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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

C. S. Norton Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1415 15th Street

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bedford

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

Indiana

CODE

018

COUNTY

Lawrence

CODE

093

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Larry G. & Sarah K. Evans

STREET & NUMBER

2439 39th Street

CITY, TOWN

Bedford

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lawrence County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

16th & J Streets

CITY, TOWN

Bedford

STATE

Indiana

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_ STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The C.S. Norton Mansion, completed in 1897 is built of royal blue Bedford Limestone. It is a cubical structure with a hip roof with gabled dormers to the rear and a shed roofed dormer pierced by a decorated chimney on the front facade. On the right front corner a cylindrical tower rises the full two stories and is topped by a conical roof with a small finial. A one story portico over the main entry extends from the central chimney around the corner. This pre-dominant feature has rounded corners and is supported by paired Ionic columns.

The left side of the house has a porte cochere and the right an two 1/2 story extension with a porch on the second floor. There has been a non-conforming porch added to the rear of the building recently.

The entire building is constructed of royal blue Bedford Limestone laid in alternated wide and narrow courses and rusticated with the exception of a band around the tower. Ionic pilasters appear on the facade corners and below the smooth stne band in the tower. The windows are one over one sash type with curved glass to match the curve of the tower. In general there is a minimum of fenestration and windows do not form a dominant factor in the building.

Because this structure was used as a school administration building for some years the interior has undergone some changes but a majority of the original fabric is extant. The building is in generally sound condition but does need some maintenance.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Clint Norton

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The C.S. Norton Mansion was built during the years of prosperity in the Indiana Limestone Industry. The builder, Clint Norton, was having years of financial reward with his Royal Blue Quarry, located at the west end of what is now known as Norton Lane.

His "Royal Blue" stone was so much in demand through the country, a couple of Nortons' jobs of prized Blue Stone were the front of the New York Commercial Office and part of the St. Louis Depot. The Norton Mansion was also built with the Royal Blue Stone.

Clint and Kate Norton, working with architects, designed their new home. Many of the large stones were cut at the building site and then lifted into place. The elegant carvings in the front of the house, and in the main fireplace, were probably done at the mill, then brought to the house with horse drawn wagons.

The year 1913 brought a drastic slowdown to the Limestone industry and the Nortons were forced to sell their home. It was purchased by the Bedford Stone Club for \$15,800.00. The Stone Club used the mansion to entertain wealthy out of towners involved with the Indiana Limestone Industry.

In 1928 the building was purchased by the Bedford City Schools and has been used as an administrative office since that time.

As a sophisticated limestone building using the best stone and workmanship it is a symbol of an industry so important in Bedford. It is also significant as a statement of what a prosperous leader in the stone industry considered ideal.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Thirty Three Years In The History Of Lawrence County; J.M. Guthrie, 1958  
 The Indiana Limestone Industry; J.A. Batchelor, 1944  
 Mrs. Helen Tobias, Daugher of Builder

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Appx. 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	54,41,6,0	4,310,14,2,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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

NAME / TITLE

Larry G. Evans

ORGANIZATION

DATE

10/23/75

STREET & NUMBER

2439 39th Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bedford

STATE

Indiana

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

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

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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