

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

1. HISTORIC NAME MORRIS PLAN/CENTRAL UNION BANK
2. OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC ☒ PRIVATE

NAME HULMAN & CO.
ADDRESS _____

3. LOCATION NOTES DONATION ENL., SUB. OF 177 LOTS

4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: 1 & 2 20-21-12
☒ YES ☐ NO



IDENTIFICATION

5. USE PRESENT PAST 8. CATEGORY
Residential (sing.) ☐ ☐ DISTRICT
Residential (mult.) ☐ ☐ ☒ BUILDING(S)
Commerce BANK ☐ ☒ STRUCTURE
Industrial ☐ ☐ SITE
Agriculture ☐ ☐ OBJECT
Transportation ☐ ☐
Organization ☐ ☐
Military ☐ ☐
Political ☐ ☐
Unknown ☐ ☐
Vacant ☐ ☐
Other UTILITY CO. ☒ ☐

8. ENDANGERED
☒ NO
YES/BY WHAT _____

7. ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES/RESTRICTED
☐ YES/UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

9. DATE 1929-30
10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER
McGUIRE & SHOOK
OF INDIANAPOLIS

CLASSIFICATION/DATE

11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH CEN. 1800-1860 1861-1899 ☒ 1900-PRESENT

12. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	

SIGNIFICANCE

13. STYLE

☐ Federal
☐ Greek Revival
☐ Gothic Revival
☐ Italianate
☐ Second Empire
☐ Stick Style/Eastlake
☐ Queen Anne
☐ Romanesque Revival
☐ Colonial Revival
☐ Neo-Classical
☐ Bungalow
☐ Vernacular
☒ Other (Specify) ART DECO

14. CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR
☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

16. SITE INTEGRITY

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

17. OUTBUILDINGS/SECONDARY STRUCTURES

☒ NO
☐ YES

15. ALTERATIONS

☐ UNALTERED
☒ MINOR
☐ MAJOR

18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT

☒ NO
☐ YES/NAME _____

DESCRIPTION

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) DOWNTOWN, ONE BLOCK
OFF WALKWAY. ONE OF 3 IMPORTANT MODERNISTIC OR ART DECO
BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN (OTHERS ARE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND INDIANA
BELL TELEPHONE CO.).

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR EVANSVILLE PRESS 7/24/78;
COURIER 9/26/30, CENTRAL UNION BANK SUPPLEMENT.

21. PREPARED BY N. LONG 22. DATE 8/1/78

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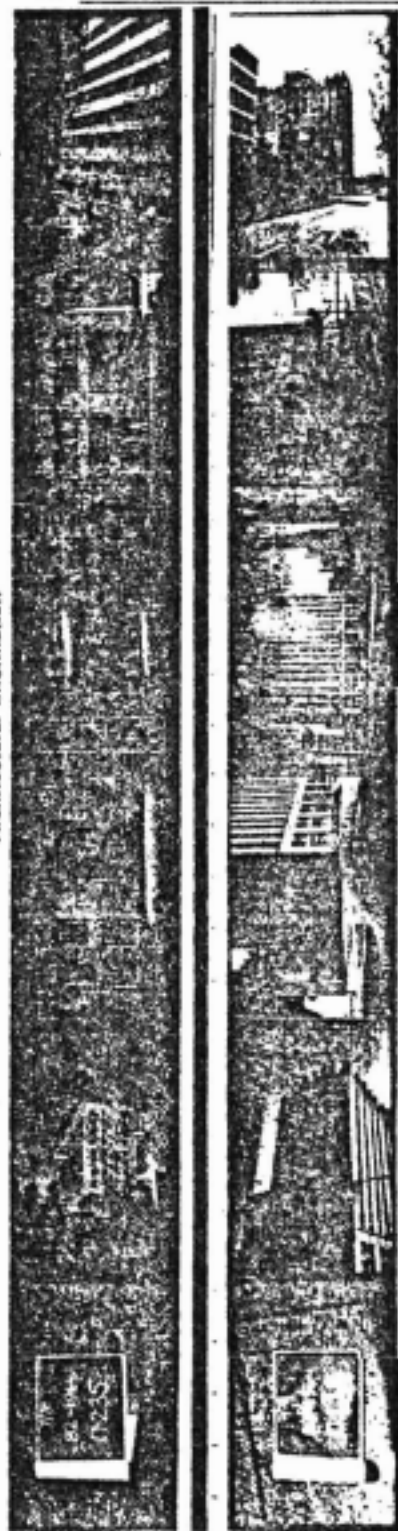
TEN STORY BUILDING WAS ORIGINALLY
CENTRAL UNION BANK; NOW OCCUPIED BY
SO. INDIANA GAS & ELECTRIC CO. AND
OTHER OFFICES, SINCE 1938.

FACED WITH GRANITE AT THE FOUNDA-
TION LEVEL, FIRST 2 STORIES ARE OF
INDIANA LIMESTONE. REMAINING STORIES
ARE BUFF-COLORED BRICK. VERTICALITY
IS EMPHASIZED BY PIERS THAT ARE
CONTINUOUS FROM THE SECOND FLOOR
LEVEL TO THE TOP, WHERE THEY END
IN A LIMESTONE PARAPET FEATURING
A STEPPED OR SET-BACK DESIGN ON
EACH PIER, AND FLAT, LOW-RELIEF
ORNAMENTATION CHARACTERISTIC OF
THE ART DECO STYLE.

DOUBLEHUNG WINDOWS ARE SEPARATED
AT EACH FLOOR LEVEL BY ALUMINUM
SPANDRELS FEATURING A ZIG-ZAG
DESIGN. OTHER ART DECO MOTIFS
APPEARING IN BOTH STONE & METAL ARE
SUNRISE AND FLORAL PATTERNS, CHEVRONS,
STEPPED WINDOW HEADS AND WAVES.
BOTH THE FOURTH ST. & SYCAMORE ST.
ENTRANCES EMPLOY METAL GRILLWORK
AND ARE FLANKED BY OCTAGONAL LIGHT
FIXTURES.

INTERIOR OF LOBBY & BANKING ROOM
WAS ORIGINALLY DONE BY OHMER, INC. OF
DAYTON, OHIO. MODERNISTIC STYLE IS
CARRIED OUT IN MARBLE & BRASS, PLASTER
MOLDING, LIGHT FIXTURES. BANKING ROOM
RESTORED 1978.

Architectural Information



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Additional Architectural Information

A. NAME Morris Plan Central Union Bank
Hulman Building C. NUMBER 82-196-0235

B. ADDRESS 20 NW Fourth Street

D. UTM References 16 449760 4202690

E. Architectural drawings for the building indicate that it was constructed for the Morris Plan and the Central Union Bank. ✓ While the thrift institution survives, the bank was apparently a victim of the 1929 Crash, an event which unfortunately coincided with the untimely erection of this skyscraper in 1929-30. The Hulman Company, a prominent Indiana name, acquired the building afterward, and it eventually became the home of the local utility company.

The building was erected according to the plans of the well-known Indianapolis firm of McGuire and Shook. Hailed as Evansville's first tall building of the Modern Movement, the Hulman Building is noteworthy for its fine Art Deco ornament and its elegant, soaring quality. Its current owners have undertaken a recent restoration of the main banking room and plan further sympathetic renovations.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES Architectural Renderings and Photographs in
the possession of the Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company.
City Directories.

G. PREPARED BY Douglas L. Stern H. DATE 22 December 1981

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

*Downtown Evansville MRA*Property: Morris Plan Central Union Bank
State, County: IN, Vanderburgh
Federal Agency: _____Working No. 5/20/82-1506Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83Date Due: 6/12/82 - 7/4/82Action: ACCEPT 7/1/82

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Entered in the
National Register

photos _____

maps _____

- _____ resubmission
 _____ nomination by person or local government
 _____ owner objection
 _____ appeal

Substantive Review: _____ sample _____ request _____ appeal _____ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: 1 technical corrections cited below
 _____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
_____ excellent	_____ deteriorated	_____ unaltered	_____ original site
_____ good	_____ ruins	_____ altered	_____ moved date _____
_____ fair	_____ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- _____ summary paragraph
 _____ completeness
 _____ clarity
 _____ alterations/integrity
 _____ dates
 _____ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

provide acreage

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE RESOURCES

Vanderburgh County, Indiana

N. Long, DMD 1977 *Hulman Building*

#3/: view southwest of
20 N.W. Fourth Street

Morris plan Central Union Bank

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000186