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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC John Sutton Hall

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Indiana University of Penna. Campus

CITY, TOWN Indiana

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12

STATE Pa.

VICINITY OF

CODE 42

COUNTY Indiana

CODE

063

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE           | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH              | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT          |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE      |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS              |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT             |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC             |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL             |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION         |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:                 |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Commonwealth of Pa.- administered by Indiana University of Pa.

STREET & NUMBER and the Pa. Dept. of Education

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Indiana County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 8th and Philadelphia Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Indiana

STATE

Pa.

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Designed by James W. Drum of Pittsburgh in Italiante-Victorian style, John Sutton Hall was built by the Voris, Haigh, and Gregg Company with solid brick walls. The building has five floors. As in the case of most buildings of this period, each story is rather tall and the fenestration tends to be high and narrow. The windows are sashed, with two lights over two, and each window has an ornamental segmental lintel. There is a handsome portal on the front of the central pavilion which is flanked by verandahs. Above this portal on the low-pitched roof is an open wooden cupola in the Italiante style. The ends of the building contain hipped gables. Brick quoins accentuate the building's corners.

On the interior, each pavilion as well as each connecting wing is bi-sected by a wide tall corridor on each floor, the hall being flanked by principals offices or (on the upper floors) dormitory rooms. At the rear of the central pavilion, on the first floor is a long and wide reception room ( the Blue Room) which was much refurbished about 1910 with Classical columns and plaster reproduction of famous scultural relief. Above this long room is the two storied formal chapel with its long, narrow windows; it has been subdivided much to its detriment.

The building today appears much the same as it did when first constructed, except for additions to the north and south wings, which greatly changed the west elevation, and a porch and balcony added to the front. The first major alteration of the original building took place in 1903. In that year one large addition was attached to the south wing and connected a separate dining hall, designed in Romanesque-Victorian style, to the original building. The addition contained a laundry room, kitchen, music conservatory, and additional dormitory space. The wing was named Thomas Sutton Hall.

In 1913 an addition was built to the dining hall, and a large annex was added to the north wing of the original structure to provide more domitory space.

In 1939 another annex was added to Thomas Sutton dining hall, and in the late 1950's fire towers were constructed within the building and at the end of each wing. The building when completed was nearly self-sufficient, and had over 160 rooms.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Sutton Hall, which is exactly one hundred years old, is probably the most important architectural monument in Indiana. It belongs to a building type -- the large monumental collegiate structure -- that in the mid- and late- nineteenth century in America was fairly common. The "style" of these structures could be various but the basic form of the structure was that of the European Renaissance palace, which became in America, the public building. That form consisted of a central pavilion, usually with a cupola, dome, or tower, joined by wings to flanking pavilions. John Sutton conforms very solidly and elegantly to the type. The structure is exceedingly handsome building of the First Italianate style of the 1870's, and is thus related to the old Indiana County Courthouse and Breezedale, the Sutton-Elkin house now on the campus. Since John Sutton Hall occupies a high and commanding position on the campus, the loss of its marching windows and cliff-like walls would be a serious visual and psychological loss to the University.

John Sutton Hall also has significance in the field of education. It has played a role in the lives of all of the school's approximately 37,000 alumni, many of whom have gone on to staff educational institutions, throughout the U. S., particularly on the eastern seaboard. The building originally housed the entire school. In its early days the school trained teachers in elementary education, business, art, and music, as well as providing preparatory courses in Latin, Greek, French, and German. The alumni include important political and educational figures in the Commonwealth.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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| C |      |            |              | D |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Mr. Clarence D. Stephenson, Chairman  
Sally McMurry, Student Aide

ORGANIZATION Committee to Save John Sutton Hall DATE April 3, 1975  
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

STREET & NUMBER R. D. #1 TELEPHONE (717) 787-4363  
Wm Penn Museum, Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN Marion Center STATE Pa.  
Harrisburg

# 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 Executive Director  
Pa. Historical Museum Commission

DATE 5/25/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

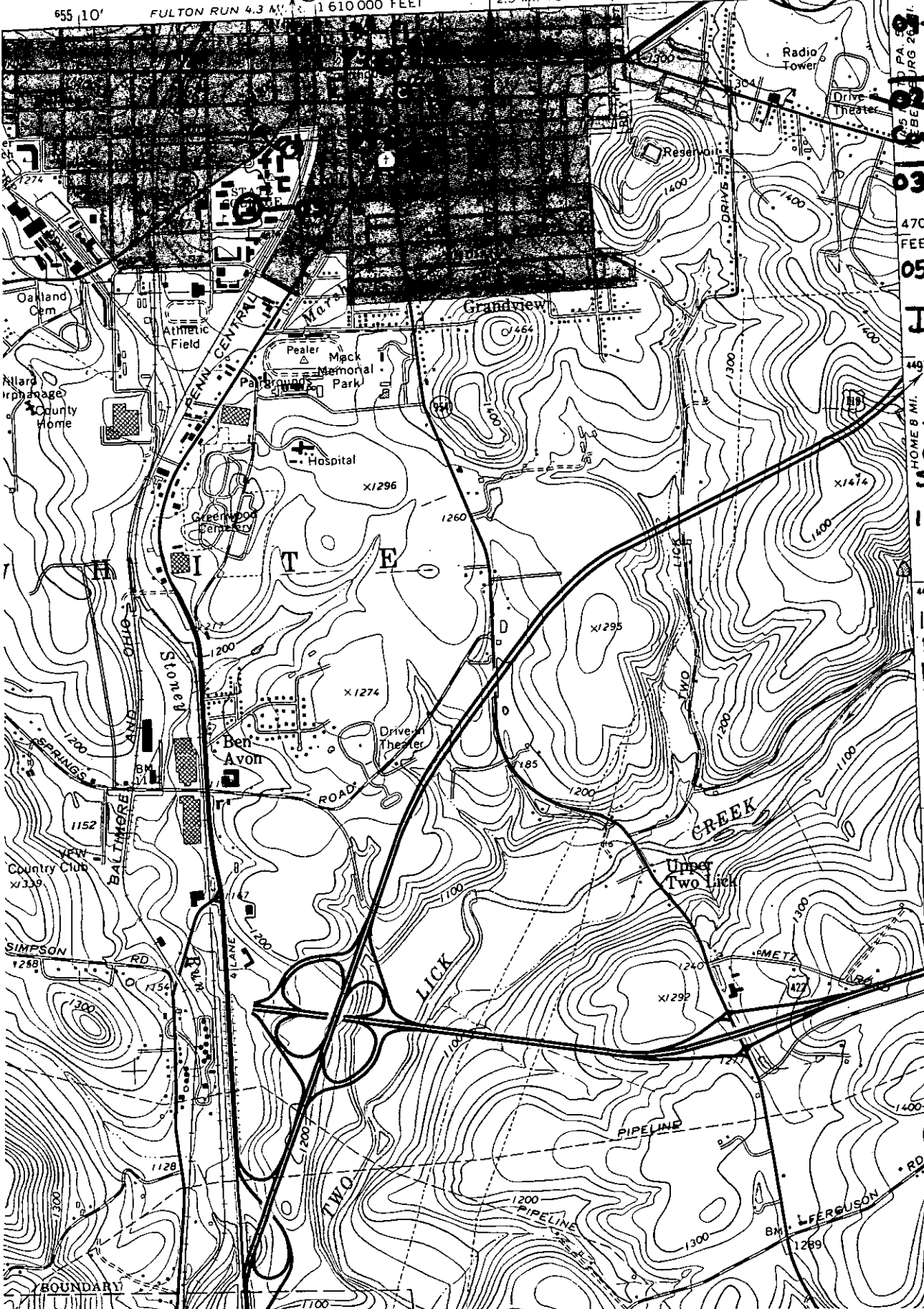
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 PENNSYLVANIA-INDIANA CO.  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



655 10' FULTON RUN 4.3 MI. 1 610 000 FEET

PUNXSUTAWNEY 26 MI.  
 2.5 MI. TO PA. 110

79° 07' 30" Indiana  
 40° 57' 30"



- 01 Clark Memorial Hall
- 02 Old Indiana County Courthouse
- 03 John Sutton Hall  
 Indiana
- 05 James Mitchell House  
 Indiana
- 06 Breezedale  
 INDIANA
- 07 Old Indiana County Jail & Sheriff's office  
 Indiana
- 12 Graff's Market  
 Indiana Co.
- 14 Indiana Borough 1912  
 Municipal Building  
 Indiana Co.
- 15 Indiana Armory
- 16 Downtown  
 Indiana  
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- 17 B, R, PRR  
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