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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Federal Building

AND/OR COMMON

(Downtown South Bend Multiple Resource Area)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

204 South Main

N/A - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

South Bend

N/A - VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

CODE

018

COUNTY

St. Joseph

CODE

141

**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                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION        |
|   | N/A  | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:                  |

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

U.S. Postal Service, c/o Mr. David W. Dogan, Dir. /G.S.A. Public Building Services

STREET & NUMBER

2-1-4, Federal Center

Office of Real Estate, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW

/74 N. Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, DC, 20260

N/A VICINITY OF

Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

County/City Building

CITY, TOWN

South Bend

STATE

Indiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Indiana Historic Sites & Structures Inventory

DATE

1975-81

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Indiana Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

Indianapolis

STATE

Indiana

## 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 Federal Building on the northwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets is a four-story, Neo-Classical style structure of Indiana limestone with a granite base and bronze window spandrels. The piers, which separate the recessed windows and spandrels on the first three floors, are fluted pilasters with foliated capitals. The fourth floor, which is set back, is separated from the lower floors with a projecting string course. The frieze above the fourth floor contains a carved Greek fret pattern. The windows of the Federal Building are tripartite Chicago Style windows with transoms.

There are two entrances on the west facade located at each end. Each entry has a large stone surround with a carved reveal and console brackets supporting a foliated entablature. The double doors are surmounted with a glass transom containing tracery.

## 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" 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 1932-33

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Austin and Shambleau

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Federal Building, built in 1932-33, was designed by the prominent local firm of Austin and Shambleau. Ennis R. Austin once served for the Secretary of the Interior as Superintendent of Construction from 1900-1906, supervising the construction of post offices in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Construction was done by James I. Barnes of Logansport, Indiana, and supervised by John Longworth, the government engineer.

The Federal Building is a good representative example of the Neo-Classical style that was used on several governmental buildings during the 1930's. No apparent alteration has occurred on the exterior of the building, with the possible exception of the post office docks on the east facade. The interior has remained intact in several areas, including the main courtroom and the original judge's and postmaster's offices.

The main courtroom retains its floor-to-ceiling walnut paneling with brass cornice. The original window screens and radiator screens, also of brass, remain intact.

The postmaster's and judge's offices are almost identical in treatment. Both have walnut paneling that comes within one foot of the molded ceiling. Brass radiator grills and recessed windows with marble seats are also featured.

The building originally served as both the post office and federal building. In 1973 the post office moved out and the building is currently being refitted to meet the needs of growing federal offices.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |          |               |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|----------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1,6  | 56,23,30 | 4,611,317,0,0 | B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING  | NORTHING      |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C |      |          |               | D |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING  | NORTHING      |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 292-293-294 Original Plat, South Bend

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|       |      |        |      |
|       | N/A  |        |      |
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elizabeth A. Straw and Karen Kiemnec

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St. Joseph County, 1-16-84

STREET & NUMBER

County/City Building, Room 1123

CITY OR TOWN

South Bend

DATE

1-16-84

TELEPHONE

219/284-9798

STATE

Indiana 46601

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

U.S. General Services Administration  
Federal Preservation Officer

DATE

June 18, 2015

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

8.3.15

**United States Department of the Interior**

**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

Name of Property: Federal Building

City or Vicinity: South Bend

County: St. Joseph

State: Indiana

Photographer: Carol M. Highsmith, Carol M. Highsmith Photography, Inc.

Date Photographed: October 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 6 Federal Building, West Elevation, looking East
- 2 of 6 Federal Building, North and West Elevations, looking Southeast
- 3 of 6 Federal Building, First Floor Lobby, looking South
- 4 of 6 Federal Building, Third Floor Courtroom, looking West
- 5 of 6 Federal Building, Second Floor Office, looking Northwest
- 6 of 6 Federal Building, Third Floor Lobby, looking South

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.





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South Bend

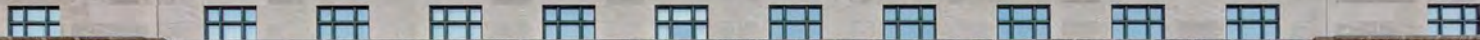
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Federal Building  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Downtown South Bend Historic MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: INDIANA, St. Joseph

DATE RECEIVED: 6/19/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/07/15  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/22/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/04/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000482

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 8.3.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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The National Register  
of  
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



GSA Public Buildings Service

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National Park Service

June 18, 2015

Mr. Paul Loether  
Chief, NRHP & NHL Program  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW (2280), 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

*Paul*

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is pleased to nominate the Federal Building (now known as the Robert A. Grant Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse) located at 204 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana, to the National Register of Historic Places. This nomination was intended to be a component of the Historic Resources of Downtown South Bend Multiple Resource Area (MRA) nomination submitted by the State of Indiana in 1985. However, due to miscommunication on GSA's part, the nomination for the Federal Building was not formally submitted to the National Park Service and is not included in the MRA that was listed on June 5, 1985. We are now requesting the correction of this technical oversight through this submittal. Attached please find the original nomination and recent photographs of the building.

If for any reason any nomination package that GSA submits needs to be returned, please do so by a delivery service as items returned to our offices via regular mail are irradiated and the materials severely damaged. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this nomination package, please contact Elizabeth Hannold at (202) 501-2863 or elizabeth.hannold@gsa.gov. We very much look forward to the listing of this significant building in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

*Beth L. Savage*

Beth L. Savage  
Federal Preservation Officer  
Director, Center for Historic Buildings

Enclosures

cc: Regina Nally, Regional Historic Preservation Officer  
Mitch Zoll, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

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