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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic Lindley, Thomas Elwood, House

and or common Lindley House

2. Location

street & number Willow Creek Road off U.S. 150 N/A not for publication

city, town Paoli N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Orange code 117

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	

4. Owner of Property

name Orange County Historical Society

street & number c/o Howard Lindley, President, P.O. Box 269

city, town Paoli N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47454

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Orange County Recorder, Orange County Courthouse

street & number
city, town Paoli state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

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

The Lindley House is located on the west edge of Paoli on Willow Creek Road, one-eighth mile off U.S. 150. When constructed, the house was located outside Paoli, and was not incorporated into the town until 1958. Lick Creek flows through property that was part of the farm a short distance south of the house. There was originally a grist mill located near the house on this creek.

The house is Greek Revival in style. The main part is a two-story, wood frame structure with clapboard siding, a three bay facade, a rectangular plan, and a side gable roof. At the rear of the house is a one and one-half story, gable roofed extension, most of which has been covered with asbestos siding. There is also a one-story shed roofed section at the rear of the east side of the extension.

The front porch is in the central bay of the north facade and dates from the 1950s or 60s. It is a gable roofed structure with turned posts and a balustrade with turned spindles. The porch has a wood floor. One-half of a millstone from the grist mill is in use as a step leading up to the porch. The front door is a four-panel door with sidelights and a transom. Windows on the main house are double-hung with six lights in each sash. They are framed by fluted boards with plain corner blocks. At each window on the main facade is a pair of louvered blinds which are not original to the house. There is an interior, plain brick chimney at each end of the main part of the house. Other features include a plain frieze, a molded box cornice that returns at the gable ends, and cornerboards.

On the west side of the rear extension is a recessed porch with turned posts and a balustrade with turned spindles. There is also half a millstone used as a step for this porch. The porch has a wood floor. The door opening onto the porch from the extension is a wood door with nine lights above and two panels below. On the south side of the extension in the easternmost bay there is a wood door with two lights above and two panels below. There is a transom above the door. Windows in the extension are variously sized and shaped. The extension has plain frieze and a molded box cornice.

Extending from the rear of the east side of the extension is a one-story, shed roof garage addition. This addition is supported on the north side by turned posts, between which runs a frieze of turned spindles.

The house has four main rooms downstairs, plus a wide entrance hallway, a small nursery or storage room, and a bathroom, installed around 1920, which enclosed a part of the side porch. The upstairs area contains two bedrooms, a hallway, and a walk-in attic. There is a cellar beneath the house. The only working fireplace in the house is the one in the dining room, rebuilt in 1981. Originally, the house contained large fireplaces in the living room and one downstairs bedroom. These fireplaces have been closed at some time in the past and are no longer in use. Interior woodwork is simple and includes chair rails and baseboards. Interior window and door trim match the exterior, with fluted boards joined at the corners by plain blocks. The baluster for the stairway is composed of a massive, turned newell post and turned spindles.

It is evident from early photographs that the house was remodeled, probably in the 1880s or 1890s. A projecting gable was added to the west end of the front facade, sheltering a second story porch that was accessed by a doorway in the westernmost bay. Below this a one story porch, with turned spindles and posts, extended across the north facade and around the east side, with a gable at the corner.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Before 1869

Builder Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Thomas E. Lindley house is architecturally significant as the best remaining residential example of the early Greek Revival style in Paoli. Although the Orange County Courthouse in Paoli is one of the best public Greek Revival structures in the state, there are surprisingly few residential examples of this style in the town. Based upon a windshield survey of the town, all but one (other than the Lindley House) are of an L-shaped plan, one story, and most have been extensively altered. The other rectangular example has been sheathed in aluminum siding. Although the Lindley House was remodeled by the addition of a porch and a doorway sometime around the turn of the century, the house has been returned to approximately its original configuration, and features the frieze board, gable returns, and cornerboards characteristic of the Greek Revival style. The exterior window trim is unusual in Indiana.

The house is believed to have been built by Thomas Elwood Lindley, a grandson of Jonathan Lindley who platted the Town of Paoli. Thomas E. Lindley was born in 1825. At some point his mother remarried and moved the family to Seymour. Thomas returned to Paoli in about 1868 with his own family. One of his daughters is known to have been born in this house in 1871, but no additional information has been found to further document the date of the house.

Thomas E. Lindley was a carpenter and a farmer, and a devout Quaker. The only written record of his life known to exist consists of a few letters, notably those written to his half-sister, whom he was helping through college.

The land continued to be in the possession of Lindley's family and his descendants until it was donated to the Orange County Historical Society in 1975 by the Carl Thompson family (Thomas's grandson). It has since been partially restored in the style of the middle 1800s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Jonathan Lindley Homesite Being Restored," Sunday Herald-Times, Bedford, Indiana.
July 22, 1979

Thompson, Carl. Interview

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approx. 1½ acres

Quadrangle name Paoli

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	5	4	4	7	6	0	4	2	6	7	5	3	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification Commencing at cornerstone on N.E. corner of property and running in westerly direction along Willow Creek Road 121.5', thence running south 471', thence running east 134.1', thence running northward 500.7' to the starting point.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard Lindley

organization Orange County Historical Society date November 30, 1982

street & number 1309 W. Main Street telephone 812/723-3368

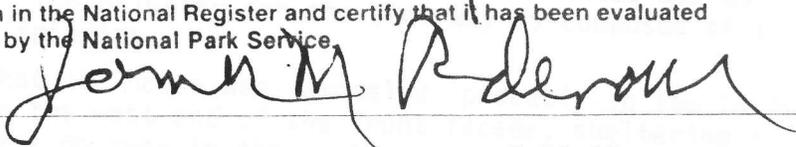
city or town Paoli state Indiana 47454

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 Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-18-85

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

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The second story gable was removed in the 1940s, and the porch across the front was removed by the 1960s. The second story doorway was also converted (or reconverted) into a window. The spindled porch remained on the east side until more recently, when the shed was added.

A buggy shed, tool shop, and corn crib are still extant on the property.