

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Indiana
COUNTY: Wayne
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Starr Historic District
AND/OR HISTORIC: Starr Historic District

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Various, as stated in Richmond City Directory			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Tenth	
STATE: Indiana	CODE: 18	COUNTY: Wayne	CODE: 177

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Various, as shown in Transfer Books, City of Richmond	STATE: Indiana
STREET AND NUMBER: Various, as shown in Transfer Books, City of Richmond	
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	
STATE: Indiana	CODE: 18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Recorder's Office, Court House, Wayne County, Indiana	STATE: Indiana
STREET AND NUMBER: 4th & Main Streets	
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	
STATE: Indiana	CODE: 18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: City Planning Associates, Inc., Richmond, Indiana-- Toward Architectural Preservation (1970)		
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: City Plan Department, City of Richmond, Indiana		
STREET AND NUMBER: Municipal Bldg.		
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE: Indiana	CODE: 18

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1. Starr Historic District consists of 160 acres comprising Elizabeth Starr's Additions to the City of Richmond. The district is bounded on the north by the centerline of North "E" St., on the south by the centerline of North "A" Street, on the east by the centerline of North 16th Street, and on the west by the centerline of the alley running north between North 9th Street and North 10th Street. Starr Historic District is, and always has been a residential neighborhood, occupied by well-to-do Quakers and other wealthy citizens. The lots in this addition are quite ample for the period being 165' x 32'. Some 102 historic structures are located in Starr Historic District, 1 of national importance, 4 of state importance, and the balance of local importance. The town houses and villas found in Starr Historic District are of early and mid-Victorian vintage, being principally detached villas in the Italianate and Bracketed styles. The street grid is a normal rectangular pattern, and blocks in Starr Historic District tend to be rectangular, having no building room on north and south ends. All historic properties save one face either east or west. Later non-conforming structures have been built facing north or south.

2. The following structures are considered of National Importance:

(a) William G. Scott Mansion (1858)--126 N. 10th St., 2½ story bracketed Italian Villa with cupola, having delicate brackets almost modillion like in character. House occupied by same family since completion, furnished with original furniture. Excellent example of early Victorian home design.

3. The following structures are considered to be of State Importance:

(a) Miller-Mendenhall House (1875)--222 North 10th St., 2½ story Italian Villa in round style with excellent detailing. Originally constructed by John F. Miller, detailing in the academic style of Diedrich A. Bohlen.

(b) Hicksite Friends Meeting House (1868)--(1120 North "A" St.) 2 story brick meeting house in ultra-plain Italianate style situated in center of parklike enclosure. Originally built for Hicksite Friends, now Wayne County Historical Society Museum.

(c) Dickinson Log House (1825)--1120 North "A" St., 2 story log house built by Richmond's first tinsmith, excellent example of log construction. Moved to museum grounds 1968 from original Ft. Wayne Avenue location.

(d) Starr-Cadwallader House (1861)--227 North 12th St. 2 story building in Greek Revival style with monitor roof, and

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian!	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Architectural Significance. The 24 blocks forming Starr Historic District represent the largest collection of extant early Victorian villas and town houses in Indiana, and one of the best preserved Victorian residential neighborhoods in the Midwest. It is a unified neighborhood, consisting of the homes of well to do merchants and industrialists, who being members of the Society of Friends, did not build ostentatious towered villas. The product of this neighborhood was a subspecies of American Victorian architecture, which emphasized classical balance and harmony of composition, creating a Victorian-classic substyle in the Italianate and composite modes. The unit of Starr Historic District cannot be conveyed in words. Architecture in the district ranges from the rather florid Miller-Mendenhall House, to a plain hip roofed town house like the Starr-Cadwallader House. Stylistically, the structures in Starr District range from Greek Revival, through Composite and Italianate, to Second Empire and Queen Anne. The architectural harmony of Starr District requires only the addition of gaslight and cobblestone streets to be what it was in the 1870's.

2. Historical Significance. Richmond, Indiana, at the close of the Civil War, was Indiana's leading farm implement manufacturing city. Since 1836, when Able Thornburg built the first horse-drawn reaper in Richmond, farm implement plants had been put up, principally along the Indiana Central Railroad, just north of Starr Historic District. The largest such plant was Gaar-Scott & Co., makers of threshing engines and traction engines, as well as a line of reapers and combines. The three partners of Garr, Scott & Co., at one time or another built homes in Starr Historic District. Additionally, the Henly family, makers of threshers, reapers and (in the person of Micajah Henley) inventor of the roller skate, also built their family home in Starr district. Bankers, such as Andrew F. Scott financiers like John P. Dougan, and tens of other well-off moguls put up their quiet, restrained Italian Villas in Starr.

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Starr Historic District is a totem to that era and to the people who organized, operated (sometimes ruthlessly) and dominated Indiana economic life prior to 1900.

3. Important Persons associates with Starr Historic District:

(a) John F. Burbank (1824-1912)--Brother in law of Gov. Oliver P. Morton, appointed Governor of Dakotah Territory 1872, resigned 1876, returned to Richmond, held several important party posts until his death in Republican Party.

(b) Samuel Henley (1800?-1889)--Farm implement maker, inventor of improved threshing rakes and other accessories.

(c) Micajah Henley (1840?-1921)--Farm implement maker, son of Samuel, inventor of roller skate, founder of roller polo.

(d) William G. Scott (1810?-1884)--One of founding partners of Gaar, Scott & Co., leading Indiana industrialist.

(e) Andrew F. Scott (1811-1888)--First President of Second National Bank of Richmond, well-to-do wholesale grocer, leading Republican.

(f) Jonas Gaar (1792-1875)--Senior partner of Gaar, Scott & Co. founded empire along with sons Abram and John M. Gaar and William G. Scott. Bought out J.M. Hutton & Co. Spring Foundry 1849, converted it to farm implement factory, made one of first and best steam threshing engines in America.

4. Important Events Associated with Starr Historic District.

(a) Inventor of Roller Skate (1875)

(b) Indiana Industrial Revolution (1850-1875)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

City Planning Associates, Inc., ed, Historic Richmond--Toward Architectural Preservation(1970); W. Peat, Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century(1962); F.C. Fox, ed., Memoirs of Wayne County, Indiana (1912); Interstate Publishers, ed., History of Wayne County, Indiana (1884); Griffing, Stevenson & Co., ed., Wayne County Atlas (1874)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39 ° 50 ' 07 "	84 ° 53 ' 22 "		0	0	
NE	39 ° 50 ' 07 "	84 ° 52 ' 50 "				
SE	39 ° 49 ' 50 "	84 ° 52 ' 50 "				
SW	39 ° 49 ' 50 "	84 ° 53 ' 22 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Not applicable			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Thomas J. Reed, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Old Richmond, Inc. DATE: Nov. 21, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
19 South 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Indiana CODE: 18

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

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