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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 Henry W. Smith House

AND/OR COMMON
George Ehrman House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
R.R. 1, Box 315

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Kokomo

VICINITY OF
5th

STATE
Indiana

CODE
018

COUNTY
Howard

CODE
067

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
See Continuation Sheet

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Howard County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN
Kokomo

STATE
Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

Form No. 10-300a
Rev. 10-74

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Agnes L. Smith
814 West Mulberry Street
Kokomo, Indiana

George and Eva Ehrman
R.R. 1, Box 315
Kokomo, Indiana

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 Henry Smith House is located in the countryside five miles west of Kokomo, Indiana. It is a modest red brick structure on a fieldstone foundation, whose original roof was probably of slate or wood shingles. Although its style can be denoted as Italianate, the building incorporates features which are survivals of other architectural modes. The house is a rectangular mass five bays long and three deep, with a crossed pitched roof which forms prominent gables on all four elevations. This gable treatment and the roof pitch used are similar to those of contemporaneous Gothic Revival examples; however, the use of a bracketed cornice rather than bargeboards under the eaves mandates the Italianate designation. An earlier classical vocabulary is recalled in the orderly placement of the windows, whose six over six double-hung sash are set into shallow reveals with simple flat limestone lintels and sills, as in the Federal style of at least two decades before. Elements of more recent fashion are seen as well; the entrance, centrally located in the main (south) facade, is a wide opening with pilasters and sidelights flanking a solid leaf, with a rectangular transom above. A similar scheme is used for a second floor doorway directly above, which opens onto the porch roof. These doorways open from central halls connected by the prime interior feature, a wooden spiral staircase. These plan and entrance features are elements lately used in the Greek Revival style, though they have much older classical precedents. In one last principal feature, the porch, with its stylized square Tuscan columns, bracketed cornice, and picketed balustrade (this last is now missing), the full measure of the transition to the picturesque era of mid-century can be seen. The juxtaposition of symmetrical rectangular arrangement of classical elements beneath a prominent gable and projecting porch produces pictorial interest without the loss of classical allusions.

There are a few features of the house that are not original, but they are minor. These include the porch balustrade which replaced the pickets mentioned above, the concrete steps at the entry, and the asphalt shingles of the roof. None of these items are serious, and all are easily correctible. The original outbuildings, a smokehouse and a milkhouse, are intact. The house is in good physical condition and is of local and state significance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Blanchard, Charles, ed. Counties of Howard and Tipton, History and Biography. Chicago: Battery & Co., 1883
- Biographical and Genealogical History of Cass, Miami, Howard and Tipton Counties. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co. 1898.
- Morrow, Jackson A. History of Howard County, Indiana. 2 vols; Indianapolis: Bower & Co., 1910.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Kokomo West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 | 56,54,4,0 | 4,48,08,8,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the historic property is a square. The northeast corner is located at the intersection of a line 25 feet east of the house and a line 25 feet north of the house. The north boundary extends 400 feet west along the line 25 feet north of the

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Agnes L. Smith and Carlisle F. Smith

ORGANIZATION

DATE

December, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

814 West Mulberry Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Kokomo

STATE

Indiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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

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

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Verbal Boundary continued:

house for 400 feet from the northeast corner. The line then runs south 400 feet, east 400 feet, and north 400 feet to the northeast corner.