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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

The Old Library - Franklin College

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

600 East Monroe Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Franklin

— VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Indiana

18

Johnson

081

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Franklin College of Indiana

STREET & NUMBER

600 East Monroe Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Franklin

— VICINITY OF

Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Franklin

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 Old Library, an integral part of the Franklin College Campus, was built in 1903 and was used as a library until 1964. A new library was built then to accommodate the growing needs of the college. The interior of the Old Library was then remodeled to fit the needs of the Art, Music, and Sculpture departments without destroying the feeling of the original architecture.

The symmetrical Neo-classical building is one story with a half exposed basement defined by a limestone belt. Stretcher bond brick masonry supports the square plan with protruding wings on all four sides. The cross gabled roof is pedimented on the ends and is accented by small circular windows. The classical cornice is boxed and supported by small brackets. A dome with an octagonal base is at the intersection of the gables and is sheathed in copper. The double hung windows are paired by stone lintels and lugsills. Transoms above are capped by an inlaid stone design. The main entrance has Ionic columns engaged on either side and is capped by an inlaid stone lintel.

A stained glass skylight below the dome highlights the interior space, which has been modified to incorporate more classrooms yet retains the original grandeur.

Shirk Hall, commonly referred to as the Old Library adds to the dignity of one of oldest educational institutions in Indiana. Despite the constantly changing philosophies on education, the Old Library remains a functioning structure admired by both students and faculty.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Indiana Baptist Manual Labor Institute had become a four year liberal arts college and for over fifty years practically all of the school's activities had taken place in three joined halls collectively called Old Main. In 1903, however, a new library was constructed in the then popular Neo-Classical Mode. It's materials, brick and limestone were chosen to blend in harmoniously with Old Main yet from a design standpoint it was a separate entirely. It's perfect proportioning and detail provided the campus a dignified presence that was thought necessary to insure the way of the excellent academics being taught within the walls. A magnificent stained glass dome is the center from which the various functions of the library radiated. Today, the interior of this has been modified to house the Fine Arts curriculum yet the grandeur of the interior has not been sacrificed. The exterior remains intact as handsome as it was when the building was dedicated.

The Old Library provides a delightful contrast the somewhat incongruous Gothic Old Main and the new modern structures constructed to house Franklin College's growing diversity. It also serves as a constant reminder to Franklin's students and others, the accomplishments of many of Franklin's distinguished alumni who undoubtedly benefited from the educational resources of Shirk Hall.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Raymond C. Fetterley, Special Assistant to the President

ORGANIZATION

Franklin College of Indiana

DATE

7/16/75

STREET & NUMBER

600 East Monroe

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Franklin

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

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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

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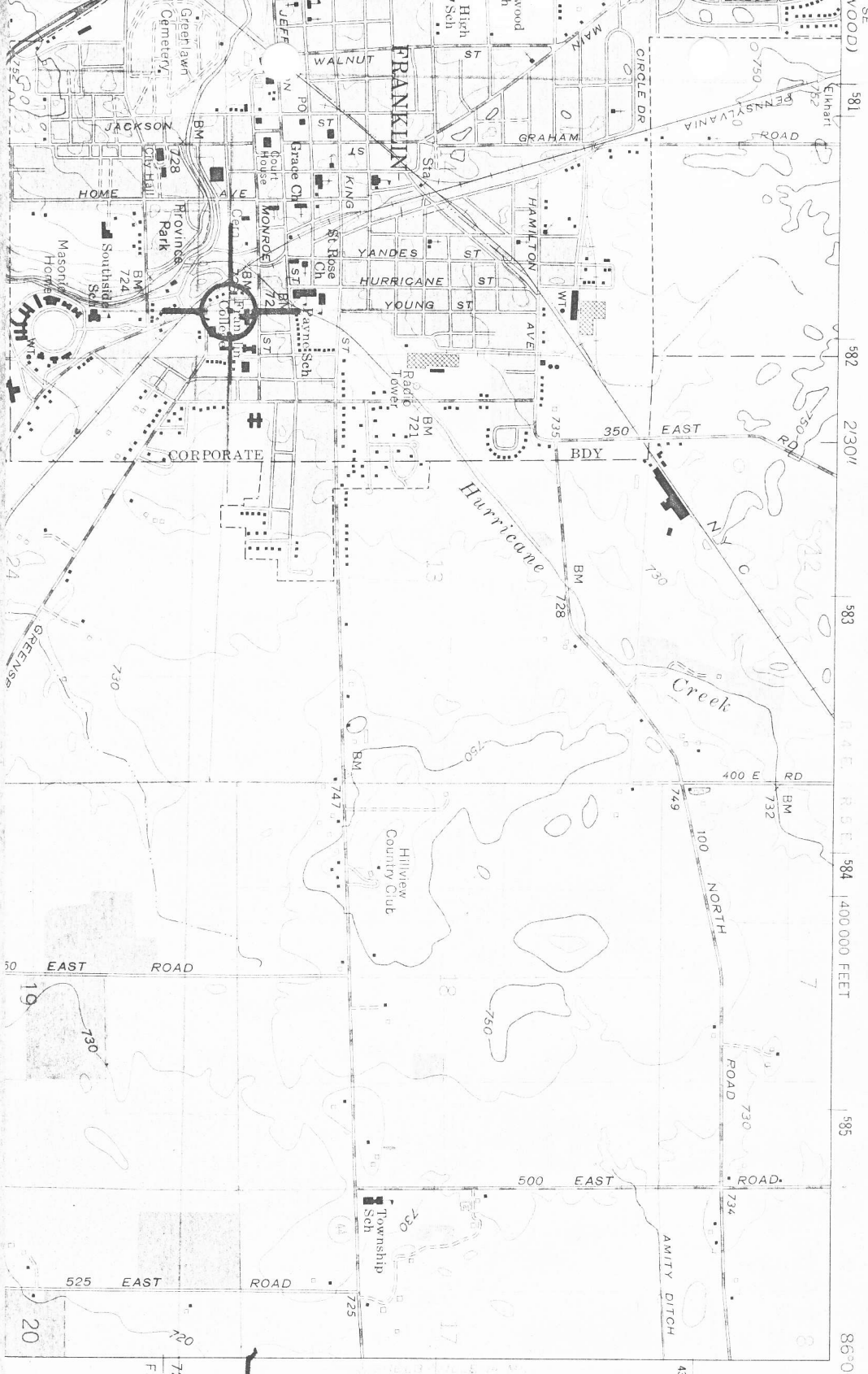
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