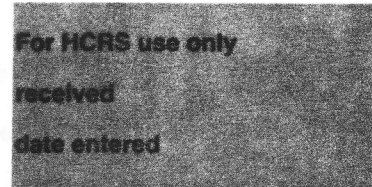


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**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 Plymouth Fire Station

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 220 North Center Street \_\_\_ not for publication  
 city, town Plymouth \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 2nd  
 state Indiana code 018 county Marshall code 099

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b> <input type="checkbox"/> district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> object	<b>Ownership</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public <input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both <b>Public Acquisition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<b>Status</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress <b>Accessible</b> <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> no	<b>Present Use</b> <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <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:
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**4. Owner of Property**

name City of Plymouth  
 street & number 124 North Michigan Street  
 city, town Plymouth \_\_\_ vicinity of state Indiana 46563

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marshall County Recorder's Office  
 street & number 601 North Center Street  
 city, town Plymouth state Indiana

**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 Plymouth Fire Station is a painted brick structure, facing west on Center Street in the heart of downtown Plymouth. The building stands two stories high, with a 59-foot bell tower on its southwest corner. The ground level of the main facade has a round-arched pedestrian entrance and large overhead door on the main building, and another pedestrian entrance in the bell tower. The bell tower entrance has a four-light window directly above the door.

The second story of the main facade has three four-over-four windows in the main building, with rounded corners on the heads. Heads and sills are of brick. An identical window is located in the bell tower.

Above the center window is a stone that reads "Engine House, 1875." The main building is topped by a parapet on the facade, with tile coping. On the bell tower is a circular opening, now filled in by a blank panel. The tower is capped with a square open pavilion, formed by square columns supporting a bracketed cornice.

The south side of the building has three bays, with windows like those on the front. A one-story addition obscures the ground floor. The north side has openings only on the rear portion, and also has a one-story addition the full length, with an overhead door.

Changes to the exterior include the overhead door, which replaced two smaller arched openings, as well as the two one-story additions. Also, the parapet was changed from a simple rectangle to a stepped wall.

Inside, the first floor originally consisted of one large room in which the fire fighting equipment was kept. The floor was designed with grooves in it to provide traction for the horses as they raced to answer an alarm. The upper story of the new building had two rooms, one for the use of the fire department, and the other used as a city council chamber and Mayor's office.

# 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"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Firefighting

**Specific dates** 1875 **Builder/Architect** Robert McCance and W.P. Beaton

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

The Plymouth Fire Station is historically significant as the city's only fire station from its construction in 1875 until a new station was built in 1980.

The building was constructed by contractors Robert McCance and W. P. Beaton in late 1875, for a cost of \$4,200. Possession of the building was taken by the city on February 21, 1876, and the dedication was marked with a grand ball. In its early years, the building also served as the town hall, with offices for the fire department and the mayor.

The building is significant to the community as one of the oldest in the town, and for its continuous use as the only fire station in Plymouth for 105 years. The building presently houses the City's ambulance service.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, Daniel, History of Marshall County, Indiana: 1836-1880. Chicago: Kingman Brothers 1881.

Durnan, Mary, "From Buckets to Snorkles: A History of the Plymouth Fire Department," The Marshall County Historical Society Quarterly. Plymouth: The Marshall County Historical Society

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Plymouth, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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B 

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Zone		Easting				Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot Number Forty-eight (48) in the Original Plat of the Town, now City of Plymouth

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization City of Plymouth

date July, 1980

street & number 309 East Jefferson Street

telephone 219/936-2169

city or town Plymouth

state Indiana

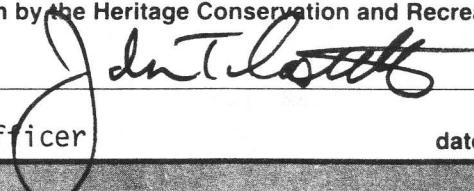
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



James M. Ridenour

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 3, 1981

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

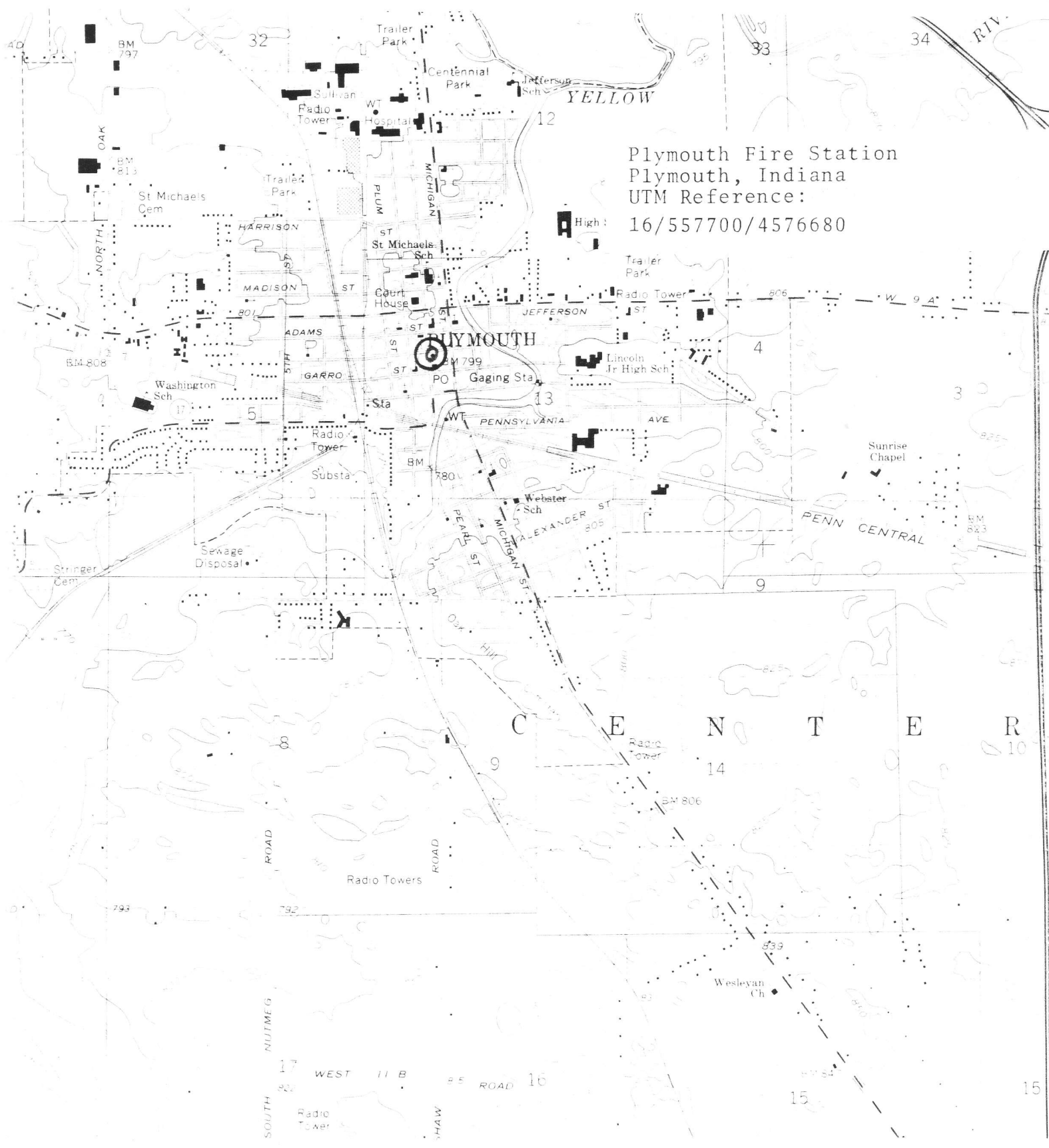
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Plymouth Fire Station  
Plymouth, Indiana  
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