

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCRS use only  
received JUN 9 1981  
date entered JUL 29 1981

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

**1. Name**

historic Plymouth Fire Station

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 220 North Center Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Plymouth \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Indiana code 018 county Marshall code 099

**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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<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 City of Plymouth

street & number 124 North Michigan Street

city, town Plymouth \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Indiana 46563

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number 601 North Center Street

city, town Plymouth \_\_\_\_\_ state Indiana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title NONE has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state

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## 7. Description

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

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Plymouth Fire Station is a painted brick structure, facing west on Center Street in the heart of downtown Plymouth. The building stands two stories high, with a 59-foot bell tower on its southwest corner. The ground level of the main facade has a round-arched pedestrian entrance and large overhead door on the main building, and another pedestrian entrance in the bell tower. The bell tower entrance has a four-light window directly above the door.

The second story of the main facade has three four-over-four windows in the main building, with rounded corners on the heads. Heads and sills are of brick. An identical window is located in the bell tower.

Above the center window is a stone that reads "Engine House, 1875." The main building is topped by a parapet on the facade, with tile coping. On the bell tower is a circular opening, now filled in by a blank panel. The tower is capped with a square open pavilion, formed by square columns supporting a bracketed cornice.

The south side of the building has three bays, with windows like those on the front. A one-story addition obscures the ground floor. The north side has openings only on the rear portion, and also has a one-story addition the full length, with an overhead door.

Changes to the exterior include the overhead door, which replaced two smaller arched openings, as well as the two one-story additions. Also, the parapet was changed from a simple rectangle to a stepped wall.

Inside, the first floor originally consisted of one large room in which the fire fighting equipment was kept. The floor was designed with grooves in it to provide traction for the horses as they raced to answer an alarm. The upper story of the new building had two rooms, one for the use of the fire department, and the other used as a city council chamber and Mayor's office.

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Firefighting
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

**Specific dates** 1875      **Builder/Architect** Robert McCance and W.P. Beaton

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Plymouth Fire Station is historically significant as the city's only fire station from its construction in 1875 until a new station was built in 1980.

The building was constructed by contractors Robert McCance and W. P. Beaton in late 1875, for a cost of \$4,200. Possession of the building was taken by the city on February 21, 1876, and the dedication was marked with a grand ball. In its early years, the building also served as the town hall, with offices for the fire department and the mayor.

The building is significant to the community as one of the oldest in the town, and for its continuous use as the only fire station in Plymouth for 105 years. The building presently houses the City's ambulance service.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, Daniel, History of Marshall County, Indiana: 1836-1880. Chicago: Kingman Brothers 1881.

Durnan, Mary, "From Buckets to Snorkles: A History of the Plymouth Fire Department," The Marshall County Historical Society Quarterly. Plymouth: The Marshall County Historical Society,

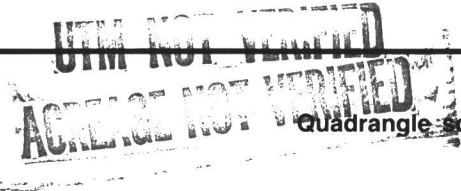
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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Plymouth, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000



### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot Number Forty-eight (48) in the Original Plat of the Town, now City of Plymouth

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ronald D. Gifford, City Attorney

organization City of Plymouth date July, 1980

street & number 309 East Jefferson Street telephone 219/936-2169

city or town Plymouth state Indiana

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

James M. Ridenour  
title State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 3, 1981

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

Alma Byers Entered in the National Register date 7/9/81

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
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Item number 9

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January, 1976, and April, 1976.

JANUARY, 1976  
Vol. V, No. 1

# THE MARSHALL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY



#### ABOUT OUR COVER PHOTO.....

This month the Historical Society salutes the 100th birthday of the Plymouth Fire Station building. Constructed in 1875 at a cost of \$4,200 and changed little architecturally in the intervening years, the building has served the community well. Probably taken in the spring of 1876, the photo shows the completed building, proud members of the fire companies in uniform, their various pieces of fire fighting equipment and, perched on the fence to the right, young boys of the town who, then as now, had a special fascination with this exciting aspect of community life.

JUN 9 1981

DUE 7/8/81 - 7/24/81 dnr-3

Name Plymouth Fire Station  
State, County W. Virginia Marshall Fed Nom or Request-Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Working Number 609.81.196 Federal Register Date 2.2.82

Nomination  
 Determination of Eligibility  
 On Nomination Form

Bldg(s)  
 Site  
 Object  
 Structure  
 District

Within:  
 Multiple Resource Area  
 Thematic Group

Maps 1  
Photos 3

Entered in the  
National Register

Nomination prepared by:  
 State Staff  
 Local  
 Other

Action:  
 ACCEPT 7/9/81  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Appropriate:  
 State Request for Review  
 Keeper's Decision to Review  
 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Good	Adequate	Poor	Comments
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2. Significance Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
3. Concepts/Integrity				
4. Concepts/Criteria				
5. Concepts/Boundaries				
6. Contextual Evaluation				

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date \_\_\_\_\_

See Attached \_\_\_\_\_



ENGINE  
HOUSE  
1892.

Plymouth Fire Station

Plymouth, Indiana

Jan Garrison July, 1980

Neg: Plymouth Pilot-News

Camera facing east

Photo #1 of 3

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Plymouth Fire Station

Plymouth, Indiana

Jan Garrison July, 1980 JUN 9 1981

Neg: Plymouth Pilot-News-

Camera facing southeast

Photo #2 of 3

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*Marshall  
County*



Plymouth Fire Station

Plymouth, Indiana

Howard Borvig May, 1980

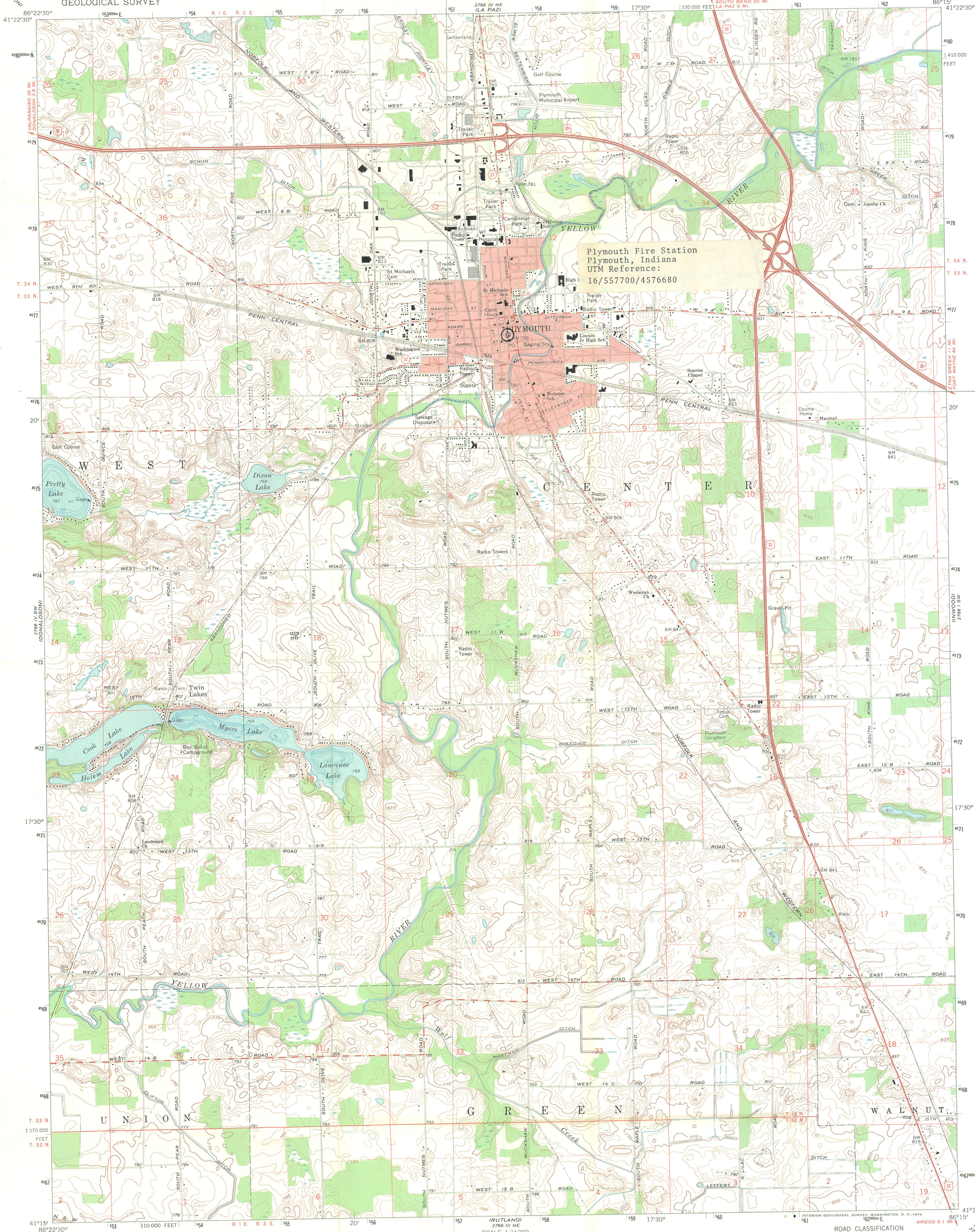
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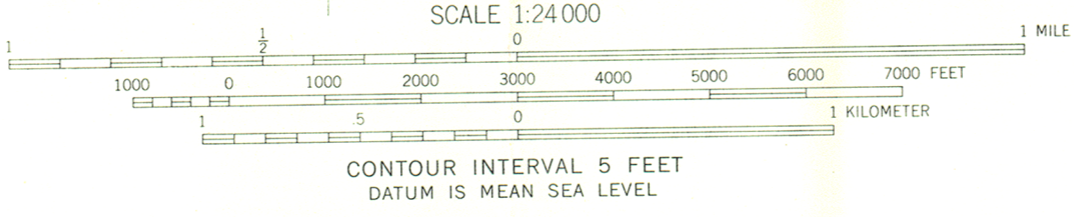
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Plymouth, Indiana  
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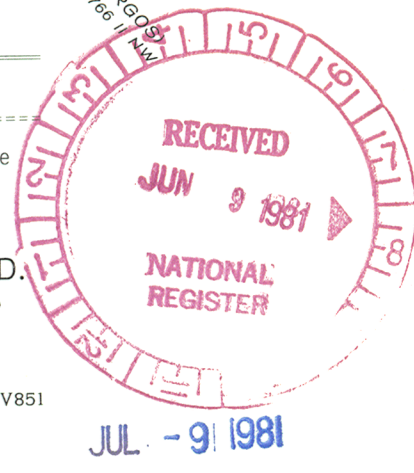
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Indiana Flood Control  
and Water Resources Commission  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1956. Topography by planetable surveys 1957. Revised  
from aerial photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1972  
Depth curves and soundings compiled from USGS-Indiana  
Department of Natural Resources lake charts  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Indiana coordinate system, east zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Interstate Route  
Light duty road, hard or improved surface  
Unimproved road  
U. S. Route  
State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

PLYMOUTH, IND.  
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**The Board of Commissioners of the  
County of Marshall, Indiana**

COUNTY BUILDING  
PLYMOUTH, INDIANA 46563

December 31st, 1980

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Registration and Survey Section  
Division of Historic Preservation,  
Indiana State Museum  
202 North Alabama Street  
Indianapolis, In 46504

Sirs:

We have been advised application has been made to place the Plymouth Fire Station and the East LaPorte Street Iron Footbridge on the National Register.

The members of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners are on record as having approved this application.

They hope serious consideration will be given to the preservation of these treasured landmarks of this area.

Very truly yours



Harriet J Scheetz  
County Auditor

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JUN 9 1981

# STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANAPOLIS, 46204

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JAMES M. RIDENOUR  
DIRECTOR

Division of Historic Preservation  
Indiana State Museum  
202 North Alabama Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

June 3, 1981

Carol D. Shull  
Acting Chief of Registration  
D O I  
W 434  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is a National Register Nomination for the Plymouth Fire Station, 220 North Center Street, Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, and two pages of related correspondence.

The Indiana Professional Review Board reviewed the nomination, and voted to recommend its inclusion in the National Register.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Gantz  
Assistant to the  
State Historic Preservation Officer

RAG:dmp

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL MATERIAL SENT

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE INDIANA

Date Entered JUL - 9 1981

Name

Location

**Plymouth Fire Station**

**Plymouth  
Marshall County**

Also Notified

**Honorable Richard G. Lugar**

**Honorable Dan Quayle  
Honorable Floyd J. Fithian**  
Midwest Region, nps

**State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. James M. Ridenour  
Director  
Department of Natural Resources  
608 State Office Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202) ~~343-6401~~

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