

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Tipton County Jail & Sheriff's Residence

and/or common Tipton County Jail & Sheriff's Residence

2. Location

street & number 203 South West Street N/A not for publication

city, town Tipton N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Tipton code 159

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Tipton County, Indiana

street & number c/o Tipton County Commissioners, Court House

city, town Tipton N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46072

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office (Deed Record 31, page 77)

street & number Court House

city, town Tipton state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Tipton County Jail and Sheriff's Residence is located at the southeast corner of Madison and West Streets in downtown Tipton.

The building is composed of a two and one-half story, hip/gable roof residence on the west and a two story, gable roof jail on the east. There is a three story, square, pyramidal roof tower on the north facade between the two sections. The entire structure is red, common bond brick with Berea stone trim, and a St. Paul stone foundation.

The residence section is basically cubic in form and three bays (west facade) by four bays wide. The basic form of the slate roof is hipped. There is a one-bay, gable roof extension in the southernmost bay of the front (west side) of this section. A one story wood porch (not original), the same depth as the extension, extends across the other two bays of the front. Steps of Oolitic limestone lead up to the porch. The main entry is in the central bay of this facade. It is an oak double door with plate glass in the upper half.

First and second story windows on the west side are double-hung with one light in each sash, except for the first story window in the extension, a single sash with a transom. Except for windows opening onto the porch, which have plain stone lintels, west facade windows have stone label molds. Above the door in the central bay is a pair of windows which are narrower but otherwise like other second story, west facade windows. Windows in the remainder of the house are double-hung with one light in each sash, and have plain stone sills and lintels.

The residence section has three chimneys. Two are on the south side of the building. The other is located between the westernmost and the adjacent bay of the north side. It projects slightly from the facade and extends from the roof at the top point of a gable which crosses the roof over those two bays. This chimney is topped with stone coping.

There are four hip roof dormers, two in the west hip, one in the north hip, and one in the east hip. Each of these has rectangular, grouped windows except for one in the west hip, which has a round window.

The house has a metal, dentiled cornice. There are twin copper finials at the top of the roof. The west gable has a decorated metal tympanum. Above the second story windows is a molded, metal band. Between the first and second story is molded stone banding. Between the first and second story windows on the west extension is a decorative stone spandrel panel.

The tower, which projects slightly from the north facade, is one bay wide. It is brick except for the first story, which is stone, and has stone trim in alternating rock-faced and dressed bands. There is a double door, transomed entrance with a molded stone head. On the second level is a rectangular window with metal bars. At the top are paired, double-hung windows with one light in each sash. There is a chimney at the rear (south side) of the tower.

The tower cornice is similar to that on the residence. There is a copper finial on the top of the slate roof. The tower has smooth stone banding and alternating smooth and rough stone quoins.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1894-5 **Builder/Architect** Pearce & Morgan/Adolph Scherrer

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tipton County Jail and Sheriff's Residence is significant for its architecture as a representation of the work of Adolph Scherrer, an important, late 19th and early 20th century Indiana architect, and as one of the more elaborate houses in this small farming community. It is also important for its role in County government.

Scherrer was born in Switzerland in 1849. He studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna before coming to the United States in 1870. After practicing in New York and Chicago, he came to Indianapolis in 1873 and went to work for Edwin May, a leading architect of the day. May had the commission to design the State Capitol, but died before it was completed. Scherrer took over the work on the building, finished in 1888, and is on record as supervising architect. Among the buildings which Scherrer designed are the City Hospital (now Wishard Memorial Hospital), 1875; the Gateway and Office Building of Crown Hill Cemetery, 1885; and the Tipton County Courthouse, erected in 1893-94.

The Tipton County Jail and Sheriff's Residence was built in 1894-95 at a cost of \$40,000. The contractor for the building was the Indianapolis firm of Pearce and Morgan. At the time the structure was completed, it was considered by the Board of State Charities to be one of the finest jails in Indiana. Virtually unaltered, it is still in use as a jail and Sheriff's residence.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Tipton County Commissioner's Record Q
Blanchard, Charles. History of Howard & Tipton Counties, Indiana. Chicago: F.A. Battey & Co., 1883.
Pershing, M. W. History of Tipton County, Indiana. Indianapolis: B.F. Bowen and Company, 1914.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Tipton

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	5	8	1	3	8	0	4	4	5	9	1	3	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

156 feet off the whole West end of Lot 2 in Block 14 in the Original Plat of the City of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary H. Heron

organization Tipton Co. Historical Society date November 1, 1981

street & number 117 Court Street telephone 317/675-4685

city or town Tipton state Indiana 46072

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date April 9, 1984

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

5/17/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The jail section is rectangular in plan, six bays (north facade) by three bays wide, two stories high, and has a low pitched gable roof, and a parapet at the east end. It has a dentiled, metal cornice, and is brick with smooth stone banding and alternating smooth and rough stone quoins. Windows are rectangular and have metal bars. At the rear (south side) is a one story, brick garage addition, constructed in 1969.

The interior of the residence has 12 foot ceilings, carved oak mantels, white oak woodwork and wainscoting, white oak and white pine floors, bronze hardware, and a four foot wide stairway with a spindled balustrade.

The jail is entered from the residence through a paneled iron door in a rear hallway. The cell block is constructed with a walkway around the perimeter and a walkway down the center with a group of cells on either side.

At the north end of a hall, at the base of the tower, is a cast iron stairway which leads to the second floor cell block.