

FINAL

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Indiana
COUNTY: Porter
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Historical Society of Porter County Old Jail Museum

AND/OR HISTORIC: Porter County Jail and sheriff's Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 153 Franklin Street, attached sheriff's home 101 Indiana

CITY OR TOWN: Valparaiso CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: Indiana CODE COUNTY: Porter CODE 127

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	remodeling	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	Restoration	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Porter County, administered by Board of Commissioners

STREET AND NUMBER: Porter County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Valparaiso STATE: Indiana CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Porter County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Porter County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Valparaiso STATE: Indiana CODE

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sheriff's Home- 2 story red brick Halianate Bracketed Style. The double round arched windows have Joliet Stone voissers and Keystone rusticated at vertical third points. Rusticated Joliet Stone is also used in the quoins and basement. The brackets and eave moldings are of pressed tin. Roof is a shallow hipped style covered with asphalt shingles. The four large chimneys have been removed, original heat was stoves except 1st floorrooms with small round arched white marble fireplaces each room.

Jail- 2 story structure of Joliet stone built in style of English Castle "Keep". Has 2 maschioed square towers, form connecting units with sheriff's home. There are 2 maschioed round towers for visual effect (there being no access to the interior) on the south end. Walls are of stone outside - brick with plaster inside. Thickness of walls is 19 inches.

Inscription of cornerstone laid in 1871 names R. Rose as architect. Shade & Lampke, Builders. Wm. Davidson, Stone Cutter, Joliet Illinois. S.P. Robbins, A.B. Price and A.V. Bartholomew, County Commissioners.

The rooms and woodwork of the sheriff's home interior are unchanged except for installation of modern bathrooms and steam heat. There are four rooms with an open stairway leading to the second floor from the main hallway. The balustrade is of walnut. There are four large rooms on the second floor directly over the rooms on the first floor. A closed stairwy leads from the large hall on the second floor to a large attic (this is directly over the open stairway). Interior doors have segmented arch tops. The basement has a furnace and laundry area(with small fruit cellar), a large coal bin room and two rooms that had been paneled and carpeted for use of deputies for relaxation and office areas.

These two attached buildings are on the same one fourth block as the Memorial Hall (known now as the Memorial Opera House) built by members of the G.A.R. as a memorial to the Civil War veterans in 1893. This building is also owned by Porter County, administered by the Board of County Commissioners and is used by the theater guild for local talent.

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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) March 16, 1871 for Jail

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jail-

Architectural style responds to the contemporary concept of criminal treatment and justice.

Sheriff's Home-

The Halianate Brocheted style of the Sheriff's Home is typical of grand houses of the 1860-1870 period. The stone jail building is built or "tied into" this home.

Jail- built at county expense through the board of county commissioners holding office in 1871. The names of board members are listed in the weathered cornerstone. The building was needed for the protection of society or citizens from non-law abiding culprits.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Counties of Porter and Lake Indiana", Weston A. Goodspeed, Historical Editor and Charles Blanchard, Biographical Ed. Publishers, F.A. Battey & Co. 1882 Chapter, "History of Porter County" page 23
 "History of Porter County Indiana", Volume I, Publishers, The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago-New York 1912 pages 58 and 59

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Bertha Stalbaum, Museum Curator; Joann Sporleder; Ruth Price
 ORGANIZATION:
for Board of Porter County Commissioners
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse, Courthouse Square
 CITY OR TOWN:
Valparaiso
 STATE:
Indiana
 DATE:
March 19, 1975

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register