

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 Noftzger-Adams House is located on two large city lots in a residential section of North Manchester, Indiana. Constructed in 1880, the brick structure rests on a stone block foundation and contains a basement, two finished floors, and an unfinished third floor. Projecting three-sided bays on the east and west sides provide variety in the otherwise regular 40 x 50 foot rectangular mass.

The main (south) elevation has paired windows which flank a slightly projecting central panel which is capped by a gable roof. The first and second story windows have one over one lights with double-hung sashes. The windows have fancy imitation stone headers made of sheet tin and painted grey; there are interior shutters. The central panel contains the main door and single windows on the second and third levels. The third story central window has a pointed triangular arch which mirrors the central gable. A decorative belt course runs between the second and third stories. There are small, rectangular windows underneath the cornice directly above windows in the south elevation and in the projecting bays on the east and west sides. A bracketed cornice with a built-in gutter system supports a mansard roof. There are five decorated chimneys, three of which have decorative sheet tin caps. The original hexagonal-shaped slate was removed from the roof in 1976 due to its poor condition. The owners hope to duplicate the slate sometime in the future.

The main elevation is dominated by a one-story porch with ten square columns. Steps in the center projecting section lead to the main entrance. In 1978 the deteriorated condition of this porch forced its reconstruction, duplicating the original appearance. There is a small porch on the rear elevation, and at one time there was a porch on the west side.

The interior has central halls on the first and second floors. Woodwork on the first floor is ash, trimmed with walnut. The stairs have walnut railings. The second floor woodwork is poplar with wood graining. There are several slate fireplace mantels with marblizing. Three rooms have ornate plaster ceiling medallions. Several of the original gas fixtures and hardware remain.

There are now no outbuildings; the barn collapsed in 1976.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1880

Builder Architect L. J. Noftzger

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Noftzger-Adams House is significant largely because of its architectural merit. The brackets, window surrounds, central pavilion, decorated chimneys, and mansard roof identify the structure as an example of the Second Empire style. The gable roof on the central pavilion shows a deviation from the usual tower roof of this style, suggesting a slight Gothic influence. The relatively unaltered exterior gives the structure distinction since it is locally the largest of late 19th century houses and the best surviving example of the second Empire style in architecture in North Manchester, Indiana.

The structure was constructed in 1880 for Levi J. Noftzger, who had lived in the North Manchester area since the age of six. Noftzger was born in 1836 and married a North Manchester girl in 1860. At first they farmed land north of the Town of North Manchester, but within a few years they moved into town to open a grain, stock, and hardware business. Using innovative business techniques such as linking his hardware store by telegraph line to the train depot, he became a leading businessman in the town. His prominent position is indicated by his service as a town trustee in 1879. As the residence of a community leader, the house was the scene of many social functions in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Noftzger was killed in an accident in 1921, and his wife died in 1922. The house was purchased by John and Sarah Smith. For many years Sarah Smith lived in the house as a widow and took in roomers. In more recent years, the present owners have worked to preserve and restore the structure to its original appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nineteenth Century Houses in Wabash County and City, published by Indiana Junior Historical Society, 1970.
 Wabash County History, Bicentennial Edition 1976, Walsworth Publishing Co., Inc., 1976, Linda Robertson, editor.
 Bunker, L.Z., Old Houses of North Manchester, Indiana, 1966

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.60 acres
 Quadrangle name North Manchester North Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	1 6	6 0 3 4 6 0	4 5 3 9 4 4 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is located on lots number 64 and 65 in the original plot of North Manchester, Wabash County, Indiana. It is on the northeast corner of Market and Third Streets.

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 Parks M. Adams, Owner
 organization _____ date 7-30-78
 street & number 102 East Third Street telephone 219/982-6083
 city or town North Manchester state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date September 17, 1979

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

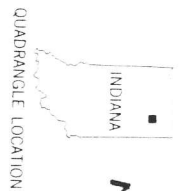
Keeper of the National Register _____ date _____

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration _____

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FEDERAL SURVEY WASHINGTON 25 N

10 FEET
SEA LEVEL



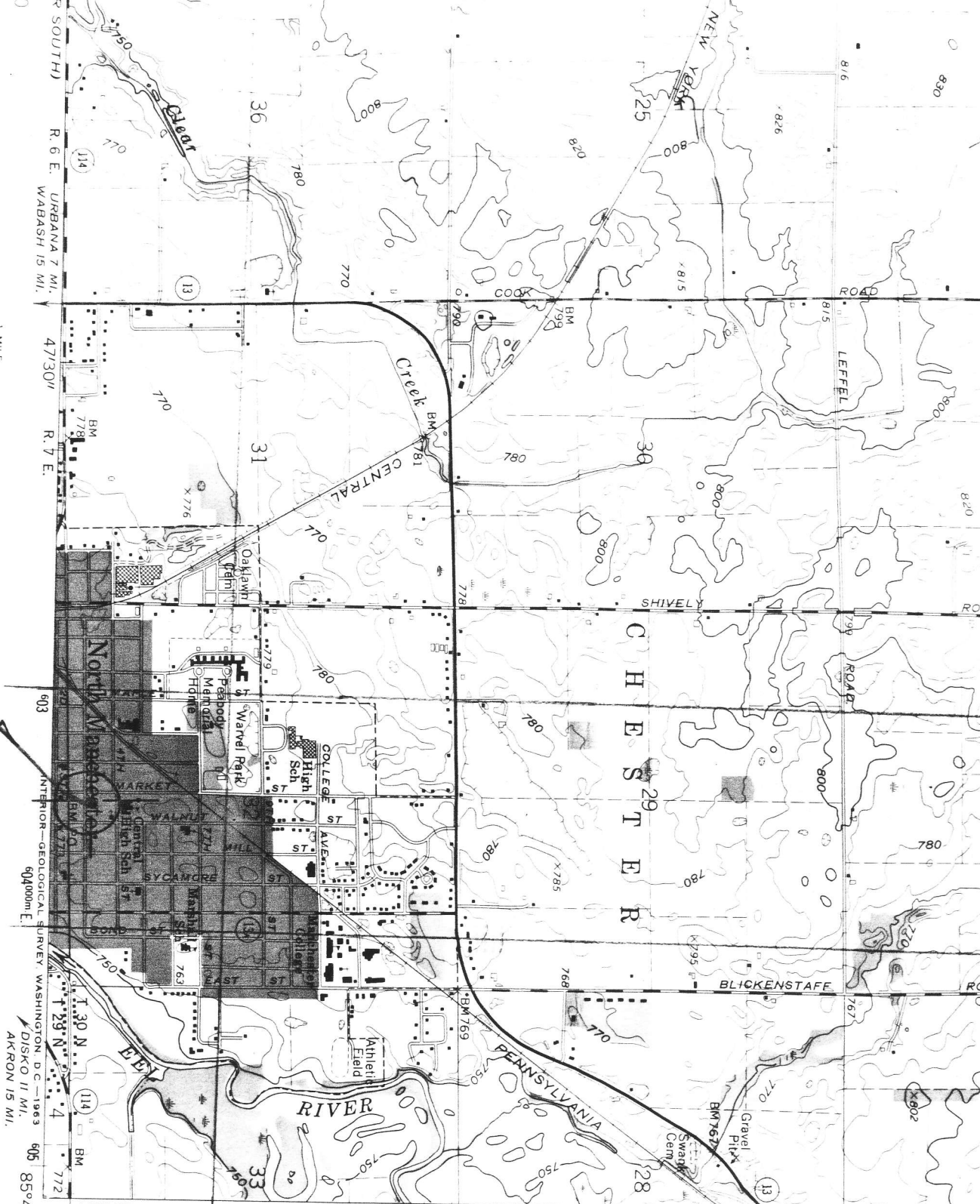
NORTH MANCHESTER NORTH INP

NFTZGER - ADAMS HOUSE

Heavy-duty
Medium-duty
Light-duty
Unimproved dirt

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

State Route



INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D.C. - 1963
DISKO II MI. AKRON 15 MI.

LUTHER II MI. 23 MI. TO U.S. 24

*NFTzger-Adams House
North Manchester, Indiana
U.T.M. Reference
19603460/4539440*

(SERV/14)
3865 1 MW