hung windows flanking a large fixed window all topped with a transom. All windows on the structure are wood and are original.

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Entering through the recessed main entrance, the front foyer is finished in oak with an open staircase leading to the second floor. The turned spindles terminate at the open treads. The stair is finished with recessed panels of oak. A study is north off the foyer which contains a fireplace surrounded by glazed brick and oak woodwork. Much of the original woodwork has been removed. The first floor plan contained a central hallway, which three rooms abut on each side. A waiting room/reception area is along the front of the structure. The second floor contains a large meeting room and three additional rooms. An outstanding c. 1920 era bathroom exists containing original light fixtures, yellow and black glazed tile, original decorative sinks with chrome legs and original medicine cabinets, bathtub and toilet. A rear stair connects the small kitchen on the second floor to the first floor.

The attic is unfinished but is accessed through an opening bookcase in the second floor, turret room. The turret room is finished with bookcases.

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

The South Bend Remedy building is an outstanding example of Classic Revival/Queen Anne style architecture. The exquisite details carried out in the detailing of the limestone make it a unique architectural composition. It is also unique in that it is the only remaining building in South Bend/St. Joseph County constructed as a "row house". The Remedy building is the only commercial structure in South Bend that was designed to look like a residence.

Although moved to its current location, it retains its significance related to architecture as the exterior has remained unaltered since its construction. The construction date of the Remedy building (1895) falls within the period of significance for the West Washington National Register District (1850-1920). The district contains examples of many varied types of architecture including different examples of Classical revival and Queen Anne style structures.

The Remedy building was listed in the 1993 Historic Sites and Structures Inventory of South Bend as an S/12 as a part of the West Washington National Register District

The South Bend Remedy building was built in 1895 by Albert H. Kelly to house the office and laboratory of his mail-order patent medicine business – The South Bend Remedy Company. The company's specialty was "Magnolia Blossom," a remedy for "women's complaints." The company ceased to exist in 1928 after the death of Albert Kelly's son, (Albert Kelly, Jr.). Albert Kelly, Sr., died in 1924. Subsequent uses of the building have included political headquarters, architect's and engineer's offices, an apartment, and auto parts storage. It has remained vacant since its relocation in 1988.

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### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the lot is the legal description of the lot which is as follows:

Part of Bank Out Lot Numbered fifteen (15) of the First Plat of Out Lots of the Town, now City of South Bend, in St. Joseph County, Indiana, as platted by the State Bank of Indiana, bounded by a line running as follows, viz: Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Colfax Avenue with the West line of William Street, as now established, in the City of South Bend, thence running West along the North line of said Colfax Avenue a distance of 56.8 feet; thence North on a line parallel with the East line of said Bank Out Lot 15 a distance of 198.24 feet to the South line of a public alley; thence East on said line 56.80 feet to the West line of said William Street; thence South on said West line 198.24 feet to the place of beginning.



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### Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen as it is the lot of record for the building. It is within the West Washington National Register District.