

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

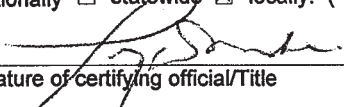
1. Name of Property

historic name Clay County Hospital
other names/site number 13001-295-050

2. Location

street & number 1200 East National Avenue N/A not for publication
city or town Brazil N/A vicinity
state Indiana code IN county Clay code 021 zip code 47834

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date 7/26/99
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	Signature of the Keeper _____	Date of Action _____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:) _____ _____ _____	_____	_____

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	1	structures
4	0	objects
6	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

HEALTH CARE: Hospital

DOMESTIC: Institutional Housing

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

HEALTH CARE: Hospital

HEALTH CARE: Clinic

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

19th & 20th c. REVIVALS: Colonial Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

roof STONE: Slate

other STONE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	16	490340	4375380	3	16	490330	4375030
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	16	490530	4375370	4	16	490470	4375090

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Clay County - Board of Trustees, Clay County Courthouse
street & number 1206 East National Avenue telephone 812-448-2675
city or town Brazil state IN zip code 47834

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Clay County Hospital sits back about a block (photo 1) from the north edge of US40/National Avenue on the east side of Brazil. The surrounding area is mostly residential, with some commercial buildings on the highway, especially toward the west. Off the highway beyond a red and tan brick entrance, whose gateposts are topped with light standards, is a curving drive that leads up to and through a linear parking lot with an esplanade planted with evergreens. Originally the parking lot was probably simply a broad loop in the drive. There are two other brick posts along National Avenue: on the corner at Sycamore Street, and east of the entrance drive about 115 feet. Southeast of the parking lot and outside the boundary of the historic property is a new building under construction that will house doctors' offices. The original hospital building (photo 2) retains most of its historic appearance despite the very large addition built in 1995 on the southwest, which itself adjoins an older addition (1959) off the west end of the original building. To the east of the hospital building stands the former nurses' residence (1947), now a family clinic (photo 3).

Built on a T plan of tan brick with a gabled roof to harmonize with the hospital, the former McRoy Nurses Home (which is inscribed on the entablature above the entrance) rises two stories over a raised basement. The building is modestly trimmed with limestone sills and entrance surround; there are fanlights flanking the entrance. The interior has been completely remodeled to accommodate the needs of the family practice.

The original hospital (photos 2,4), built in 1927-1928, is three-and-a-half stories, of tan brick liberally trimmed with limestone, topped with a slate hipped roof. The original wood frame windows, chiefly eight-over-one double-hung sashes, remain. Between the second and third stories are festooned rectangular cartouches of limestone. Above the third story is a dentilled cornice. The roofline is punctuated with gabled dormers symmetrically placed; five on the north, one each on the east and west, and three on the south. The dentils and the trim on the dormers are formed of metal. The center dormer on the south, above the main entrance, features a broken pediment. This entrance is sheltered by a balustraded portico, punctuated by a rounded pediment on which is inscribed "CLAY COUNTY/HOSPITAL/1927."

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The original part of the hospital is no longer used for patients and little historic fabric remains visible in the interior save for the terrazzo and clay tile floor in the octagonal lobby, and an unchanged elevator (photo 5) just off the lobby to the east. Presumably more survives, hidden by dropped ceilings and wall and floor coverings. The rooms themselves, of course, were always plain. The original spaces remain, for the most part, intact.

On the east end of the original building are a series of small utilitarian block-like additions (photo 6, left) constructed in 1959, from three stories down to two, then one story on the north with a garage easternmost. Around the rear, on the north of the original building is a flat-roofed one-story extension housing shop facilities and the boiler room to which is attached a tall brick smokestack (photos 6,7). Extending northwest off the original structure is a flat-roofed three-story addition (photos 6,7) dating to 1959 that contains primarily patient rooms. Extending southwest off the west end of the original building is a sprawling one-story addition (photos 1,2) built in 1995, which houses emergency facilities and the present main entrance of the hospital.

The property contains two contributing buildings (the original hospital and the former nurses' residence) and three contributing objects: the entrance and two brick corner posts. There is one non-contributing structure: the helipad.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

Starting at the northeast corner of Sycamore Street and National Avenue (US40), proceed east along the north edge of US40 past the hospital entrance to a driveway going north (marked by a square brick pillar). Proceed due north along the drive and beyond, along its northward extension, to the eastward curve of the hospital entrance drive, south of the former nurses' residence. Proceed east on this drive to Pine Street, then north along the west edge of the street to the rear entrance drive (providing access to the north parking lot). Proceed westerly along this drive (which essentially parallels Lenox Street to the north) to Sycamore Street, then south along the east edge of Sycamore Street to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification

Encompasses all the historic resources of the property, using existing demarcations.