9. Major Bibliographical References

Hermansen, David, Book of Indiana Courthouses. Muncie, Indiana. Ball State University

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approx. 1½ acres

Quadrangle name Plymouth Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	527630	4571690	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification One city block named Court House Square. The block measures 254' East & West x 252' North & South. Bounded on North by Madison St., on the South by Jefferson St., on the East by Center St., and on the West by Walnut St., in the Original Plat of the City of Plymouth

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Harriet J. Scheetz, Marshall County Auditor Judy Hite, Deputy Auditor
organization	County Building
date	May 13, 1982
street & number	112 West Jefferson St.
telephone	219/935-8505
city or town	Plymouth
state	Indiana

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X 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 J. M. Rubin

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 5-16-83

For NPS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

NPS Form 10-900
(3-82)

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Exp. 10-31-84

FINAL

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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received

date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Marshall County Court House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 117 West Jefferson Street N/A not for publication

city, town Plymouth N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Marshall code 099

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	X public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	X government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	N/A	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Marshall County Commissioners

street & number 112 West Jefferson St.

city, town Plymouth N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46365

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number County Building
112 W. Jefferson St.

city, town Plymouth state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date N/A
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Marshall County Courthouse, unlike most courthouses in the state, is not located in the business district of Plymouth, but is sited on a large square surrounded mostly by residences. The brick and limestone building was completed in 1872, according to the designs of G. P. Randall of Chicago. Its interesting combination of the Italian Villa and Renaissance Revival styles is very similar to that of the Elkhart County Courthouse, designed at about the same time by Barrows and Garnsey, also of Chicago.

The two-story courthouse is rectangular in plan, with a rock-faced limestone foundation, brick walls, hipped roof, and central bell tower. Grand, pedimented pavilions mark the main entrances on the longer east and west sides. These central pavilions are approached by broad stairs, leading up to the rusticated limestone ground floor. A double-door entrance is flanked by a double-hung window on each side, all set into segmentally-arched openings. Resting on the limestone ground floor are four stone Corinthian columns, which support the pediment. Behind the columns, the brick wall surface is pierced by three, round-arched windows, with stone hood molds.

Flanking the central entrance pavilion, the rest of the ground floor is of brick, with segmentally-arched windows set into stone surrounds with keystones. The corners are marked by vermiculated quoins. A heavy molded stone belt course separates the ground floor from the second story. This story features round-arched windows, like those behind the central pavilion. Second story windows at the south end of the building are shorter and feature stained glass. Corner quoins at this level are smooth dressed stone.

A frieze and cornice with modillions outline the roof edge. Above the lead-coated copper roof is the bell tower. Resting on a pedestal base, the tower features two columns supporting a pediment with three, round-arched, louvered openings on each side. A mansard roof topped with a spire displays a clock on each face, completing the ensemble.

The ends of the building feature paired openings in a slightly projecting, pedimented central bay, with single openings on each side. Openings are similar to those already described.

Several remodelings have taken place since 1872. In 1913-14, $45,000 was appropriated for the fitting of several new rooms, installation of a steam heating plant, installation of Vermont white marble in the halls and entrances, and tiling of floors. In 1964-65, $22,620 was spent on the repair of outside steps, roof repairs, and replacement of deteriorating roof cornices. In 1968, the original entrance doors were replaced with modern steel and glass doors.

In 1974, additional courtrooms were created, and some offices were improved. The original copper roof was replaced in 1981.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	X politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

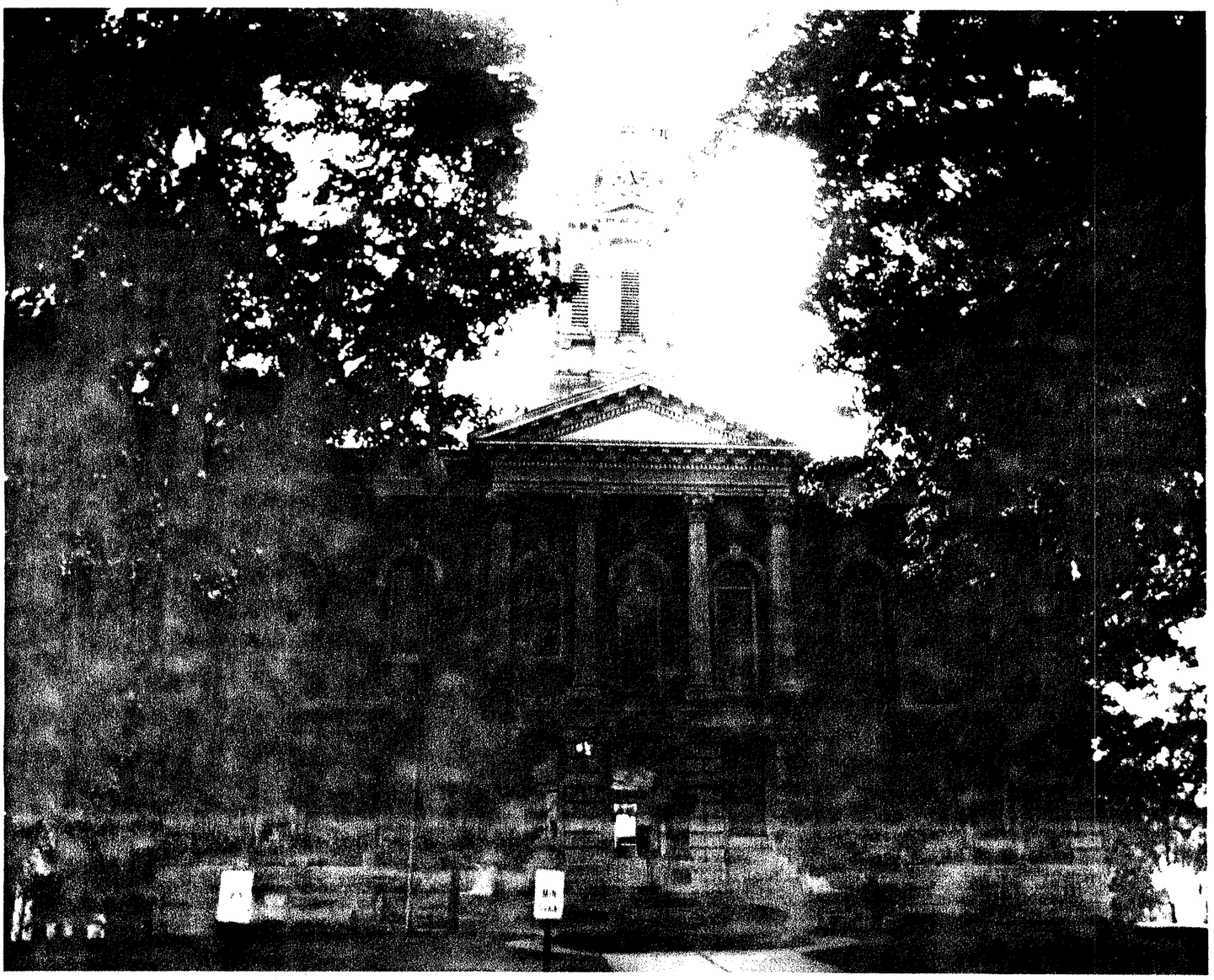
Specific dates 1870-1872 **Builder/Architect** G. P. Randall, Chicago, Illinois

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Marshall County Courthouse is significant as a good example of 19th century eclecticism, and as the seat of County government for over 110 years.

The present courthouse is the third to be constructed for Marshall County. Construction was begun in August, 1870, and completed in 1872. The building was designed by G. P. Randall, of Chicago; contractors were Epperson and Favorite, of Lafayette, Indiana. It is very similar in appearance to the Elkhart County Courthouse, designed by another Chicago architect at about the same time, effectively combining the Italianate and Renaissance styles.

Unlike most Indiana courthouses, the Marshall County Courthouse is sited away from the center of downtown, in a primarily residential area. Although most County offices are now located in another building, this building still houses the Circuit, Superior, and County Courts, and the Circuit Court Clerk's office.



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Pilot News, Plymouth	Location of photo
East side, camera facing West	View
#3	Photo Number
7/4/82	Date

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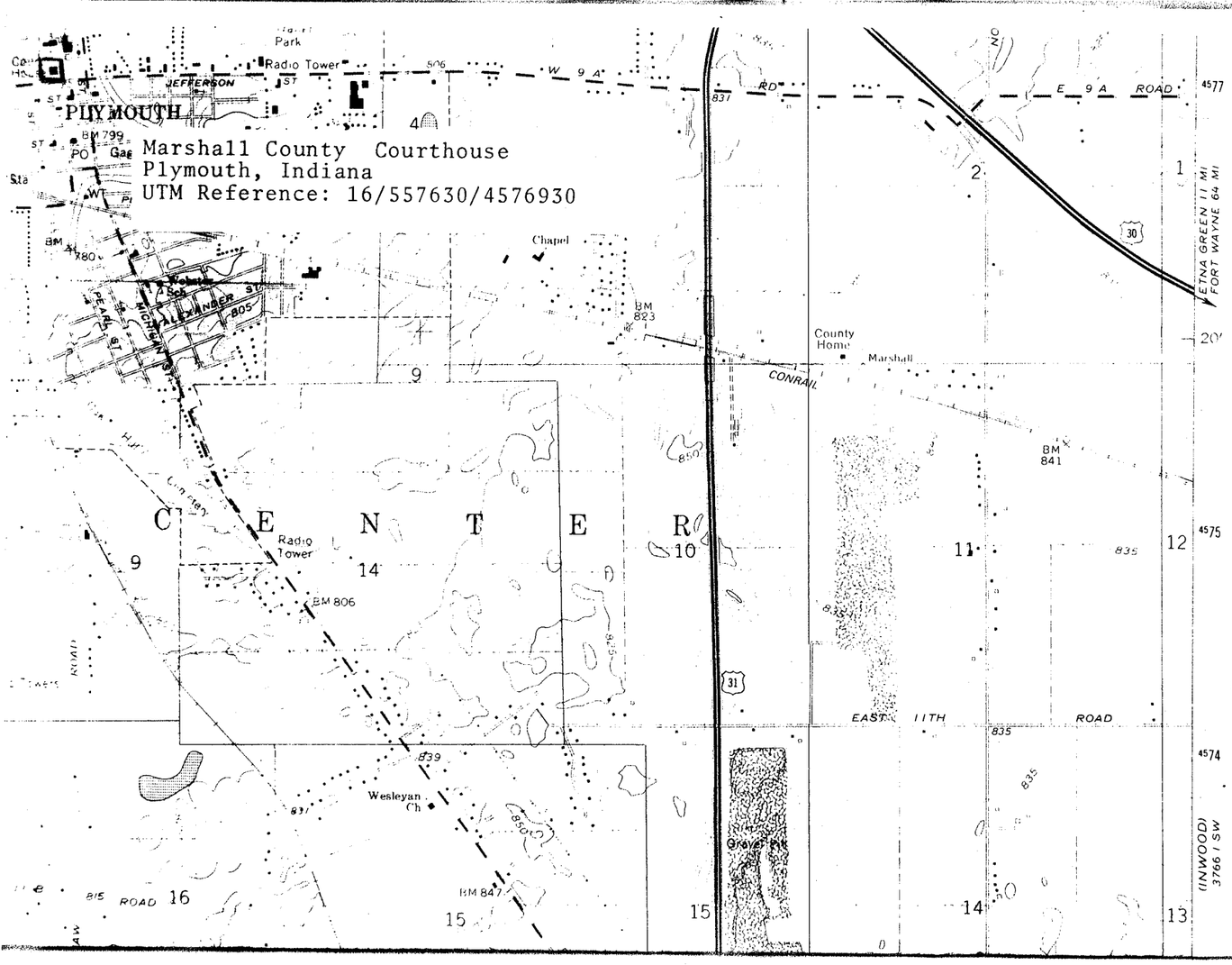
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