

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 Administration Building, Indiana Central University

and or common Good Hall

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of Otterbein and Hanna Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Indianapolis N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Marion code 097

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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input 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
	N/A	<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 Indiana Central University

street & number 1400 E. Hanna Avenue

city, town Indianapolis N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46227

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marion County Recorder's Office

street & number City-County Building

city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission Survey title
has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date 1977 federal state county X local

depository for survey records Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

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

Good Hall is a 3½ story Classical Revival structure situated on a pleasant, shaded lot on the southern edge of the campus of Indiana Central University. Constructed of red brick, the building measures approximately 127' x 150'. The central section of the structure is 3½ stories high, while the two sections flanking either side of the central section are two stories high.

The west, or main, elevation is 15 bays across. The dominant feature of this facade is a colossal, two-story portico, which extends across nine of these bays. Supported by six, tin-covered concrete Ionic columns, the portico features a wide entablature.

The central section of the west facade, seven bays across and three stories high, is recessed from the main plane of the building, and terminates in a wide pediment. Centered on the ground floor is the main entrance, marked by pilasters with stone capitals supporting a deep stone entablature that is engraved with the date of construction. The actual entrance is recessed from the opening and is approached by a flight of stairs. The doors are modern replacements. On either side of the entrance are three double-hung windows. Second story windows are directly over the first floor windows. Triple windows are centered over the entrance. At the third story of the central section the windows are arranged differently, and separated by brick pilasters in pairs. Above these, the tympanum of the pediment features a blind oculus, with flanking ornamentation done in relief. The pediment was formerly decorated with modillions, and with stone ornaments at its peak and base ends, but these have been removed.

The flanking two story sections of the west facade are four bays wide. A stone water table crosses all three sections of the building above the basement window. All windows have splayed stone lintels, while a white stringcourse highlights the upper edges of the second-story windows. Above the second story windows is a dentiled and modillioned cornice.

The north elevation is dominated by a porte-cochere, supported by two massive Ionic columns. The carriage-way has been removed, and the original steps have been replaced with cinder-block steps. A pair of metal and glass doors have replaced the original doors. Pilasters mark either end of the elevation, and the belt course and stringcourse continue across this facade from the front elevation.

The south elevation is similar in appearance and detailing to the north elevation. Instead of a porte-cochere, however, a canopy, supported by elaborately carved scroll brackets, dominates the center of the elevation. Beneath the canopy is a set of large double windows. Formerly, this was an entrance with large stone steps, but the steps and doors have been removed, and the opening now serves as a window. Metal siding on the top level of the central section is visible on this east elevation.

On the east, or rear, elevation, two wings project east from the building. This facade is much simpler than the others, with little ornamentation and detailing. Some of the original windows have been replaced by industrial-type windows. At the northeast corner of the building, in the "L" formed by the north projecting wing, there is a small overhang, with a shingled roof supported by two small Ionic columns. Beneath the overhang are concrete steps leading down to a rear entrance. The entire east elevation overlooks an asphalt parking lot.

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	X architecture	X	education	military	social
1700–1799	art		engineering	music	humanitarian
1800–1899	commerce		exploration settlement	philosophy	theater
X 1900–	communications		industry	politics government	transportation
			invention		other (specify)

Specific dates 1904

Builder Architect A. H. Ellwood & Sons

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

Good Hall has architectural as well as historical significance. It is a good example of Classical Revival design, featuring a massive front portico, ornamented tympanum, and pediment roof. Good Hall has historical associations with the establishment of Indiana Central University, as well as with the development of the community of Beech Grove.

Indiana Central University was incorporated in 1902 by the Church of the United Brethren. The church selected the new Indianapolis suburb of Beech Grove as the location of their new university. The university incorporation occurred during the same period as the development of new residential areas in Beech Grove. Also at this time, the construction of an interurban line linked the new suburb with Indianapolis. William L. Elder, a Beech Grove realtor, struck a bargain with the United Brethren: he promised to donate a building to the university on the condition that the church assist in selling lots for his new University Heights development. A sufficient number of lots were sold in the prescribed period of time, and Elder built Good Hall. He also donated eight acres of land to the university.

Indiana Central University opened its doors for classes in September, 1905. In its early years, the institution was a teachers' college, as well as a secondary school. It was renamed "Indiana Central College" in 1921. In subsequent decades, most notably in the 1960's, Indiana Central College expanded its programs and facilities to become a four-year liberal arts institution. In 1968, the United Methodist Church assumed control of the college. The original name, "Indiana Central University," was reinstated in 1975.

Completed in 1904, Good Hall was the first and only building on the Indiana Central University campus for nearly 50 years. During this period, Good Hall provided space for classrooms, as well as administrative offices, so it has especially close associations with the university's first five decades. Since the expansion of the university facilities, Good Hall has served as the administration building.

Because of its associations with Indiana Central University, as well as its Classical Revival design, Good Hall is a significant historical and architectural resource.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approximately 2 acres

Quadrangle name Maywood, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	5	7	4	1	3	0	4	3	9	5	4	9	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D

Zone		Easting				Northing							

E

Zone		Easting				Northing							

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G

Zone		Easting				Northing							

H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification Starting at the southeast corner of Otterbein Street and Hanna Avenue; thence 272' south along the east right-of-way of Otterbein Street; thence 320' east; thence 272' north to the south right-of-way of Hanna Avenue; thence 320' west to Otterbein Street.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title LaDonna Riddle Weber

organization _____ date April 10, 1980

street & number 59711 Crumstown Highway telephone 219/287-5804

city or town North Liberty state Indiana 46554

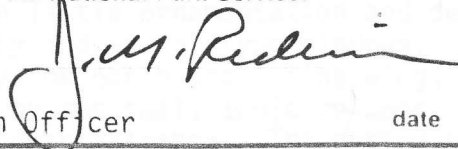
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-3-84

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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

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