

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS -
MARION BRANCH, BUILDING NO. 140
(Trash House)
1700 East 38th Street
Marion
Grant County
Indiana

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Location: 1700 East 38th Street, Marion, Grant County, Indiana. Within the original hospital complex, Building No. 140 sits close to the north side of Building No. 20, the hospital kitchen/dining room ell.

The coordinates for Building No. 140 are 40.521097 N, -85.632950 W. These coordinates were obtained in January 2012 and with it is assumed, NAD 1983. There is no restriction on the release of the locational data to the public.

Significance: Building No. 140 was built in 1947 as a trash house for the Marion Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC).

Description: Building No. 140 is a tiny concrete block structure with a wood frame front gable roof and a single doorway in the front (east) elevation. There is a small vent window in the rear gable. The gables have asbestos shingle siding; rest of the exterior walls are concrete block painted white.

History: Building No. 140 was a support structure for the Marion VAMC. This site originally was one of the eleven branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. The NHDVS was a federal institution authorized by Congress in 1865 and charged with caring for Civil War veterans disabled by their military service. Founded in 1889, the Marion Branch was the seventh NHDVS branch and featured a picturesque campus of winding avenues and red brick Queen Anne buildings with wide porches and ornamental balustrades. In 1930 the NHDVS system became part of the new Veterans Administration. Building No. 140 served as trash storage for the closely adjacent hospital kitchen in Building No. 20.

Sources: Hubbard, Nancy J. "Marion Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers Historic District," Grant County, Indiana. National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 1999. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

Historian: Lisa Pfueller Davidson, HABS Historian, 2011

Project

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