

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park 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 Haubstadt State Bank

and/or common Old Haubstadt State Bank, New Town Hall

2. Location

street & number 101 S. Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Haubstadt N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Gibson code 051

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 Town of Haubstadt

street & number 101 S. Main Street

city, town Haubstadt N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47639

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Gibson County Courthouse

city, town Princeton state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Indiana Department of Natural Resources

city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

## 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 Haubstadt State Bank is characteristic of small commercial buildings constructed at the turn of the century. Built in 1904, it is two and one-half stories tall and constructed of locally fired brick and Indiana limestone.

Positioned on a corner and facing railroad tracks to the east, the building originally had a corner entrance, flanked by one Chicago-style window on each side of the building. A brick pillar supported the cut-away corner. Each of the windows featured a fixed center light flanked by double-hung windows, tipped by a transom light and multi-paned corner lights with wood muntins. Above the window on each side of the building was a sign reading, "Haubstadt Bank."

The bank was remodeled in 1954, when the corner entrance was made part of the lobby. The present ground floor appearance is the product of another remodeling in 1973. Today, the fixed and double-hung sash remain in place, but the transom and corner lights are concealed behind a plain wood fascia sporting simply the name, "Haubstadt," on the east side.

Brick pilasters that once flanked the ground floor windows, as well as the corner pillar, had stone bands in line with the horizontal mullions of the windows. These pilasters and pillar have also been sheated in wood. The entrance is now located in the northernmost bay of the east side of the building in what was the cut-away corner entrance, and is a modern aluminum frame door with a sidelight. The north side of the former corner entrance has a single, large fixed light.

The upper story features three bays on each side. Two double-hung sash are located above each Chicago-style window, and are flanked by the pilasters mentioned earlier. A single double-hung sash is located above each side of the corner entrance. The flanking pilasters have the effect of setting off these two bays as a corner "tower". Second story windows have rockfaced limestone lintels, completed by a stone string course. Another string course forms the sill for the attic lights. Above the two outside double-hung sash on each side are rectangular ten-light windows. Above the double-hung sash in the "tower," however, are round-arched lights with diagonal muntins. Attic windows have ornamental brick surround.

A corbeled brick cornice and another rockfaced limestone string course are topped by a parapet, with coping that presents a castellated effect. The tower effect of the corner bay is emphasized by Flemish-curved parapets with "1904" written on each side.

To the west of the building are two additions. The first, two stories and brick, was supposedly constructed immediately after the front portion of the building in 1904. It originally featured three doors and three windows on the north side of the ground floor, and three windows on the second story, all segmentally arched. The second story windows are still in place, but all ground floor openings have been bricked in, with shorter doors installed in two of the doorways. No openings appear on the south side of this or the original portion of the building, although evidence indicates that openings were present at one time. A more modern one-story addition is attached to the west end of the early addition.

Wood paneling, carpet, and a dropped ceiling conceal original features of the interior. The cashiers' counters have been altered twice. The original 1904 safe remains intact. A drive-up window has been added to the south side.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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 1904

Builder/Architect J. Jost, Builder

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Haubstadt State Bank is significant as the best remaining building from its period in town. Its eclectic styling, displaying the influence of the Colonial Revival style, is typical of the period. Although the building has been remodeled, most exterior elements are in place. The building is also significant as one of the most substantial to be built in turn-of-the-century Haubstadt, and as the town's first and only bank.

According to history, the Town of Haubstadt was once a dense forest. The first settlers came in 1804; however, the exact date that Henry Haub settled here is not known. Henry Haub, for whom the town is named, built the first house in which he operated a store and kept the old stage stand. Thus, the town was first known as Haub's Station. Sometime after 1852, when the railroad was built through Gibson County, the town's name was changed from Haub's Station to Haubstadt. "Stadt" in German means village, town, or city.

For the price of one dollar, the Haubstadt Bank, incorporated, bought lot number 338 of the Original Plan to the Town of Haubstadt. The lot measured 110 feet in length along Old Highway #68, and 40 feet in width along Main Street.

On June 1, 1902, citizens in and around Haubstadt met in the hall over J. J. Kuhn's Saloon for the purpose of organizing a bank in Haubstadt. Henry W. Lühring and H. H. Ogden were appointed chairmen of the meeting and Thebes Farthing, secretary. Forty stockholders with 250 shares decided to call the institution the Haubstadt Bank. The nine directors appointed to handle the affairs were Alois Ziliak, Fred D. Heldt, Lawrence Ziliak, William W. Sipp, Dr. V. H. Marchand, Henry W. Lühring, Martin Shafer, Anton Zeitz, and George D. Seitz. Alois Ziliak was elected President; Henry W. Lühring, Vice-President, and Thebes Farthing, Cashier. The cashier was the only one to receive a salary. At its beginning the Haubstadt Bank had capital stock of \$25,000.00; surplus of \$10,000.00; and deposits of \$140,000.00.

The bank, which was built in 1904, was contracted with Mr. J. Jost of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, for \$4,300.00. The safe and vault door were purchased for \$1,100.00 from Hall's Safe Company. George Woehler made the brick on the outskirts of town; Fred Woehler and Louis Woehler laid the bricks.

In September, 1905, William W. Sipp was elected President and Albert J. Lynn Cashier. At this time, both officers were active and received a salary.

The bank experienced difficult times during the early 1930's, but did return all monies to depositors. William W. Sipp was president at the time. For a period of time thereafter, no interest was paid on deposits. Eventually, when the bank started to prosper, one percent interest was paid.

In 1954 the bank was extensively remodeled inside and out. The corner entrance was made into additional lobby space. Another teller window was added and the tellers' cages were built in a half circle around the front of the bank.

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The bank was again remodeled in 1973. An additional 1200 square feet was acquired, and walk-up and drive-in windows were added for customers' convenience. The tellers' windows were changed to a straight line across the front of the bank. The safe deposit box capacity tripled, and booths for patrons were installed. The exterior of the bank was revitalized.

Due to the rapid growth and the need for space, the prospect of building a new home for the Haubstadt State Bank virtually became a reality. After the new bank was constructed on the current Highway #68, the building was sold to the Town of Haubstadt. The bank became the Town Hall in 1980.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bank Records

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Haubstadt

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot Number Three Hundred Thirty-Eight (338) in the Original Plan to the Town of Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana.

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

state N/A code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Timothy A. Henning

organization Hahn Jackson Thresher Henning, Inc. date March 9, 1982

street & number 304 Old Courthouse telephone 812/424-5911

city or town Evansville state Indiana 47708

# 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 John T. Costello

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 11-7-84

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

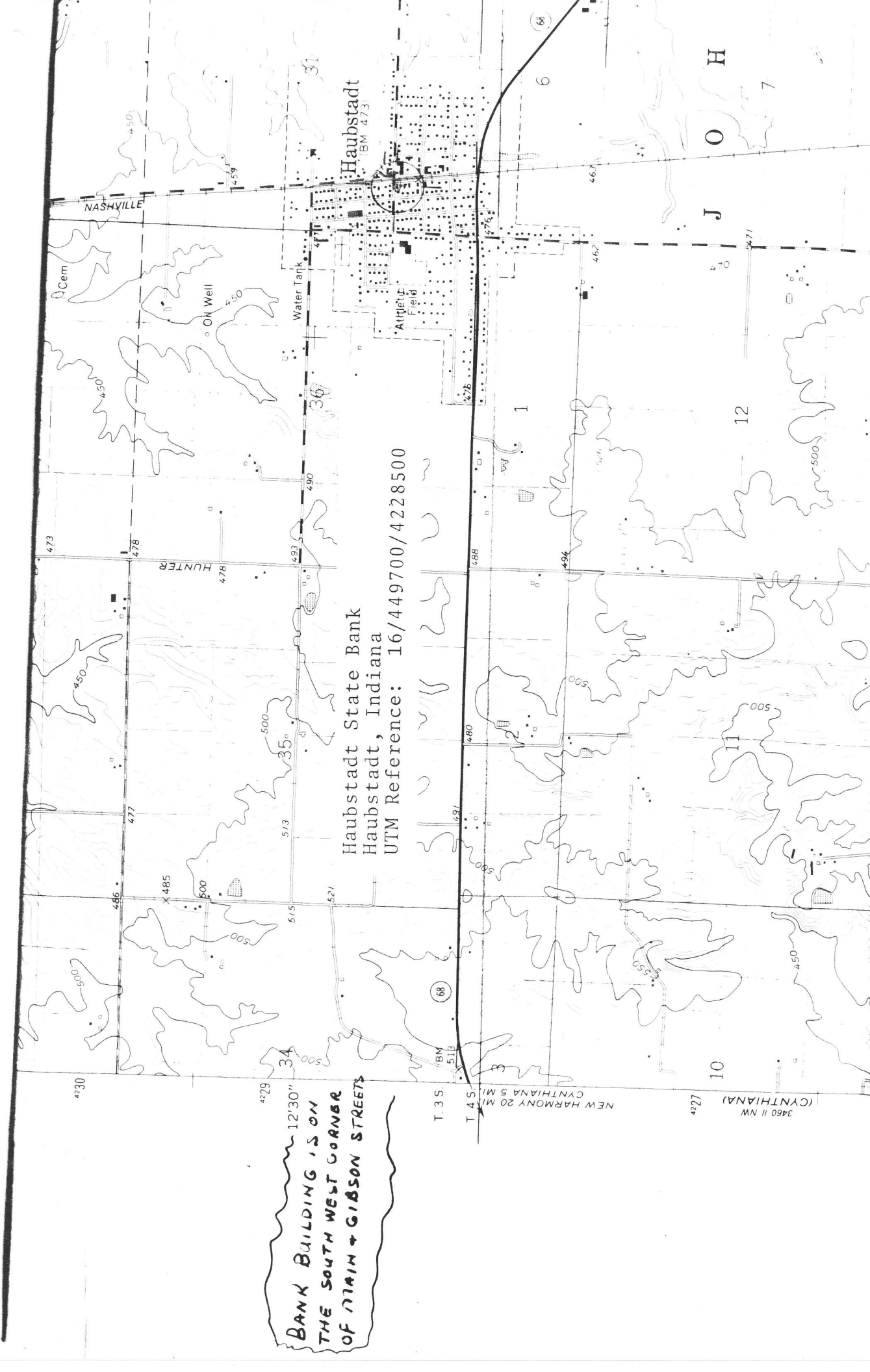
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

BANK BUILDING IS ON  
THE SOUTH WEST CORNER  
OF MAIN + GIBSON STREETS

Haubstadt State Bank  
Haubstadt, Indiana  
UTM Reference: 16/449700/4228500



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