

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Indiana	
COUNTY: Vanderburgh	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.13.0004	DATE 10/6/70

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence

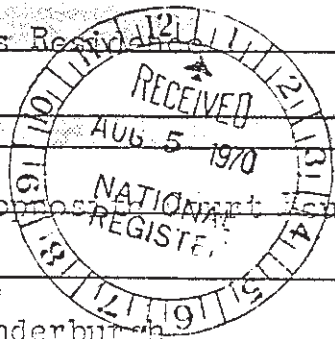
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same as above

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fourth Street between Vine and Court, opposite school

CITY OR TOWN:  
Evansville

STATE: Indiana      CODE: 13      COUNTY: Vanderburgh      CODE: 163



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public* <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both *Leased to Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input 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 (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Recent 94 present

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Vanderburgh County Commissioners

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House, Civic Complex, 8th and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Evansville      STATE: Indiana      CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Same as above

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
No known existing survey

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence located in front of the former County Jail and directly opposite the west side of the Vanderburgh County Court House is built of rusticated blocks of Indiana limestone. It was built to resemble a feudal castle and was obviously influenced in its design by Schloss Lichtenstein near Reutlingen in the State of Baden-Württemberg, West Germany.

It has a central round tower or "keep", crenelated roof lines, step gables, turrets and portcullises to give it a castle-like appearance. There is little which can deteriorate about the exterior except the wooden window frames, which need paint.

The interior has not been heated since the Sheriff moved out in the late summer of 1969, resulting in minor damage from peeling of paint from the walls. There is a roof leak in the north-east corner of the building, which has damaged the plaster in the ceiling of the bedroom directly beneath. Otherwise the interior is in good repair, although a complete re-painting and re-decorating would be indicated to make it attractive enough to serve for other purposes.

The first floor has three rooms measuring respectively 15 x 16 feet, 15 x 20 feet and 16 x 18 feet. The entrance and stair hall measure 6 x 30 feet, the portion not occupied by the stairs widening to 8 feet. There are also a small kitchenette and powder room on this floor.

The second floor likewise has three rooms of similar size to those downstairs, plus a bathroom and closet space. There is a full basement, formerly used as a kitchen for the Jail.

Thought is being given to interesting a club or organization to use the former Residence as a meeting place or club house. Other suggestions for its use have been as a children's museum or a museum of Civil War history.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

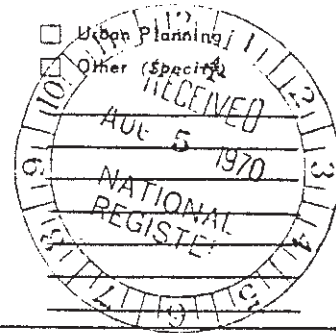
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Completed in 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence housed the incumbent Sheriff and his family from 1891 until 1969, when the new City-County complex was completed and the former County Court House, Annex and Jail were abandoned and rented to the Conrad Baker Foundation, a group organized for Historic Preservation in the community.

The significance of the Sheriff's Residence would be as a period piece of quaint "Bastille" type architecture such as the 19th Century conceived to be appropriate for the housing of offenders against society in grim, dungeon-like surroundings.

The Residence is connected with the Court House across Fourth Street by a tunnel, through which prisoners were formerly taken to trial.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Architectural Heritage of Evansville" by Howard E. Wooden  
Published by Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences

"The Evansville Story" by Dr. James E. Morlock 1956  
Professorat the University of Evansville

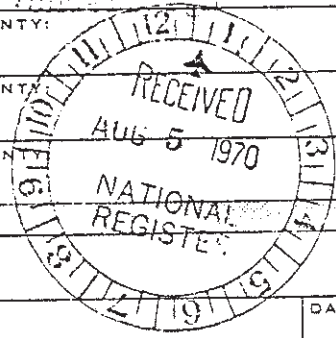
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		87	34	23
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: City Lot 75 x 40 Feet

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Indiana	13	Vanderburgh	163
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
No overlapping			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Alexander L. Leich, President

ORGANIZATION: Conrad Delaney Foundation DATE: June 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Vanderburgh County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Evansville STATE: Indiana CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: John R. Playd

Title: Dir of Nat Reserves

Date: 8-3-70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connelly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 6 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Kautsky  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: AUG 20 1970