

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS -
MARION BRANCH, BUILDING NO. 120
(Pump House No. 3)
1700 East 38th Street
Marion
Grant County
Indiana

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- Location:** 1700 East 38th Street, Marion, Grant County, Indiana. Building No. 120 is directly south of Water Street near the water tower. Building No. 120 is also south of the main entrance gate on 38th Street.
- The coordinates for Building No. 120 are 40.517866 N, -85.635740 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. 120 was built in the mid-1930s as a pump house for the Marion Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC).
- Description:** Building No. 120 is a modest one-story wood frame building with a hipped roof. The foundation is concrete and the walls covered with white aluminum siding. The front (south) elevation has one opening – wood panel door placed off-center to the east. The other three elevations have small square window openings that are now boarded up. The interior was not accessed.
- History:** Building No. 120 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 as the seventh NHDVS branch, the Marion Branch 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. 120 was built as a pump house during 1936 for a well sunk that same year.
- 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.
- Typescript, Marion VA Hospital Inventory (29 April 1936), Marion and Grant County File, Marion Public Library.
- Historian:** Lisa Pfueller Davidson, HABS Historian, 2011

Project

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