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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 Williams-Warren-Zimmerman House  
and/or common Cottage-among-the-Lindens

**2. Location**

street & number 900-904 S. Fourth St. \_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Terre Haute \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 7th  
state Indiana code 018 county Vigo code 167

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name David N. Lewis  
street & number 411 Park St.  
city, town Terre Haute \_\_\_ vicinity of state Indiana 47807

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office  
street & number Vigo County Courthouse  
city, town Terre Haute state Indiana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title None has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date c. 1874

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Williams-Warren-Zimmerman House is located at 900-904 South Fourth Street, in an older residential area just south of downtown Terre Haute. It is one block east of another, newer commercial strip. The well-proportioned house was built in the Greek Revival style sometime between 1849 and 1854. It is one of a very few antebellum houses in Terre Haute.

A stuccoed brick foundation supports the one-and-a-half story structure and its one-story wing. The wood frame cottage has yellow poplar clapboard siding and a gabled roof, with three segmentally arched dormers centered over each of the three bays on the main (west) facade. A wide fascia board appears on the long sides of the house, just under the eaves.

The main classical feature of the Williams-Warren-Zimmerman House is the one-story front porch which extends across the west facade. The flat porch roof and simple entablature are supported by four, fluted Doric columns. Sheltered by the porch is a typical Greek Revival entrance, with sidelights and transom. On either side of the entrance is an eight over twelve doublehung window. The facade openings, which stand ten feet high, are of a large scale in proportion to the rest of the small house.

A pair of box columns support a small portico on the north elevation. This side entrance has a transom above the door. There is also a small concrete porch to the rear of the main house. A new ornamental iron post has replaced an earlier crude wood cornerpost. Additional open porch space on the one-story portion of the house was enclosed c. 1942.

Most windows of the house are six over six, doublehung, and of a smaller scale than those on the facade. Many are not original. The dormer windows feature sixteen lights each.

Five linden trees were planted on the grounds in 1894, and well after the house was moved to this site. Because of the planting and development of these trees, the present owner calls it the "Cottage-among-the Lindens." A long, low brick retaining wall has been added to keep the topsoil from washing across the sidewalk.

The interior of the house retains much of its original appearance, even though it has been converted into apartment units. Much of the original woodwork remains, including two of the plain fireplace mantels. The long, central hallway remains with a double parlor to the north of the hall. A casing arch similar to the original in size and location has been reconstructed in the partition between the parlors. The old fashioned, eight-paneled doors of yellow poplar were acquired from the 1846 Theodore Hulman House, which was demolished.

The antebellum Greek Revival cottage still retains much of its original exterior appearance and character.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** between 1849 & 1854    **Builder Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Williams-Warren-Zimmerman House is architecturally significant as one of few antebellum houses surviving in Terre Haute and as a well-preserved example of the Greek Revival style. Although the exact date of its construction is unknown, the house was certainly built by 1854, the year in which it appeared on a map of Terre Haute. The house was moved to its present location in 1874. The house is also significant for its connections with several families who made modest but solid contributions to the growth and prosperity of Terre Haute during the 19th century. The house was built for Henry D. Williams, a native of Connecticut, who arrived in Terre Haute in 1838 and founded the largest pork-packing firm in Terre Haute. Williams bought land at Sixth and Deming Streets, where this house was originally located. William B. Warren (1817-1884), who bought the house in October, 1859, also prospered in the pork-packing business. Warren also dealt in drygoods, and became president of the Terre Haute Opera House Company and of the Terre Haute Gas Light Company. His wife was a niece of Gov. James Whitcomb. In 1874 the Warrens decided to build a brick and stone mansion on the lot where the older house stood, so they had the house moved. George and Salome Zimmerman moved into the house in May, 1889. George Zimmerman, born in Prussia in 1851, came to Terre Haute and organized a stove and tinware business, after learning the trade working for F. Foster Smith. Zimmerman became the leading merchant of tinware in Terre Haute and was also a trustee and elder of the German Lutheran Church.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Terre Haute, Ind.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Lot 10 and the north 1/2 of Lot 11, of William L. Ewing's subdivision on South Fourth Street, located at the NE 1/4 of Section 28, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana

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 David N. Lewis

organization  date May 10, 1978

street & number 411 Park Street telephone 812/235-2178

city or town Terre Haute state Indiana 47807

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 8-18-80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
	date
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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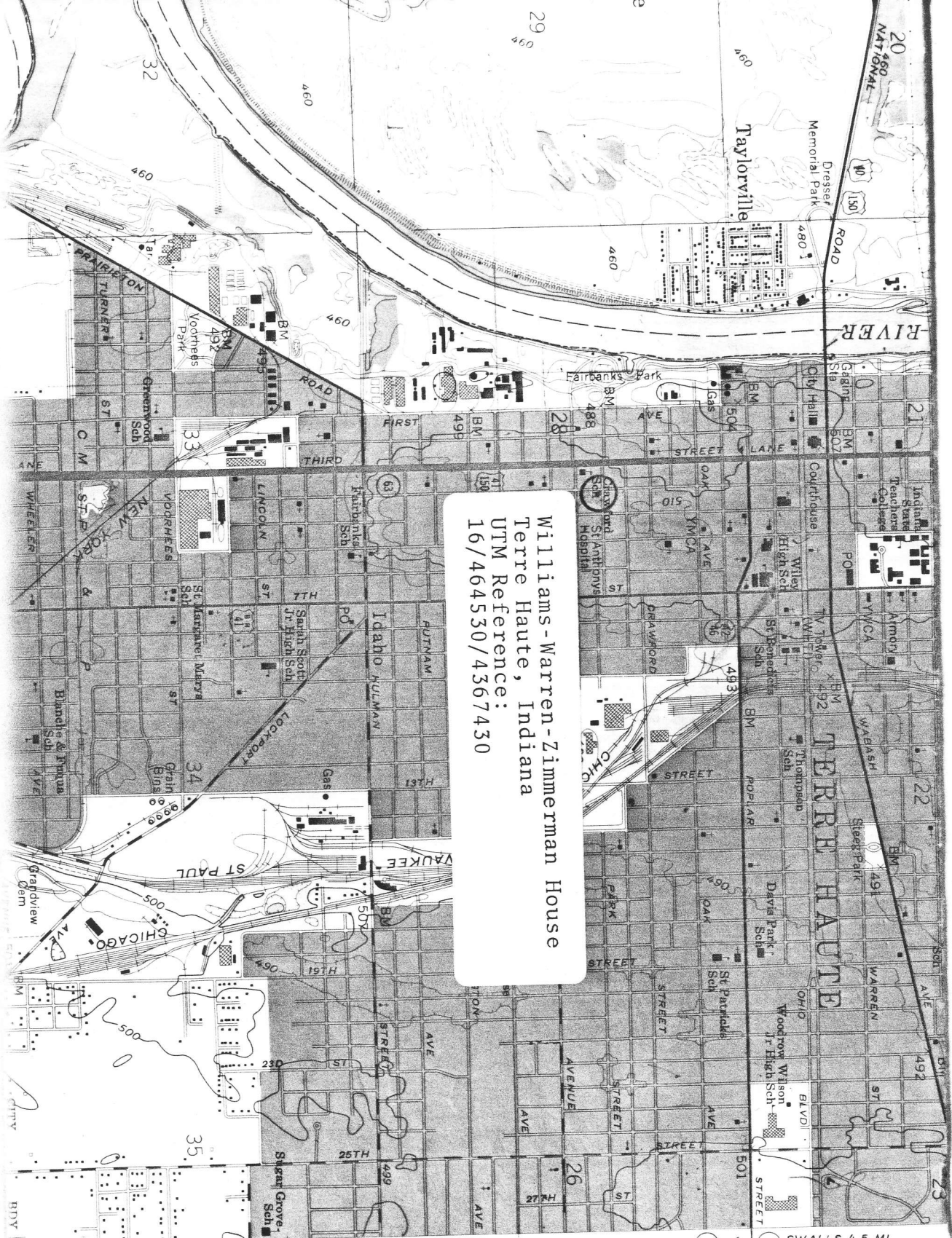
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 Terre Haute, Indiana  
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