



Courthouse Markers - 04.1995.1, 11.2001.1, 53.2001.1, 57.1999.1, and 16.1980.1
Multiple Counties
Marker Text Review Report
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Report

The text of IHB courthouse markers generally follows a pattern, giving general information on the formation of the county/county seat, information on the building itself (designer, architectural style, building materials), dates of construction and expansion, and the date of listing in the National Register of Historic Places, when applicable. This review report addresses the courthouse markers that follow this pattern, for which IHB research files did not exist when the text review process began:

04.1995.1 Benton County Courthouse
11.2001.1 Clay County Courthouse
53.2001.1 Monroe County Courthouse
57.1999.1 Noble County Seat/Noble County Courthouse
16.1980.1 Decatur County Court House

IHB no longer marks standing historic courthouses, unless they have a broader national or state significance. Current IHB guidelines require primary documentation to support all information on a marker. Most of these marker texts rely on National Register of Historic Places nomination forms as the main source of supporting information. National Register of Historic Places registration forms are secondary sources of varying reliability depending on the breadth of research performed by the applicant. IHB has enlisted the aid of agency partners to complete the files for these five markers, seeking copies of primary sources from local repositories.

Learn More

To learn more about topics of local interest, IHB recommends exploring local resources, such as public libraries, historical societies, and museums. The courthouse itself is an excellent place to start—many courthouses have docent-led or self-guided tours and archival materials on site. Contact the [courthouse clerk](#) for assistance. Other resources:

Examples of the quality and breadth of documentation required for a complete marker file appear in IHB's review of the [Bartholomew County Courthouse](#) (03.2000.1) and may be reviewed by appointment.

For courthouses listed in the [National Register of Historic Places](#), the NRHP nomination form may give some clues. For additional assistance in locating resources relating to historic preservation and architecture in Indiana, contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, [Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology](#) and the non-profit organization, [Indiana Landmarks](#).

For more information on the formation of Indiana counties, see [Indiana Boundaries](#) and [Origins of Indiana County Names](#).

For information on courthouse preservation in Indiana, see the [Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission](#).

Indiana Judicial Branch offers [Virtual Tours](#) of county courthouses.