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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Heritage Hall

AND/OR COMMON: Flint Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Campus Mall, South College Avenue, Valparaiso University — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN: Valparaiso — VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd

STATE: Indiana — CODE: 018 — COUNTY: Porter — CODE: 127

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	BOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	X EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
		NO	MILITARY	OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Lutheran University Association

STREET & NUMBER: Valparaiso University

CITY, TOWN: Valparaiso — VICINITY OF — STATE: Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER: Porter County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN: Valparaiso — STATE: Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE — FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN — STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Heritage Hall, erected as a boarding dormitory on College Avenue in 1875, was a three-story structure built of brick made in the county. The architectural style of Heritage Hall was Italiante, with a bracketed French Mansard roof and prominant dormers. After the third floor was destroyed by fire in 1879, a flat sloping roof was installed above the second floor. The new roof line was concealed by extending the outer walls up to create a parapet on three sides. The original chimneys were extended above the parapet line. On the College Avenue side, the parapet was decorated with a brick patterned frieze. With some minor exceptions, Heritage Hall looks as it did in 1880.

The exterior walls are arranged in a series of two-story bays, each with a tall, arched window for each floor, with the substitution of a doorway in five of the bays on the first floor. Three doorways are original. The three center bays on the front and back project from the main structure. Separating the bays are brick buttresses with chimney traces. Above the second floor windows, the walls of the bays extend out to the face of the parapet, which is flush with the buttresses. The whole structure rests on a low, masonry pedestal which marks the line of the first floor.

The pattern of window repetition on the College Avenue side is broken by the arched, double doorway in the center of the building. Originally decorated by a simple masonry arch like the five windows that surround it, the central doorway was remodeled with a Georgian-styled frame and lintel in 1939. The windows on the sides and back of the building are not as high-arched as those on the front.

Two wings were added to the back of the building in the twentieth century. The first, a wood-framed barracks, was added for the use of soldiers during the First World War. The barracks continued in use after the war, and in 1925, when the University Library moved into Heritage, the wood-framed wing became the stack area. When the stacks were expanded in 1946, a cement block and brick addition was built on the north side of the first wing.

When the library was transfered in 1959, Heritage Hall was extensively remodeled on the inside to accommodate offices and classrooms. The deteriorated chimneys that had not been used for years were removed from the parapet and the exterior brickwork was sand-blasted and repaired.

Although deprived of its 1875 Mansard "bonnet," Heritage Hall retains its original mid-Victorian dignity. Having undergone at least four internal changes, the inside of the building bears no resemblance to the boarding dormitory it was from 1875 until the First World War.

Heritage Hall, named for Professor Richard Heritage of the music department, was originally known as Flint Hall. John Flint was a local land owner and the builder of the dormitory. In the over one-hundred-year history of the building, it has also served as the shop and classroom for a federal program of veteran rehabilitation after World War I, and from 1925 to 1959 it housed the University Library. At present it accommodates offices for administrative and faculty personnel.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	X EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1875 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heritage Hall, constructed in 1875 as a boarding dormitory, is the oldest building on the campus of Valparaiso University and is also the most appropriate symbol of a significant era in the history of the school.

The ivy-covered structure has bridged several eras in the history of a school that was founded in 1859 as the Valparaiso Male and Female Academy, one of the first coed-ucational institutions in the United States. It was in 1873 that the school, as the Northern Indiana Normal School, "Mr. Brown's School," began to flourish and achieve a national reputation. It was renamed Valparaiso College in 1900 and rechartered as Valparaiso University in 1907.

The building of a dormitory reflected the growing success of President Henry Baker Brown who had brought to American higher education a philosophy that emphasized the offering of practical training to meet the wants of students and the making of such an education, vocational as well as liberal arts, available at a cost which reflected a very democratic view. With a faculty that was thorough, if not scholarly, and with a student life which emphasized character development, this practical approach to curriculum, offered at the low cost of $8.00 a term, soon attracted an enrollment that was second only to that of Harvard University.

The most famouns resident of Heritage Hall was George W. Norris, Senator from Nebraska, 1913-1942. Mr. Norris remembered the dormitory as a "large three-story building which provided furnished rooms and board for men for $1.40 a week."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

George W. Stimpson, The Story of Valparaiso University (Chicago, 1921), p. 30.

John Strietelmeier, Valparaiso: First Century (Valparaiso, Indiana, 1959), p. 28.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	16	495470	4589835	B			
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STREET & NUMBER Valparaiso University — TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Valparaiso — STATE Indiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE X LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer — DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER