

# HABS (HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY) RECORDS, 1933-1978

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## **USER INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 5 boxes; 1 reel microfilm 2 oversize folders

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1933-1978

**PROVENANCE:** Major portion of records received from Herbert Foltz family, 1953.

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: Slade, Thomas (ed.), *Historic American Building Survey in Indiana* (NA 730 .I6 H57 1983)

ACCESSION NUMBER: There are eight accession numbers in this collection. Most prominent numbers are 53.0008 and 94.0022x.

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## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was started in 1933 by the United States government under the Civil Works Administration (CWA). The program was designed to provide employment for architects and draftsmen who had lost their jobs because of the Great Depression. HABS was designed to identify and preserve historic structures. The project was terminated under the CWA in May, 1934, but was taken over by the National Parks Service in cooperation with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Library of Congress two months later. HABS was administered by the Parks Service while the Library of Congress served as the depository of architectural data and the AIA provided professional advice.

The project was discontinued in 1940 because of World War II, but was started again in 1957 under the previous administrative make up, and has been a continuous government sponsored project since that date. From 1967-1978 the project was administered by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, at which time it became part of the newly created Heritage Conservation and Recreation service of the Department of the Interior. Since 1981 HABS has been administered by the National Architectural and Engineering Record office of the National Park Service.

Indiana's involvement in the project under the CWA was under the direction of Herbert W. Foltz, an Indianapolis architect and past president of the local chapter of AIA. Designated as district number 24, Indiana was given funding for twenty-eight employees. Most of the early survey entries were structures erected before 1860. Foltz continued to serve as district officer until the project's war time interruption in 1940. Between 1940 and 1957, the HABS work was carried on by individuals interested in historic preservation. Edward D. James became the AIA's preservation officer in 1957 with assistance from Earl H. Reed. James was succeeded by H. Roll McLaughlin in 1962. McLaughlin remained the state's preservation officer into the 1990s.

Sources: Slade, *Historic American Building Survey in Indiana*. Bloomington: I.U. Press, 1983.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains records, photographs, and publications collected for the Historic American Buildings Survey in Indiana, 1933-1974. Included are general historical information regarding the buildings, completed survey forms, architectural drawings and floor plans, field notes, maps, photographs, correspondence, and printed items for various survey buildings in Indiana and the First Private Bank of Niles, Michigan. Records are arranged in alphabetical order by name of city, town, or county. There is also a significant amount of historical research regarding the downtown area of Madison, Indiana. Other locations for which there is a substantial amount of material are Indianapolis, New Harmony, Vevay, and Vincennes.

The collection also includes correspondence and records regarding the survey's operations and relevant publications on a national level. Among these materials are project bulletins, 1933-1934, records of projects completed and not taken up, 1933-1934, projects schedule for Indiana, 1934, and a list of the historic buildings in Indiana, 1940. There are also local Indiana building surveys taken between 1955 and 1964, one reel of microfilm (F1165) of measured drawings of

Indiana HABS building's produced by the Library of Congress, 1974. There are eight sets of architectural drawings from the 1978 Madison, Indiana Survey (OM 330)

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## BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

### **BOX 1: Records, 1933-1934; Indiana Buildings, Corydon- Lawrenceburg FOLDER**

- 1: Bulletins, 1933-1934
- 2: Catalogue of Completed Records, 1933-1934
- 3: Projects Completed, May 10, 1934
- 4: Projects Not Taken Up, May 10, 1934
- 5: Projects Schedule, District 24, 1934
- 6: Historic Buildings of Indiana, 1940
- 7: Maps of Indiana Showing Locations of Projects, n.d.
- 8: Corydon--Old State Capitol, Folder 1
- 9: Corydon--Old State Capitol, Folder 2
- 10: Corydon--Old State Capitol, Folder 3
- 11: Evansville--Willard Carpenter House
- 12: Fairfield--Logan Cabin
- 13: Fort Wayne--William G. Ewing House
- 14: Fort Wayne--Swinney Homestead
- 15: Hanover College--John Finley Crowe House
- 16: Hanover College--YMCA
- 17: Indianapolis--Christ Church, Folder 1
- 18: Indianapolis--Christ Church, Folder 2
- 19: Indianapolis--Vinton-Pierce Place, Folder 1
- 20: Indianapolis--Vinton-Pierce Place, Folder 2
- 21: Indianapolis--Macy House
- 22: Jeffersonville--Grisamore House
- 23: LaPorte County--Augustine Home

24: Lawrenceburg--Vance-Tousey House

**BOX 2: Indiana Buildings, Madison  
FOLDER**

1: Madison--Bachman House (See also OM 330, ffF10, Folder 1)

2: Madison--Brunning Carriage House

3: Madison--Christ Episcopal Church

4: Madison--Colby-Jeffery House

5: Madison--Main St. Commercial Buildings

6: Madison--Datillo Fruit Company

7: Madison--Devenish-Haigh House

8: Madison--Douglas Restaurant

9: Madison--Eckert-Short House (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 1)

10: Madison--Fairplay Fire Co., No. 1 (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 1)

11: Madison--First Baptist Church (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 1)

12: Madison--Madison Insurance Agency

13: Madison--Madison Presbyterian Church

14: Madison--Main St. Row Houses (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 2)

15: Madison--Masonic Building

16: Madison--Miller Wagon Manufacturing Co.

17: Madison--Mundt's Candy Store

18: Madison--Rachel Haigh House

19: Madison--Rain's Hardware

20: Madison--Rose's Apparel

21: Madison--St. Michael's Catholic Church

22: Madison--Shuh-Leininger House (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 2)

23: Madison--Talbott-Hyatt House (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 2)

24: Madison--Walnut St. Fire Co. No. 4 Building

25: Madison--Washington Fire Co. No. 2

26: Madison--Wheeler's Barber Shop

- 27: Madison--James Lanier Home, Folder 1
- 28: Madison--James Lanier Home, Folder 2
- 29: Madison--James Lanier Home, Folder 3
- 30: Madison--Second Presbyterian Church
- 31: Madison--Shrewsbury House, Folder 1
- 32: Madison--Shrewsbury House, Folder 2
- 33: Madison--Sullivan House
- 34: West Main Street block and East Main Street block (See also OM 330, Flat File: FF 11-h, folder 2)

**BOX 3: Indiana Buildings, Metamora-Vincennes; Surveys, Research, Reports, and Correspondence, 1930s-1974**

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- 1: Metamora--Whitewater Canal Aqueduct
- 2: New Harmony--David Dale Owen House
- 3: New Harmony--Community House No. 2
- 4: New Harmony--Research and Correspondence, 1958-1959
- 5: Newburg--Gaines Hardy Roberts House
- 6: Richmond--City Market House
- 7: Rush County--Kennedy Bridge
- 8: Salem--John Hay Birthplace
- 9: South Bend--Old Court House
- 10: Vevay--Ferry House
- 11: Vevay--Ruter Chapel/Methodist Church, Folder 1
- 12: Vevay--Ruter Chapel/Methodist Church, Folder 2
- 13: Vevay--U.P. Schenck House, Folder 1
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- 15: Vincennes--St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Folder 1
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- 17: Vincennes--W.H. Harrison House, Folder 1
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- 19: Vincennes--W.H. Harrison House, Folder 3

- 20: Niles, Michigan--First Private Bank
- 21: Surveys, 1955-1960, Folder 1
- 22: Surveys, 1955-1960, Folder 2
- 23: Surveys, 1962-1974
- 24: Check List of Subjects, 1959-1963
- 25: General Reports, Notes, & Correspondence, 1930s
- 26: Correspondence, 1958

**BOX 4: Publications, 1936-1971  
FOLDER**

- 1: Circular of Information, 1936
- 2: Library of Congress Catalog, 1938
- 3: Advisory List to National Register, 1969
- 4: Indiana Catalog, 1971

**BOX 5: Photographs of Historic Buildings (Stored in Visual Collections)  
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- 1: Corydon--Old State Capitol
- 2: Evansville--Willard Carpenter House
- 3: Fairfield--Logan Cabin
- 4: Fort Wayne--William G. Ewing House
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## CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Historic American Buildings Survey

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Historic American Buildings Survey

Lanier, J. F. D. (James Franklin Doughty), 1800-1881--Homes and haunts

James F.D. Lanier Home

Historic preservation--Indiana

Historic buildings--Indiana--Conservation and restoration

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Churches--Indiana--Conservation and restoration  
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Vevay (Ind.)--Buildings--Conservation and restoration  
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Indiana--Capital and capitol  
Corydon (Ind.)--Buildings--Conservation and restoration

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