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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC: The Hershey House

AND/OR COMMON: The Patrick Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1904 North 725 East — __NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN: Lafayette — X VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: Indiana — CODE: 018 — COUNTY: Tippecanoe — CODE: 157

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Wallace Patrick

STREET & NUMBER: 1904 North 725 East

CITY, TOWN: Lafayette — X VICINITY OF — STATE: Indiana 47905

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Tippecanoe County Courthouse Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER: County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN: Lafayette — STATE: Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: None

DATE: __FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hershey House is a two-story Greek Revival structure standing on a high terrace facing the north fork of Wildcat Creek. At one time a road that forded Wildcat Creek ran directly in front of the house, but in 1916 a new road was constructed which changed the orientation of the house.

The main elevation is located in a gable end of the structure, and has three bays below and three above. The entrance is in the right ground floor bay. The recessed door is surrounded by a multi-lighted transom and side lights capped with a plain limestone lintel. All windows in the main block have two over two lights, limestone sills, and flat radiating voussoirs. The windows on the sides are placed irregularly. The red brick walls are laid in common bond and are topped by a plain box wood cornice and frieze with plain returns on the gable ends.

A chimney has been added to the rear for a modern heating plant. A one-and-one-half story brick wing is attached to the rear; it is not known whether this portion was constructed before, during, or soon after the main block. This rear wing has a gable roof which extends on one side to allow for a porch over the rear entrance. To the other side of this addition is a clapboard summer kitchen which in the last twenty years has been converted to a garage. A root cellar under the brick wing houses the furnace.

Interior features include chestnut floors on the ground floor, a curving walnut staircase, and yellow poplar floors on the second story. Original fireplace mantels were removed when free standing stoves were installed.

Near the house is a one story milk house of field stone construction. A new roof over this structure has been added and extended to provide for a carport. This structure now serves as a tool shed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1856 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hershey House is significant both for its architecture and its associations with Joseph Madison Hershey, an early circuit preacher, school teacher, and local politician. The boxed cornice and frieze along with the transom and side lights around the main entrance suggest the Greek Revival influence. The cornice is unusually heavy.

Joseph M. Hershey migrated to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, from Maryland in 1834. The following year he purchased 160 acres in Perry Township. The Hershey family evidently spent the first 22 years in a log or frame house since their brick house was not constructed until 1856. A German carpenter from nearby Monitor constructed the house from bricks fired on the site. Hershey was a preacher with the United Brethren Church and made frequent trips through northern Indiana. He established Hershey Church and an early school in Perry Township. It was due to his efforts that the United Brethren Church was established in Tippecanoe County. He also served as a township trustee in 1859, was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1862 and 1864, and was county commissioner from 1873 to 1875. In recognition of his pioneer work in Perry Township, the Tippecanoe School Corporation named an elementary school after him in 1966.

Hershey was a successful farmer and eventually owned 424 acres before he retired in 1876. He died in 1879 at age 68 and was buried in the Hershey Church Cemetery (now Union Cemetery). At the time of his retirement, he sold his land to his son William. William Hershey was born on his father's farm in 1841. During the Civil War, he served in the 16th Indiana Light Artillery, and became famous locally as the only Tippecanoe resident to witness President Abraham Lincoln's Assassination at Ford's Theatre in 1865.

In 1909 William Hershey sold his farm and moved to nearby Dayton. Between 1913 and 1945 the Hershey House was used as a tenant residence, and during this time the structure fell into disrepair. Ralph W. and Charmaine D. Patrick acquired the house in 1947 and restored it to its present condition over a number of years.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kingman. Historical Atlas of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 1878. Pages 53 and 54.
Lewis Publishing Company. Biographical Record and Portrait Album of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 1888. Pages 226 and 227.
Lafayette Journal and Courier, Dec. 24, 1955, May 20, 1976.
Lafayette Leader, May 13, 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Quad Lafayette East QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	16	519810	4476960	B			
C				D			
E				F			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 16, Twp. 23N R3W.
Mailing address 1904 N. 725 E., Lafayette, Indiana 47905.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN
Lafayette

STATE
Indiana 47901

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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.

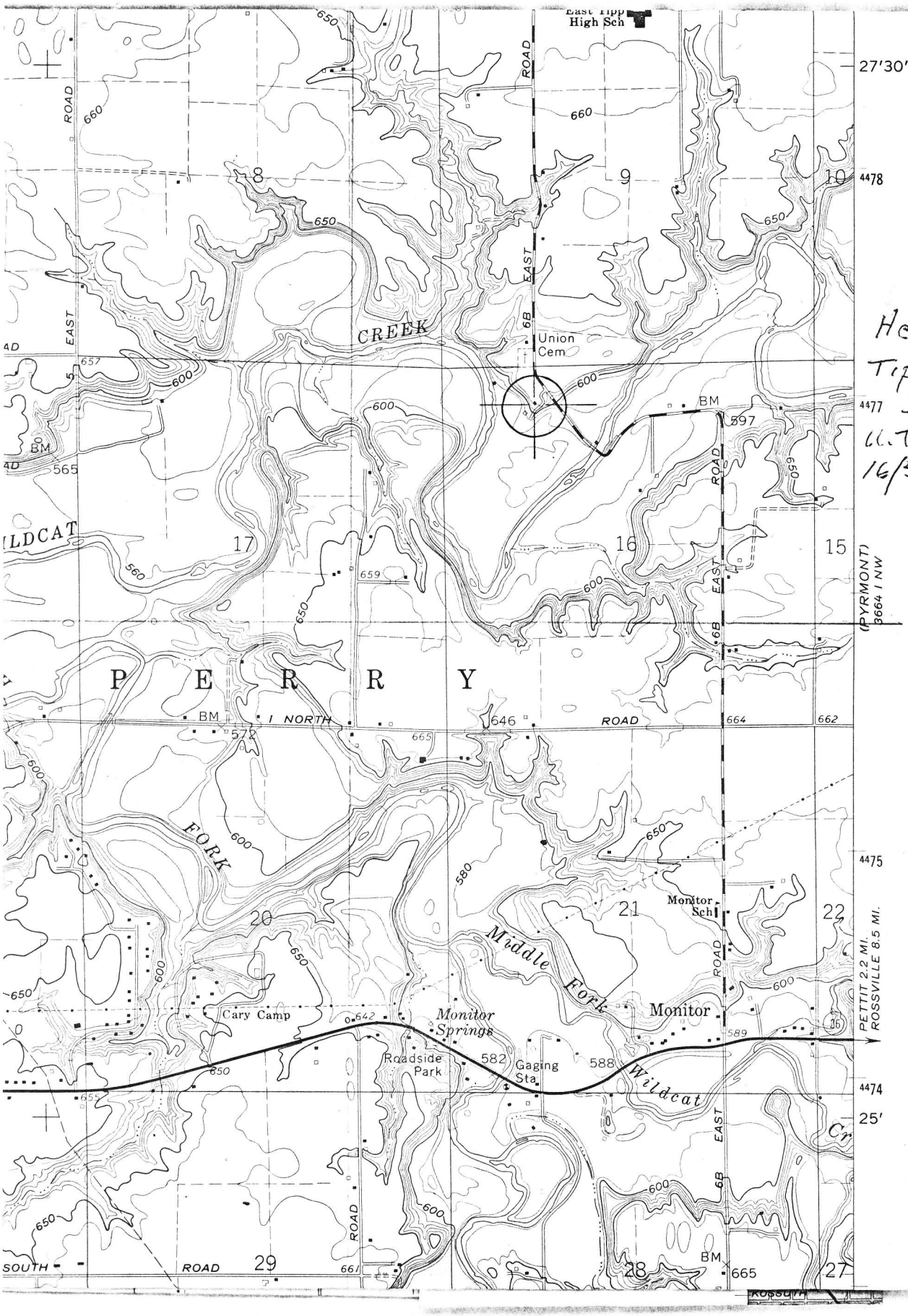
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE 9/11-78

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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