Significance of Historic County Homes in Indiana

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Origins of County Homes

• Almshouses and workhouses established in England and in English colonies, 18\textsuperscript{th} century

• Poor Farms authorized in 1816 Indiana Constitution

• Premise was to provide shelter and food to paupers, orphans, insane, etc. and encourage those able to work
Poor Farms (Asylums) adapted from Residences
Original Switzerland County Poor Asylum, 1832
Former Wayne County Poor Asylum, 1847, Emsley Ham, architect
Influence of Quincy Committee (Massachusetts) and Yates Committee (New York State), 1820s

• Poverty due to moral failings of poor
• Establish almshouses or asylums where able-bodied poor work and get off of poor relief
• Encourage separation of superintendent and family from asylum “inmates”
• Separate men and women
Former Henry County Poor Asylum, 1855-60
Asylums with T-Shaped or Cruciform Plans, occasionally used, 1865-1900
Former Owen County Poor Asylum, 1878
Former Steuben County Poor Asylum, near Angola, 1885
Influence of Indiana State Board of Charities and Corrections, 1889-c. 1925

- Recommended construction of new, fireproof asylum buildings
- Design to include facilities for health care, dining, and recreation
- Children and insane to be removed from poor asylums and sent to special asylums
- Separation of women and men wards in asylum design
Randolph County Infirmary, near Winchester, 1899. William S. Kaufman of Richmond, architect
Tripartite Plan Asylums, 1868-1957
Leverett Street Almshouse, Boston, 1800. Charles Bulfinch, architect
Hendricks County Poor Asylum (now Cypress Manor), 1868-69
Former Knox County Poor Asylum, Vincennes, 1881
Former Koskiusko County Poor Asylum, near Warsaw, 1895-96. Wing and Mahurin, Architects
Carroll County Poor Asylum (now Carroll Manor), Delphi, 1910, Carl J. Horn of Logansport, Architect
Adams County Poor Asylum, 1901, designed by Cuno Kibele, Architect, published in 1911 *The Almshouse: Construction and Management*, by Alexander Johnson
Parkview Home, Clinton County, Frankfort, 1918-22. Charles W. Nicol of Lafayette, Architect
Former Parke County Poor Asylum, Rockville, 1930. Carroll O. Beeson, Architect
Modern County Homes, 1953-59
Addition to Allen County Home, 1953, A.M. Strauss of Fort Wayne, Architect
Howard County Home, 1957, Kenneth Williams of Kokomo, Architect
Former Bartholomew County Home, Columbus, 1959. Harry Weese of Chicago, Architect
Outbuildings
Hay Barn, Former Randolph County Infirmary
Hay Barn, Parkview Home, Clinton County