

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

291

Pitcher House

AND/OR COMMON

Fullinwider House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

530 College Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Vernon

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Eighth (Joel Deckard)

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

COUNTY

Posey

CODE

127

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" 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 | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <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

John R. Keck

(Anne V. Fullinwider, Estate See letter)

STREET & NUMBER

529 Main St.

c/o People's Bank & Trust 402 Main

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Vernon

VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Posey County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

4th & Main

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Vernon

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fullinwider House is located on the southeast corner of College Avenue and Sixth Street, just a half-block from the downtown commercial district, on a lot measuring 70' by 142'. This block of College Avenue is residential, although the house next to the Fullinwider House was razed for a parking facility and a mini-park occupies the next corner to the south.

A brick sidewalk separates the Fullinwider House from Sixth Street. The house is set deeply in the lot approximately 30 feet from another brick walk that extends across the front. A concrete walk leads to the front porch. Also on the site is a board and batten garage with a metal roof, perhaps dating from the turn of the century.

The two-story house is of painted brick laid in common bond and is basically square in plan. The gabled roof is sheathed in modern asphalt shingles and features a boxed return and plain wood frieze. There are two chimneys, one near the rear on the right side and one near the center on the left.

The one major decorative feature on the house is a one story frame porch which extends across the entire front. It is supported by lathe-turned posts which are connected by spindled trim. The hipped porch roof is broken by a low gable over the entrance.

The first floor of the facade has three bays comprising an entrance and two windows. The second story has two windows directly in line with those on the first floor, but the wall above the entrance bay is blank, creating a somewhat unbalanced effect. The entrance is flanked by two wood pilasters supporting a simple cornice. Although an aluminum storm door has been added, behind it is a four-panel door with a paneled reveal, possibly original.

Two windows and a door on the first floor of the south side are segmentally arched with a header course. All other windows have stone sills and lintels, with 2 over 2 wood sash. A one-story, wooden shed is attached to the rear of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input 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 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pitcher/Fullinwider House represents a significant passage in Mount Vernon's post-Civil War architecture and strong associations with two prominent Indiana families.

Constructed in about 1867, the house was built by John Pitcher as a wedding present for his daughter Mary. Pitcher was a native of Connecticut (b.1795) who immigrated to Indiana in 1820 and Posey County in 1835. Pitcher rose quickly in the State's political arena, first becoming a representative of Spencer and Perry counties and later a probate judge for southwestern Indiana. The house was erected at the close of Pitcher's last term as Judge of Posey County's Common Pleas Court.

Dr. C.H. Fullinwider (b. 1854) came to Mount Vernon in 1872. Educated at the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, Fullinwider established a prominent general practice serving southwestern Indiana throughout the late nineteenth century. The house remained in the Fullinwider family until daughter Anne's death in 1978.

The building's plain detail and foursquare demeanor recall Federal and Greek Revival sources. Survival of such influences well into the second half of the nineteenth century in examples such as the Pitcher/Fullinwider House is not, however, uncommon. Preference for simple, inexpensive, and unpretentious building styles is the hallmark of the post-war vernacular of which the Pitcher/Fullinwider House is so clearly representative.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Mt. Vernon

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1: 24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 421135 4198620

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 22, Plat of Williams Part, North Part.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ronald Greenfield, with Nancy J. Long and Douglas L. Stern

ORGANIZATION

DATE

02 February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

523 College Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Mt. Vernon

STATE

Indiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

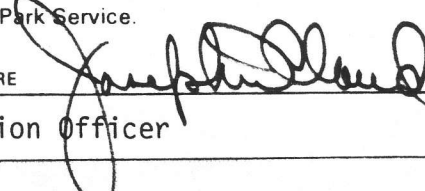
NATIONAL

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-16-79

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

