

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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## 1. Name

historic Thomas A. Hendricks Library

and/or common Hendricks Hall

## 2. Location

street & number College Drive (Campus Road)

N/A not for publication

city, town Hanover

N/A vicinity of

congressional district Ninth

state Indiana

code 018

county Jefferson

code 077

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Hanover College

street & number Hanover College

city, town Hanover

N/A vicinity of

state Indiana 47243

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number Main Street at Jefferson

city, town Madison

state Indiana 47250

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

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 Thomas A. Hendricks Library occupies a prominent site at the top of a bluff, overlooking the Ohio River from the Hanover College campus. The building is basically a rectangle measuring 48 by 75 feet, and is a well articulated example of the Colonial Revival style.

The exterior is of masonry, combining Bedford limestone with mottled brick laid in a Flemish bond. The base of the building is of limestone, as are the steps leading up to the main entrance. This entrance, set in a central projecting bay, dominates the main facade. The central bay is emphasized by stone pilasters at the corners and flanking the entrance. These fluted pilasters feature Ionic capitals, and support an entablature that continues around the entire building. The entrance is set in stone, with ornate consoles supporting a classical pediment. Directly over the entrance is a blind balustrade, set in a brick parapet that is above the entablature. The entablature is plain, except for dentils on the front and on the ends.

Windows on the building offer a variety of treatments. Flat arches of limestone ornament those on the main facade. The end elevations feature Palladian style windows, set in slightly projecting bays. Windows on the rear of the building are segmentally arched, with a blind keystoned arch over the central window.

A low dome is centered on the roof. Formerly covered in red tile, the dome was sheathed in copper following damage by a tornado in 1974. The dome illuminates the circulation desk area on the interior.

The main floor of the interior was originally devoted to a public receiving room in the center, with the main reading room on one side and the stack areas on the other. Offices opposite the main entrance still contain some original features, including shelves, cabinets, and a marble wash bowl in the librarian's office.

The lower floor was used for mechanical and maintenance facilities, but also included a data stock area and a large meeting room that opened onto a terrace.

Alterations to the interior are limited primarily to partitions that were installed on the main floor.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** May 13, 1903

**Builder/Architect** Patton and Miller Architects of Chicago, Ill.

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Thomas A. Hendricks Library is significant as an architectural and historical landmark on the Hanover College Campus.

Hanover College was founded in 1827. This building was constructed in 1903 as the college's first library building, and helped form the "old campus" academic triumvirate of Classic Hall, Science Hall, and Hendricks Library. The Library is the only one of these still standing, and is one of the three oldest buildings on the Hanover College campus today (the others being the Y.M.C.A. and the astronomical observatory). The building has served the college continuously since its construction, as a library until 1952; and in numerous other capacities since.

The Hendricks Library was designed by the Chicago firm of Patton and Miller. Architecturally, it is distinguished by its nonconformity with the rest of the campus, which has been designed in imitation of the Georgian style. Furthermore, it dominates the campus from its location on top of a bluff, which also commands an excellent view of the Ohio River Valley. The Library, despite the varied uses it has served, has managed to retain most of its original features and integrity.

The Library is named for Thomas A. Hendricks, a Hanover College graduate who became governor of Indiana in 1872, and Vice President of the United States in 1885. It was financed and given to the college by his widow, Eliza A. Hendricks.

The Hendricks Library is a well-articulated example of the Colonial Revival style. It is, without a doubt, the most prominent and the best example of the style existing in the community of Hanover.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Fitton, Mary Louise, History of the Hanover College Library, 1931, page 8.  
Fisher, Daniel W., A Human Life, c.1909, p. 239-40, Archive Room, Hanover College Library  
Millis, William Alfred, History of Hanover College, 1827-1927, LLD, copyright 1927.  
Baker, Frank S. Glimpses of Hanover's Past, 1827-1977, Graessle Mercer Co., 1978.  
Moore, Dr. A.Y. History of Hanover College, 1900, page 24. found Hanover Library.

## 10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Madison West Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The Hendricks Library measures 75½ feet by 48-1/3 feet. The boundaries are formed by four lines that are parallel to and twenty-five feet from the exterior walls of the build

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
<u>N/A</u>			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization

date November 29, 1979

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## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date Oct. 8, 1980

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration