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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Felt's Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Carter's Farm & Mill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Race Street

CITY, TOWN

Eaton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

COUNTY

Delaware

CODE

035

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- \_\_\_ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- \_\_\_ STRUCTURE
- \_\_\_ SITE
- \_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- \_\_\_ PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- \_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- \_\_\_ IN PROCESS
- \_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- \_\_\_ OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

- \_\_\_ AGRICULTURE
- \_\_\_ MUSEUM
- \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL
- \_\_\_ PARK
- \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL
- \_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT
- \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS
- \_\_\_ GOVERNMENT
- \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC
- \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL
- \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION
- \_\_\_ MILITARY
- \_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

~~J. Robert Baur~~ COLEMAN BARLOW

STREET & NUMBER

~~3530 Riverside Avenue~~ 70 AVALON AVE.

CITY, TOWN

OAKVILLE Muncie

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana CONNECTICUT

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Delaware Abstract Co.

STREET & NUMBER

Mulberry Street

CITY, TOWN

Muncie

STATE

Indiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main dwelling on Felt's Farm is a beautiful example of a pre-classical "I" two story Pennsylvania type house. The common bound brick structure is rectangular in plan with an off center single story rear wing that houses the kitchen. A fieldstone foundation supports the masonry load bearing walls. The front, four bayed facade has two doors centered on the first floor faithfully completing the mirror image of the design. Two centered interior chimneys at each end of the main structure and one at the end of the rear wing provide the home's heating. The medium pitched gable roof is now sheathed with asphalt shingles and is accented by a plain wooden cornice with end returns. All openings are rectangular with rock faced lintels and lugsills. The windows are single glazed, double hung with simple wood surrounds. Two quarter round windows accent either side of the chimney above the cornice line in the gable ends.

The house is structurally sound although some of the brickwork especially on the chimney stacks is in disrepair. Additions since the house's construction have been removed, plaster on one of the exterior walls remains as a result.

The five roomed interior has much of the original woodwork all of unpainted walnut. No modern kitchen or bathroom has been included in the original structure. With the exception of minimal changes, the house remains in near original conditon.

## 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES *c. 1830*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT *unknown*

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Felt's Farm is a fine example of a Federal Style house.

In 1831, Francis Harris, an early owner of the property built a mill nearby which "became the nucleus around which the present city of Eaton gradually expanded." Later a grist and saw mill were constructed on the same site by later owners. One of the owners, George W. Carter and an associate, W.W. Worthington were drilling in 1884 to see if any coal existed in the area. They accidentally tapped a gas well and the "stench and roar" of the escaping gas caused the men to fear they had "encroached on the territory of his satanic majesty." Two years later, better informed, the pair bought in the first gas well in Indiana.

The Felt Farm has an interesting architectural modification which relates to its setting. The gable end of the house facing the river has two windows in each floor to take advantage of the view, while the other gable end remains blind.

The history of its owners, rich in local color, coupled with the house's definite architectural merit gives Felt's Farm true significance.

Faithfully constructed in the Pre-classic "I" style, the date of completion is not know, although the best estimate would be the late 1820's.



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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A 

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ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

C 

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D 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dr. Jean L. Murphy, Assoc. Prof. Ball State University

ORGANIZATION

DATE

7/15/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

3703 Peachtree Lane

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Muncie

Indiana

## 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

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER