

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. 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.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Bourbon Commercial Historic District

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

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

2. Location

Street & number: Main Street between Park and an alley north of the railroad tracks and Center Street approximately one block east and west of Main Street

City or town: Bourbon State: Indiana County: Marshall

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide x local
Applicable National Register Criteria:

xA ___B xC ___D

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Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>Indiana DNR-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official: _____ **Date** _____

Title : _____ **State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government** _____

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that this property is:
- entered in the National Register
 - determined eligible for the National Register
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register
 - other (explain:)

Low Edson H. Beall _____ *6-12-17*
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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

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Structure
Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>28</u>	<u>6</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	structures
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>29</u>	<u>10</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store

COMMERCE/TRADE: department store

SOCIAL: meeting hall

GOVERNMENT: post office

GOVERNMENT: city hall

RECREATION/CULTURE: monument/marker

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store

COMMERCE/TRADE: restaurant

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

GOVERNMENT: city hall

GOVERNMENT: post office

RECREATION/CULTURE: outdoor recreation

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival

MODERN MOVEMENT: International Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: BRICK

walls: BRICK

CONCRETE

roof: ASPHALT

other: METAL: Aluminum

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Bourbon Commercial Historic District is composed of approximately three blocks of one and two story brick buildings lining Main Street and one block to each side of Main on Center Street (former Lincoln Highway) which has similarly-scaled buildings. There are about forty buildings, objects, or structures in the district dating from 1873 through recent years. Only a few buildings are of formal architectural styles; most are simple vernacular, parapet-front commercial buildings. Early automobile transportation heavily influenced the district which can be seen in several auto garages, showrooms, and filling stations.

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The Bourbon Commercial Historic District radiates outward from the intersection of Main Street (north and south) and Center Street (east and west). The district grew southward toward the railroad tracks one block south of Center and northward two blocks toward the edge of the Bourbon Residential Historic District at Park Street. With the designation of Center Street as the Lincoln Highway in 1928, the district also grew east and west with more auto-related services. The majority of buildings are one or two stories tall and composed of brick or cast concrete block. For the most part, the buildings on Center Street do not abut each other as do the buildings on Main Street, this is primarily due to their development for auto-related services.

A small public park is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main and Center Streets. The park is a fairly recent development with objects and structures that are considered non-contributing, as is the park site (see page 7 for enumeration). One historic object located at this site is a monument to the town's old water pump, once located near this site. The monument was erected in 1929 and is considered contributing. Another non-contributing structure is located on the southeast corner of the intersection where a building once stood until about 2008. It is a horse stable/shelter constructed recently for the area's Amish population. Lastly, a non-contributing structure, a free-standing gazebo, is located beside the back section of the old Town Hall & Engine House at 224 N. Main St.

The east side of Main Street has better integrity than the west side with regard to the loss of buildings or large-scale alterations. Buildings, structures, or objects are considered non-contributing either due to their construction date after 1963, or due to the cumulative loss of historic building materials or substantial alterations. These alterations or losses would include covering of whole facades with metal or other material, or the removal of historic architectural features on principal facades beyond the introduction of new materials to storefronts.

Main Street, west side (going south)

221 N. Main St. United States Post Office; International Style, 1963. Contributing
Right side of photo 0001.

The one-story blonde-colored brick building has large metal windows with stone sills and a flat roof. The building's brick is laid in stacked bond coursing with vertical joints created by recessed header courses. A stone parapet cap is at the top of the walls. The front façade has a projecting bay on its north half. An aluminum entry door is in the south wall of the projecting bay. The entry has a side-lite and transom. "UNITED STATES POST OFFICE BOURBON, INDIANA 46504" is in cast metal letters on the upper left corner of the bay.

The south half of the front façade has a large window divided into five panes with transoms above. A metal marquee extends south from above the entry to the south edge of the window. It is supported on its southeast corner by a square metal post. The north and south facades are nearly identical with a high-set ribbon of 20 short, metal windows roughly centered on the wall.

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The first post office in Bourbon was established in 1839; Dr. John Parks served as postmaster. During the 1920s and early 1930s, the Bourbon Post Office was located on the east side of Main Street. In 1951, a new building was constructed for the post office on the southwest corner of Main and North Streets (since demolished), but the need for a larger building became quickly evident and a new facility was constructed at its current location in 1963. The post office was dedicated on July 7, 1963. City delivery of mail had begun a few years earlier in 1958.

207 & 209 N. Main St. Two-part commercial block, c. 1905. Contributing
Middle of photo 0001

205 N. Main St. Faulkner & Augustine/Romine DX Station, 1959. Non-contributing
Left side of photo 0001. Window and door openings have been modified and historic material covered, rendering the building non-contributing.

115 N. Main St. Harmony Press Building, 2005. Non-contributing

113 N. Main St. Harmony Press Building, c. 1946/1987. Non-contributing
Far right side of photo 0003

111 N. Main St. One-part commercial building, c. 1930. Contributing
Right side of photo 0002

109 N. Main St. Two-part commercial building; Italianate, c. 1879. Contributing
Second from right side of photo 0002

107 N. Main St. Two-part commercial building; Italianate, c. 1879. Contributing
Third from right side of photo 0002, middle of photo 0003
The two-story brick building has a symmetrically arranged front façade with a centered recessed storefront entry. The metal storefront door has a window and wood covering the transom area. The storefront wall is brick with pairs of metal storefront windows with transoms to each side of the entry. The windows have brick sills. Narrow storefront windows with transoms are in the recessed entry. A pent roof covered with wood shakes covers the wall above the storefront. A brick belt course is above the pent roof. The second floor has three windows with stone sills and pediment-shaped hoods. The windows are 1/1 metal units in their lower halves and original 4-lite sashes covered with wood in their upper halves.

A brick corbel table is at the top of the second floor façade. The metal cornice is composed of a row of short and tall scroll brackets and a drop finial on its southeast corner. The south façade of the building is covered with metal except for the east four to five feet which is brick. This southeast corner of the building has a narrow storefront window and transom on its first floor and a window opening on its second floor. The second floor opening is shorter than those on the front façade and is covered with wood. The opening's window hood is substantially more ornate than those on the front façade with intricate carvings and tassels on each corner of the hood. The brick corbels and metal cornice continue onto this corner from the front façade.

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The building served as a hardware store from about the time it was constructed well into the early part of the 20th century. Originally operated as the Borton & Ketcham Hardware, by 1908 Neu & Kellar had taken over the hardware store. By the 1930s it had become Erwin's Hardware and Farm Store.

No Address. Downtown Park, c. 1995. Non-contributing (site)
Left side of photo 0003, middle of photo 0008

No Address. Town Gazebo, c. 1995. Non-contributing (structure)
Left side of photo 0003, middle of photo 0008

No Address. Old Town Pump Memorial, 1929. Contributing (object)
Seen in left side of photo 0003

A monument composed of granite fieldstone faces the intersection of Main and Center Streets. It has a limestone base and is approximately six feet tall. The fieldstone portion of the monument tapers in toward the top which has a carved stone trough and post. The post is topped with a metal lantern.

A bronze plaque on the front of the monument has the following raised casting: "IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE OLD TOWN PUMP ONCE LOCATED ON THIS CORNER. THIS MEMORIAL WAS SPONSORED AND ERECTED BY THE SOUTH BEND BOURBON CLUB. DEDICATED JUNE 30, 1929."

No Address. Ten Commandments Memorial, c. 2000. Non-contributing (object)
Seen in left side of photo 0003

108/112 S. Main St. Lemler Locker, two-part commercial block, c. 1895. Contributing

Main Street, east side (going north)

105/107 S. Main St. Two-part commercial block, c. 1885. Contributing

101 S. Main St. Horse & buggy shelter, 2012. Non-contributing (structure)

102/104 N. Main St. Doctor (A. C.) Matchette's Hall; Italianate, 1873. Contributing
S. E. O'Brien, architect

Right side of photo 0004, middle of photo 0008, left side of photo 0009

Matchette Hall is a three-story brick building with two primary facades located on Main and Center Streets. The Main Street façade has been covered with vinyl and metal siding while the Center Street façade is largely intact and illustrates details once visible on the Main Street façade. The Main Street façade has two storefronts with a stairway door centered between them. The storefronts have recessed metal entry doors and metal display windows. The storefront wall

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is covered with vinyl siding. The second and third floors have five 1/1 metal windows on each floor. The second and third floor façade is covered with metal.

The Center Street façade, which features the building stone, is brick with a one-story brick addition (c. 1910) on its east end (seen in photo 0009). The first floor has three oculus windows with wood insets. Two metal entry doors with transoms covered with wood are located in the west end of the one-story addition. The addition has three wood windows with stone sills and transoms on its front façade. The second and third floors have eight full-round arched 1/1 wood windows with stone sills. Two courses of header brick form the arches. The second floor's arched tympanums have been filled in with brick. Four of the third floor's windows have been covered with wood. The third opening from the east has a wood door with a window and a metal fire escape.

The top of the Center Street façade has two courses of brick that form a belt course followed by eight recessed panels of brick and cast metal star-shaped anchors. A building stone with "DOCTOR MATCHETTE'S HALL" is centered in the row of recessed panels. The cornice features rows of tall and then short dentils. Two chimneys extend from the top of the cornice.

Dr. A. C. Matchette moved to Bourbon in 1865 and immediately began a drug store and dry goods store. He constructed this building in 1873, and about the same time built a three-story sanitarium and residence on North Main Street, a few blocks north of the commercial district. Matchette's drug store operated on the first floor of the building until 1930. After that time it became a grocery into the 1940s, and then became a restaurant. A hardware store, bowling alley, grocery, and undertaker's office also used the first floor. The second floor had several uses, including dentist and printing offices, and movie theater. The third floor was used by the International Order of Oddfellows as a lodge hall, and also as a church for the newly organized Pentecostal congregation during the 1920s. The Bourbon Drum and Bugle Corps and Bourbon Town Band practiced on the top floor during the 1930s.

106 N. Main St. Two-part commercial block, 1924. Contributing
Second from right side of photo 0004

110 N. Main St. Patterson Building, one-part commercial building, 1923. Pat Patterson,
Builder. Contributing
Third from right side of photo 0004

112 N. Main St. Anstis Building, two-part commercial building, 1915. Contributing

114 N. Main St. Two-part commercial building, c. 1924. Contributing
Al Loney, builder.

116 N. Main St. One-part commercial building, c. 1915. Contributing

118 N. Main St. V. Millbern Hardware Building; two-part commercial building, 1923.
Contributing. Third from left in photo 0006

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The two-story brown-colored brick building has a single storefront and simple front parapet. The storefront is covered with newer brick (c. 1980) with a center recessed metal entry door. The transom is covered with wood. Wood display windows are to each side of the entry. The storefront transom area is covered with a pent roof covered with wood shakes. A stone belt course is at the top of the storefront wall. A thin stone belt course also forms a sill course for the second floor window opening. The window opening is centered in the façade and is covered with wood. The second floor façade also features square stone insets to each side of the window opening and a building stone above the opening. It reads "V MILLBERN 1923". The top of the façade features a belt course composed of two courses of brick topped by a very shallow row of corbels that support a belt course composed of rowlocks. The facade has a stone cap.

The building served as the Millbern Hardware from 1923-1970. Melvin Millbern was the owner and operator.

120/122 N. Main St. Two-part commercial block; Italianate, c. 1880. Contributing
Second from left in photo 0006

124 N. Main St. Powers & Reichert Building, two-part commercial block; Italianate, c. 1880.
Contributing. Left side of photo 0006

The two-story brick building has a symmetrical front façade with a single storefront. The storefront has a raised, recessed entry flanked by cast iron columns. The entry step is also cast iron. Display windows are to each side of the entry; the door and windows are metal. The storefront wall is covered with wood between brick corner piers. A hipped roof awning covered with wood shakes is at the top of the storefront. The second floor has three tall window openings with stone sills and ornate metal hoods. The pedimented hoods have rows of corbels under the lintel piece. The windows are metal 1/1, except the center opening which is covered with wood. The well-articulated, wide-overhanging metal cornice at the top of the walls is composed of large end brackets with lion's heads and smaller brackets between that support the cornice; a banded frieze; and a belt of diamond rustication work.

The North Street façade's first floor has four high-set oculus windows covered with wood. A metal entry door is located near the east end of the first floor. The second floor has six tall 1/1 windows matching those on the front façade, but with simpler hoods, and a shorter pair of 1/1 windows in its east end without hoods. Two metal doors are located in the second floor; their transoms are covered with vinyl shingles. They have hoods that are similar to the window hoods. A wood balcony is provided for the doors which are separated by two windows. The balcony has historic ornate metal braces, but new wood railings. The top of the second floor façade has star-shaped cast metal anchors and a continuation of the metal cornice from the front façade. The cornice has pairs of brackets matching the end brackets flanking the space above the balcony doors.

During the early years of the building and leading into the first part of the 20th century, the first floor was used as a grocery and restaurant with offices and a photography studio on the second floor and a barber in the basement. By 1910, the telephone exchange office was located in the second floor.

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202 N. Main St. One-part commercial building, c. 1917. Contributing
Don Yarman, builder. Right side of photo 0005

204 N. Main St. Telephone company building, c. 1980. Non-contributing
Second from right side of photo 0005

208 N. Main St. *Bourbon News-Mirror* Building; one-part commercial building, 1912.
Contributing. Third from right side of photo 0005

The one-story brick and cinder block building has a symmetrical front façade and simple front parapet. The storefront has a recessed wood entry door with a full window and transom; wood covers the transom. Large wood display windows flank the entry. The wall below the windows is composed of brick with a recessed panel. Concrete cinder blocks form pilasters on each side of the storefront and the parapet wall. Wood with scalloped edges trim the top of the storefront. A building stone with “NEWS-MIRROR 1870 1923” is centered in the parapet. Stone corbels support a simple cornice composed of nine stones carved with sunburst patterns.

The first printing of the *Bourbon Mirror* was on December 2, 1871. The paper was published by Ignatius Mattingly, formerly of the Marshall County Republican, and William Geddes, his son-in-law. The paper continued under the Mattingly family as a Republican-leaning paper until 1900 when Mattingly died. By 1908, the paper had been consolidated with the *Bourbon News* and was being printed in an office on the west side of Main Street. This building was constructed in 1912 and served as home for the paper until it ceased publishing in 1962.

210 N. Main St. Shumaker Building, one-part commercial block, c. 1925. Contributing
Right side of photo 0007

216 N. Main St. Bourbon Fire Station, c. 1970. Non-contributing
Middle of photo 0007

224 N. Main St. Bourbon Town Hall & Engine House; Queen Anne, 1898. Contributing
Left side of photo 0007

The two-story brick building has an enframed front gable and tall bell tower positioned on the roof ridge near the front of the building. The building has 1/1 wood windows with stone sills and lintels. The front and north (Park Street) facades are divided into bays framed by pilasters and corbel tables at the top of the bays and between the first and second floors on the north façade. Cast metal star-shaped anchors are centered in each pilaster between the first and second floors. The roof is covered with metal shingles. The lower walls of the bell tower are covered with metal while the belfry is open with wood posts, lattice, and a large oval-shaped opening. The bell tower has a steeply-pitched pyramidal roof covered with slate. Metal cresting follows the hips of the roof to the top where they terminate at a metal finial.

The front façade is divided into three bays with a narrow entry bay in its south end. The entry bay has a metal door with a window and wood transom. The remaining two bays had engine bay doors with pedimental stone lintels. The bays have false wood doors with rows of windows near

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their tops. The front façade's second floor has two windows in each of the engine bays and one window in the entry bay. The front gable wall is covered with pressed metal shingles. A pair of 4/4 wood windows is deeply recessed in the center of the gable. The north façade is divided into four bays by pilaster strips and horizontally by a brick belt that is corbelled out to meet the pilasters between the first and second floors. One 1/1 window fills in the first and second floors of each bay except where a metal entry door is located in the east-of-center bay. A small gabled porch roof supported by wood brackets is above the entry door.

The building has a one-story brick addition, c. 1905, on its east (back) side (left side of photo 0007). The addition has a hipped roof. A metal entry door and transom are centered in the west half of the addition's north façade. Tall 1/1 windows with segmented arches flank the entry door. A pair of metal entry doors are near the east end of the east half of the north façade. A metal garage door is in the east end of the north façade of the addition. An unattached pergola-like structure was built in front of the north façade in 1999 to offer shelter for people entering the meeting hall and offices. The heavy timber-frame structure has a gabled roof and replicates the pedestrian waiting station of the former Bourbon Depot. It is a non-contributing structure.

Several devastating fires that destroyed large blocks of businesses led to the creation of the first fire department organized in Bourbon. The Vigilant Hook & Ladder Company was organized on July 5, 1875 with twenty-five members. The Red Engine Company was organized on April 7, 1879 with thirty members, followed by the Red Eagle Hose Company which was organized on June 15, 1879 with fifteen members. As the town grew in population, and the business interests in the town also increased, the need for a modern town hall with fire engine house became apparent by the late 1890s. The neatly-designed engine house with town hall on the second floor was built in 1898 at the north end of the business district and south end of the primary residential district. The building continues to serve as the town's fire and police stations, as well as municipal offices and town hall.

Center Street, north side (going east)

112 W. Center St. Two-part commercial block, c. 1912. Contributing
Left side of photo 0008

The two-story brown-colored brick building has three storefront bays divided by brick pilasters with stone bases and caps. The west and middle bay are filled with glass blocks on a stone sill. The brick walls below the glass blocks has a short recessed panel. The east bay has an entry composed of a pair of metal doors with small wood display windows that flank the doors. A hipped-roof awning covered with asphalt shingles is above the doors. Wood covers the transom area in the top of the east bay. The second floor has five wood windows with stone sills and lintels on the front façade. The windows were installed in c. 1980 with wood filling the wider opening around them. The cornice is composed of a brick corbel table composed of rows of corbels and dentils. The top of the façade has a stone cap.

The building was built as a showroom for large implement and equipment sales by Arnold Neu and Vern Keller. Overland automobiles were displayed and sold from this location by the Poulson family in the 1920s. By the 1940s, the building was used by Floyd Hines as an

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International Harvester dealership. Frank Saeman began what became known as the Warsaw-based orthopedic Zimmer operation from this building by the middle part of the 20th century.

110 W. Center St. One-part commercial building, c. 1920. Contributing
Second from left side of photo 0008

113 E. Center St. Craig & Kuntz Sinclair Station, 1930. Contributing

The one-story building has masonry walls covered with stucco and a mansard-type roof covered with Spanish clay tiles. The corners of the roof have clay scrolled finials. The front façade has a metal and glass garage door on its east end and a glass block window near the center of the façade. A metal door with a window and transom of glass block is west of the window. A large metal display window is in the west end of the front façade. The west façade, which faces the alley, is similarly arranged with a wood garage door in its north end and a large metal display window in its south end. The west façade also has a metal entry door with a wood transom and gooseneck light fixture near the center of the façade.

Taking advantage of the new alignment of the coast-to-coast Lincoln Highway down Center Street in 1928, partners Craig and Kuntz constructed a Sinclair automobile service station at this location in 1930. The building later became home to the Reichert Body Shop and Standard Oil Station during the 1940s through early 1960s.

117/119/121 E. Center St. Mitterling Garage, two-part commercial building, 1911. Contributing
Right side of photo 0009

The two-story concrete block building has metal covering its storefront wall and a pent roof covered with metal at the top of the storefront wall. The east half of the storefront wall has two metal entry doors and a metal display window near the east door. The south half of the storefront has a wide recessed entry with a metal door and narrow display windows in the walls flanking the entry. A metal display window is west of the recessed entry. The second floor of the front façade is composed of panel-face cast concrete blocks. The second floor has six 1/1 wood windows with cast concrete sills and lintels. A building stone with “-1911-” is centered near the top of the second floor wall. The building’s cornice has been removed.

The building, known later as City Garage, was constructed by the Mitterling family in 1911. Services included sales for tires, Ford parts, and gasoline and oil. Gas engines and tractors could be repaired at the business during the 1920s, batteries could be recharged, and Ford magnetos purchased. The garage was also a distributor of Oldsmobile automobiles.

Center Street, south side (going east)

101 W. Center St. First State Bank; Classical Revival, c. 1930. Contributing
Middle of photo 0002

112/114 E. Center St. One-part commercial block, c. 1928. Contributing
Right side of photo 0010

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118 E. Center St. Dinkledine Cities Service Station, 1930. Non-contributing
Left side of photo 0010. The building has been fully covered by modern metal siding, rendering it non-contributing.

202 E. Center St. Patterson Building, one-part commercial block, 1948. Contributing

North Street (south side)

106 E. North St. Brillhart Cold Storage/Myer's Creamery, c. 1920. Contributing

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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.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

TRANSPORTATION

Period of Significance

1873-1963

Significant Dates

1928

Significant Person (last name, first name)

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder (last name, first name)

O'Brien, S. E.

Loney, Al

Patterson, Pat

Yarmon, Don

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Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance begins in 1873 when Dr. Matchette constructed a three-story commercial building, the oldest extant building in the historic commercial district, at the intersection of Main and Center Streets (102/104 N. Main Street). The period concluded in 1963 when the United States Post Office constructed its Bourbon facility at 221 N. Main Street, which is the last contributing building in the district.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Not applicable

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Bourbon Commercial Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C, in the area of architecture. The district features mostly late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings constructed in largely vernacular, parapet-front examples with some more articulated examples of the Queen Anne and Italianate styles. The district is also eligible under criterion A under the areas of commerce, politics/government, and transportation. The area comprises the historic commercial hub for the town of Bourbon, as well as the township it served, well into the 20th century. The district also includes the historic and current homes to both the community's post office and its town hall; these are examples of the role government played in the formation of the town. The district also has a distinct character forged by the routing of the Lincoln Highway through the community on Center Street. The district's connection to early automobile transportation is expressed in several examples of automobile service stations, garages, and dealerships, particularly lining Center Street.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

ARCHITECTURE

The architecture of the district can be generally divided into two periods: 19th century and early-to-mid 20th century. The earlier period includes examples of the Italianate style and a single example of the Queen Anne style. The later period is largely composed of vernacular architecture with simple parapet fronts and little stylistic design. These buildings introduced the

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use of molded concrete block construction if not on all their facades, at least on their side and back walls.

The Italianate style was popular between 1850 and 1880, particularly in Midwestern towns where the expansion of railroads brought wealth to communities and created a building boom during the period. The style traces its roots to England as part of the Picturesque Movement; the movement rejected formal classical ideas of art and architecture that were popular for 200 years.¹ The Picturesque Movement emphasized rambling informal Italian farmhouses, but as the style entered the United States it was often modified and embellished into a truly Americanized style.² The first Italianate houses were constructed in the United States in the late 1830s. The style was popularized by house pattern books by Andrew Jackson Downing during the middle part of the 1800s, but its popularity began to wane as it began to be replaced by the Queen Anne style in the last decades of the 19th century.

Due to the style's popularity during the boom time of the railroad-era, it is not uncommon to find a high number of buildings in a historic commercial district constructed in the style. The style was translated particularly well to commercial buildings. The most common feature of the Italianate style on commercial buildings is a cornice, either out of brick or sheet metal formed into decorative brackets or corbels. Decorative window hoods, often with arches, are also common features of the Italianate style found on commercial buildings. There are five examples of the Italianate style in the district built between 1873 and 1885. These are simple examples of the style with the most distinctive features of the style being window hoods and cornices. The oldest extant building in the district, Matchette Hall at 102/104 N. Main is a very simple example of the style constructed in 1873 (see photos 0008 and 0009). The building features full-arched windows and brick corbelling on its cornice. Another simple example featuring extensive brickwork on its parapet is located at 120/122 N. Main (second from left side of photo 0006). This building includes the introduction of ornamented window hoods on its second floor. The best examples of the Italianate style are located at 107 and 124 N. Main. The building at 107 N. Main has a wide-overhanging sheet metal bracketed cornice and pedimented window hoods (middle of photo 0003). The example at 124 N. Main (left side of photo 0006) retains its cast iron columns flanking its storefront entry and stylized braces that support a balcony on its side façade. This building also has a much more highly stylized metal cornice and pedimented window hoods on its front façade.

Only three other buildings could be classified into a specific style. These include the Queen Anne-styled Bourbon Fire Engine House & Town Hall, 1898, at 224 N. Main Street (photo 0007). Not commonly used for municipal buildings, the Queen Anne style which was popular from about 1880-1900, featured asymmetry, patterned brickwork or shingles, and decorative woodwork. The fire house has a few specific features of the style that include its most prominent feature, a bell cupola with latticework and wide oval openings. The building also has metal shingles on its gable wall and simple articulation to its façade bays. The corbelled brickwork of the exterior is more commonly associated with Romanesque Revival architecture. Lastly, the

¹ McAlester, pg. 212

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builder adapted the gable-front form for the fire house, a common American solution for civic buildings of all sorts. The Bourbon State Bank, located at 101 W. Center Street (left side of photo 0002) can be loosely classified as an example of Starved Classicism, which was a popular trend in Depression-era architecture of the 1930s. The simple brick building's most prominent feature is its classically-inspired stone entry surround with restrained entablature with dentils and thin cornice. The third building is Bourbon's branch of the United States Post Office built in 1963 at 221 N. Main (right side of photo 0001). The last contributing building in the district, the post office was built in the International Style with long floor-to-ceiling ribbon windows on its front façade and brick laid to resemble tall vertical panels (see further discussion on page 20).

Good examples of typical early 20th century vernacular commercial architecture are located at 209 and 106 North Main Street and 112 West Center and 117/119/121 East Center Street (right side of photo 0009). The buildings are two stories with either brick or molded concrete block front facades and simple storefront openings and basic window openings on their second floors. A good one-story example is located at 112/114 East Center Street (right side of photo 0010). The building has a broad front façade with a stepped parapet.

COMMERCE

Bourbon was platted in 1853, though a loosely defined community had existed previously composed of families who had moved north from Bourbon County, Kentucky. With the completion of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne, & Chicago Railroad in 1856 (later part of the Pennsylvania RR), business began to boom, particularly in connection to the lumber industry because of the vast stands of timber once located in the township. The town was incorporated in 1865 and within a year the community boasted six dry goods stores, eight grocery stores, three dealers in boots and shoes, three pharmacies, two hardware stores, and a wide variety of other establishments including a jeweler, meat market, clothing store, wagon shop, livery, saloon, millinery, and hotel. Seven physicians were located in Bourbon by 1866.

By 1880, the number of commercial and professional establishments climbed from about fifty to over seventy and included a wider variety of services including photographers, undertakers, newspaper, tombstones, and barbers. A few of the extant buildings in the district were built during this period. They include the district's oldest and tallest commercial building built in 1873, Matchette Hall at 102/104 N. Main (see photos 0008 and 0009), which was used as a drug store and dry goods store, and buildings located at 107, 109, 120/122, and 124 North Main. These buildings were used as hardware stores and groceries during their early history.

Between 1886 and 1910, the commercial blocks between Center Street and North Street began to fill in with brick business blocks and some commercial buildings were springing up south of Center Street toward the railroad, which was just a block south of the commercial district. A large hotel, called the Colonial Hotel, was located near the railroad. At the north end of the commercial district, the buildings were still mostly small one-story frame buildings serving uses like professional offices and residences, and small home-based businesses like milliners and barbers. The town's decision to build a new town hall and fire house on the southeast corner of

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Park and Main Streets in 1898 (see photo 0007) may have led more commercial development in the block between North and Park Streets during the 1910s through 1920s. A large two-story garage was built at 207/209 N. Main in about 1905 (middle of photo 0001). The middle of the east side of Main Street between Center and North Streets also developed with brick business blocks during the 1910s-1920s (106, 110, 112, 114, and 118 North Main, see photo 0004), marking Bourbon's second growth period, attributed to some extent by the routing of the Lincoln Highway on Center Street in 1928. More commercial development occurred along the Lincoln Highway corridor during the 1920s-1940s.

No other community developed in Bourbon Township, making the town of Bourbon the commercial hub for buying and selling goods from its beginning through the early part of the 20th century, particularly due to the town's location on the railroad and the markets that allowed area farmers to access. Even as the railroad era came to a close, and freight transportation occurred overland by truck, the town of Bourbon fared well because of its location on the Lincoln Highway. It was not until 1965 when the highway, which had been designated U.S. 30, was bypassed by a new U.S. 30 north of town, that vehicular traffic was reduced. By that time, changes in retail and services began to reduce the vitality of the downtown commercial district, however, the area remains the only commercial hub in Bourbon Township and limited commercial development outside of the district has had little effect on the downtown.

TRANSPORTATION

A large number of buildings in the district trace their origin to the importance transportation played in the early part of the 20th century and leading into the 1960s. When the first transcontinental highway was conceived in 1913 and routed through Indiana, the Lincoln Highway followed a northerly route on existing roads between Fort Wayne and Valparaiso via South Bend. By the mid-1920s, motorists were demanding a more direct route between Fort Wayne and Valparaiso, so the 1928 alignment of the Lincoln Highway was constructed through the cities of Columbia City, Warsaw, and Plymouth. In Marshall County, the highway paralleled the Pennsylvania Railroad and aligned itself through sweeping s-curves with Center Street through the middle of Bourbon (see photos 0008 and 0009). This brought significant motor traffic through town until 1965 when the highway was bypassed on the north side of town.

Nine buildings in the district have some connection to automobile transportation. These include three buildings constructed solely for auto service and gasoline sales at 115 N. Main, 113 E. Center, and 118 E. Center. Built in 1959, the building at 205 N. Main was a DX Service Station (left side of photo 0001), while the other two on Center Street were built in 1930, shortly after it was designated part of the Lincoln Highway, at 113 and 118 East Center Street (left side of photo 0010). They were Sinclair and Cities Services stations, respectively. The Mitterling/City Garage at 115 East Center (right side of photo 0009) was an Oldsmobile dealership while the building at 112 West Center (left side of photo 0008) sold Overland automobiles. The other three buildings served as auto garages or service stations during some part of their history. Two more of these were on the Lincoln Highway at 112/114 and 202 East Center Street. No doubt, the decades that

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Bourbon was on a main auto route contributed to the bottom line of many non-transportation-related businesses in town.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

The Bourbon Commercial Historic District has two buildings that were constructed for governmental purposes. The city's post office was constructed in 1963 at 221 N. Main Street and a town hall and fire engine house was built in 1898, at the north end of the district at 224 N. Main Street (left side of photo 0007). An annex for a new engine house was built immediately south and adjacent to the engine house during the 1970s (middle of photo 0007). Bourbon was platted in 1853, but was not incorporated until September, 1865. After several devastating fires, the first fire department was organized in 1875. The town hall & fire house continues to serve the town of Bourbon as the police station and town hall. The town hall offices were relocated from the second story to a utilities addition, c. 1905, on the east side of the building.

Historically, a community's establishment of a post office was the first and most important step toward its connection to the outside world. The post office at Bourbon operated from several different storefront locations until a permanent home was constructed in 1963, during President John F. Kennedy's administration (right side of photo 0001). The Bourbon Post Office reflects the broad tenants of the 1962 document, "Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture," written by Daniel Moynihan as a report to President John F. Kennedy, who adopted them to guide the anticipated expansion of federal services at the time. The three basic points of the Guiding Principles were: 1) to embody the best of contemporary architectural design, while being dignified, and while reflecting locally-used materials. 2) An official style is to be avoided. 3) Choice of building sites should be carefully considered and planned to allow landscaping. The Bourbon Post Office design shows both the feeling of permanence sought by framers of the Guiding Principles (as seen in its straightforward design and expanse of masonry), as well as use of contemporary ideas in the design (glass and metal curtain wall). Even before "Guiding Principles" was formulated, the United States Post Office Department had been moving toward Modernism. In 1959, the department issued its first specific stylistic guidance of the postwar era, titled Building Designs. Though it included Neo-Colonial designs for larger cities, Building Designs focused on Modern architecture. In particular, Bourbon's post office is similar to several 1000 and 1500 square feet facilities in the booklet.

Developmental History/Additional historic context information

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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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): 099-061-31001-034

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 10 acres

Use the UTM system

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

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| 4. Zone: 16 | Easting :573883 | Northing: 4571890 |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at the southeast corner of West Park Avenue and the alley between North Main Street and North Thompson Street, face east and continue in a line with the south curb of Park Avenue to the southwest corner of East Park Avenue and the alley between North Main Street and North Washington Street. Turn south and continue in a line with the west edge of the alley to the south side of East North Street. Turn east and continue in a line with the south curb of East North Street to the east property line of 106 East North Street. Turn south

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and continue in a line to the north property line of 117/119/121 East Center Street. Turn east and continue in a line to the west curb of North Washington Street. Turn south and continue in a line to the south curb of East Center Street.

Turn east and continue in a line with the south curb of East Center Street to the east property line of 202 East Center Street. Turn south and follow the east property line to the south property line of 202 East Center Street. Turn west and continue in a line with the south property lines of 202, 118, and 112/114 East Center Street and 105/107 South Main Street to the west side of South Main Street. Turn south and continue in a line with the west curb of South Main Street to the south property line of 108/112 South Main Street. Turn west and continue in a line with the south property line of 108/112 South Main Street to the west property line of the same. Turn north and continue in a line with the west property lines of 108/112 South Main Street and 101 West Center Street to the north side of West Center Street.

Turn west and continue in a line with the north curb of West Center Street to the west property line of 112 West Center Street. Turn north and continue in a line with the west property line of 112 West Center Street to the north property line of the same. Turn east and continue in a line with the north property lines of 112 and 110 West Center Street to the east side of the alley between North Thompson Street and North Main Street. Turn north and follow a line with the east edge of the same alley to the south edge of West Park Avenue, or the place of beginning.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries described encompass the historic commercial area of the town of Bourbon much as identified in the 1990 SHPO-sponsored survey of Marshall County. Very little commercial growth during the 19th century and into the mid-20th century occurred outside of the boundaries, except in some areas further south on South Main Street or to the east and west along the Center Street corridor. These areas, however, are far less concentrated and have less historical integrity than the resources that comprise the Bourbon Commercial Historic District as defined by the boundaries above. The area north and northeast of the boundary is a historic residential neighborhood that does not sustain the commercial or civic themes of downtown Bourbon.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 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: Bourbon Commercial Historic District

City or Vicinity: Bourbon

County: Marshall State: IN

Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: March 24, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: North Main Street, looking northwest from North Street

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: West side of North Main Street, looking southwest from just south of North Street

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City or Vicinity: Bourbon

County: Marshall State: IN

Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: March 24, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: Main Street, looking northwest from Center Street

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City or Vicinity: Bourbon

County: Marshall State: IN

Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: March 24, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: North Main Street, looking northeast from Center Street

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Photographer: Kurt West Garner

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Photographer: Kurt West Garner

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: North Main Street, looking southeast from North Street

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Photographer: Kurt West Garner

Date Photographed: March 24, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: North Main Street, looking southeast from Park Avenue

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: West Center Street, looking northeast from west edge of district

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: East Center Street, looking northwest from Washington Street

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

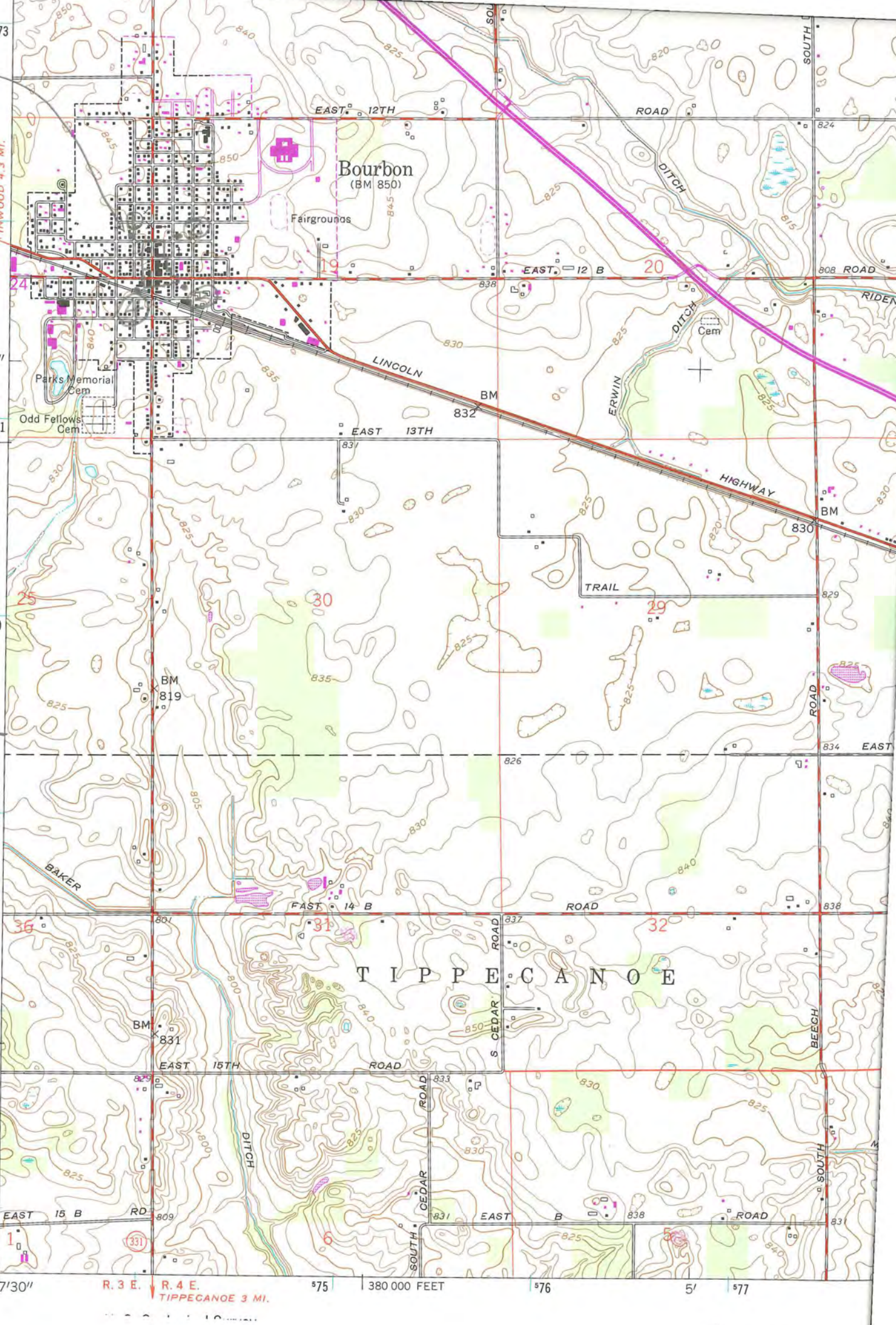
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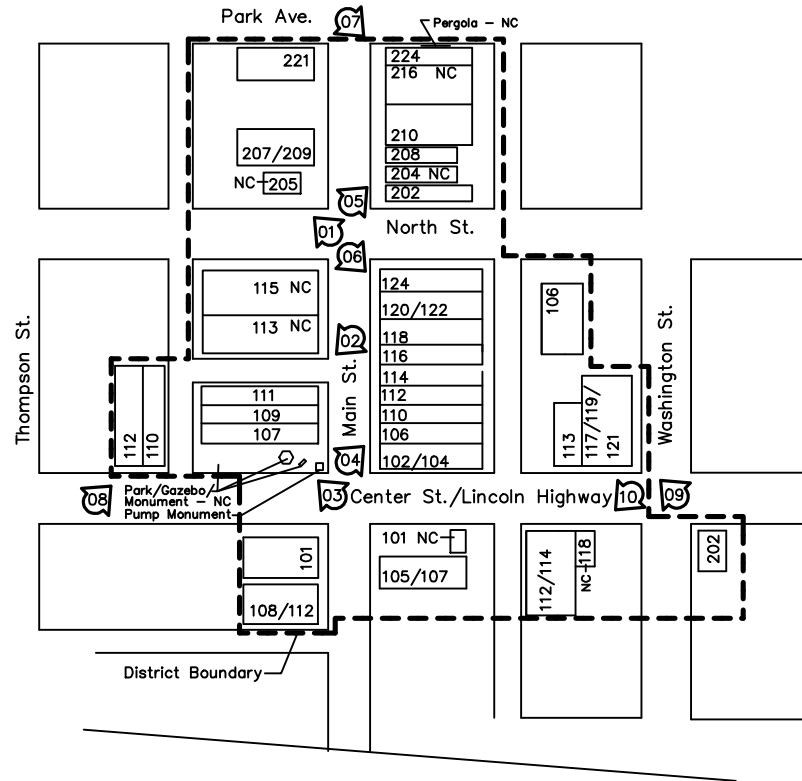
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 29 Contributing resources, 11 non-contributing resources (NC)
 National Register of Historic Places sketch map
 Approx. 10 acres
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24 = Photographs





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A three-story grey brick building with a decorative cornice. It features a balcony on the second floor and a small yellow storefront on the ground floor with a dark shingled roof. The address number '124' is visible on the yellow storefront. The building shows signs of age and wear.

A two-story yellow brick building with a dark storefront. The storefront has a sign that partially reads 'SAINT' and 'LEPER'. The building has several windows and shows signs of weathering.

A two-story weathered grey brick building with a dark storefront. It has several windows and a sign that reads 'Journey's End'. The building appears to be in a state of disrepair.

A row of buildings further down the street, including a dark brick building, a white building, and a prominent blue building. The buildings vary in height and style, typical of a small town.

A street with cracked asphalt pavement and a few cars parked along the side. The sky is overcast and grey.



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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Property Name:

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State & County:

Date Received: Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept Return Reject Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Edson Beall Discipline Historian

Telephone _____ Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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March 9, 2017

Mr. Daniel Delahaye
U.S. Postal Service, Federal Preservation Officer
475 L'Enfant Plaza W, SW Room 6670
Washington, D.C. 20260-1862

Regarding: U.S. Post Office, 221 N. Main St., in the Bourbon Commercial Historic District, Main St. between Park and an alley north of the railroad tracks, and Center St. approx. one block east and west of Main St., Bourbon, Marshall County, IN

The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is pleased to inform you that the above mentioned property, in which you have an interest, has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board will consider the nomination during their meeting on

**April 19, 2017, 2:00 PM, at Fort Harrison State Park Inn & Conference Center,
5830 North Post Road, Indianapolis, Indiana**

The meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend. We welcome your comments, favorable or unfavorable, regarding the application. Please address written comments to:

**Cameron F. Clark, State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 West Washington Street, Room W274
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2739**

Please send your comments on or before the above meeting date.

You may call our office at 317-232-1646, or visit our web site at www.in.gov/dnr/historic for more information and a copy of the National Register application form for the property.

The National Register of Historic Places

The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of prehistoric and historic properties worthy of preservation. In Indiana, this program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. The criteria used to judge a property's eligibility for the National Register and the results of listing are discussed in the enclosure.

Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage. It does not prevent a private owner from altering, demolishing, or disposing of the property as he wishes, provided that no federal license, permit, or funding is involved. Owners of National Register listed properties that are income-producing are eligible to apply for Federal tax credits for qualified historic rehabilitation efforts. This and other results of listing are explained further on the enclosure. After a National Register application is received by our office, it is processed and considered by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. The board will either reject or approve the nomination of the property to the National Register, based on its merits relative to the criteria included on the enclosure.

Private Property Owner Concurrence or Objection

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing, in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and Federal regulations 36 CFR Part 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing shall submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a

notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of private property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing. For a single privately owned property with one owner, the property will not be listed if the owner objects. For properties with multiple owners, the property will not be listed if a majority of the private property owners object. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property or how many properties that party owns. Each owner may vote regardless of whether their property contributes to the significance of the historic district. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, submit a notarized letter of objection to the State Historic Preservation Officer (address above), by the date indicated on the first page of this letter. If the property or district cannot be listed because the owner or a majority of private property owners objects, the State Historic Preservation Officer will submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of the eligibility of the property for inclusion in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property.

Public Officials - Your Right to Comment

Local governments, public agencies, and other interested parties as well as property owners are welcome to comment on this proposed National Register nomination. Comments regarding the significance and eligibility of the property or district for the National Register will be considered by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board as well as the State Historic Preservation Officer. To ensure consideration, comments should be sent before the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board considers this nomination (see page one of this notice for the date of the Review Board meeting and for the address to which comments should be sent).

Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register)

Unless objections are received within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, the property indicated in this letter will be listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures, independently of the review board's decision on nomination to the National Register. If objections are received, the board will consider the application at the above referenced meeting, along with the historical, archaeological, architectural, or cultural merits of the property, and any staff comments. The final decision regarding any State Register nomination shall be made by the review board.

Listing in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures qualifies an owner of private property who has State of Indiana tax liability to apply for certain tax benefits. Programs include the Residential Historic Rehabilitation Credit or the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (for commercial properties). Allotment of credits to operate the program depends on budgeting by the Indiana General Assembly. Contact our office or web site for more information.

Listing in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures provides protection for the property. All state- funded or state-assisted construction which will adversely impact historic properties owned by the State of Indiana must be reviewed by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. Additionally, if a state-funded or state-assisted project will impact historic properties that are listed on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures, the project must be reviewed by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. For more information, contact our office or web site.

A copy of the nomination including boundaries and map, and information on the federal and State of Indiana tax credit programs or the State and National Register programs may be obtained by calling 317/232-3493, by emailing pdiebold@dnr.in.gov, by writing to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, 402 West Washington Street, Room W274, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2739, or by visiting our web site, www.in.gov/dnr/historic.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure: Criteria for Evaluation / Results of Listing sheet



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April 20, 2017

Dr. Stephanie Toothman
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Re: Bourbon Commercial Historic District, Marshall County, Indiana

Dear Dr. Toothman,

Enclosed is a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Bourbon Commercial Historic District, Marshall County, Indiana. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board reviewed the application and voted to recommend its approval to the National Register of Historic Places.

The enclosed disc contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Bourbon Commercial Historic District, Marshall County, Indiana, to the National Register of Historic Places.

Please address any questions you or your staff may have about this nomination to my National Register staff members, Paul Diebold or Holly Tate.

Sincerely,

Cameron F. Clark
State Historic Preservation Officer

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enclosure: nomination package