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National Park Service

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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 Enterprise Hotel

and/or common Gasthaus Alt Heidelberg

2. Location

street & number 1015 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Lafayette N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Tippecanoe code 157

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Kent and Suzy Schuette

street & number 1015 Main Street

city, town Lafayette N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47901

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Tippecanoe County Office Building

street & number Third and Columbia Street

city, town Lafayette state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

The Lafayette  
title Preservation Notebook has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1977  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Lafayette Redevelopment Commission

city, town Lafayette state Indiana

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date N/A

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

The Gasthaus Alt Heidelberg is located near the southwest corner of Main and 11th Streets on Main Street, facing north. The building is in a commercial area at the east edge of downtown, composed of late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings. The Gasthaus shares a wall with the building on the east side.

The original part of the building, Italianate in style, is rectangular in plan and measures 42 feet wide by 32 feet deep. The three story building has a five bay facade, a shed roof which slopes down toward the rear, and a brick-walled basement. It is of brick and wood construction. The brick is laid in common bond.

The entry, located in the central bay of the facade, is recessed. Above the opening on the facade is a sign reading, "Alt Heidelberg." There is another sign, extending perpendicularly from the facade above and on the east side of the entry which reads, "Gasthaus Alt Heidelberg." There are two large display windows, one on each side of the entry, with stone sills and lintels. These have vertical, horizontal and diagonal divisions, and replaced the four original double-hung windows. Windows on the upper floors are double-hung with one light in each sash, and have limestone sills and lintels.

The building has a wide wood entablature which includes a bracketed cornice. Under the cornice is a row of dentil-like brickwork.

Extending from the rear of the Gasthaus is a two-story brick addition with a basement. The roof is gabled. This addition is five bays (49 feet) deep. Window openings are segmental-arched. Window frames, which are not arched, have double-hung sash with one light in each sash. On the south side there is a door with a segmental-arched opening on each story. An open stair leads to the second story door.

Another rear addition of wood frame construction is one story high and has a shed roof.

The interior, which has been altered over the years, has a bar and restaurant on the first floor.

The original stairway from the main entrance to the third floor is in good condition. Two of the original hotel rooms, on the west side of the second floor, are in nearly original condition with a marble fireplace in each room.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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X <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	X <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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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<b>Specific dates</b>	1890's	<b>Builder Architect</b>	Unknown
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**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Gasthaus Alt Heidelberg is historically significant as a European style tavern/inn, in continuous operation since its construction. The building is also a visual anchor to the east edge of downtown Lafayette.

The building was the Enterprise Hotel until 1909, when it became the American Hotel. It was later the Hotel Lafayette (1926) and the Derby Hotel (1939). In 1963, German-born Heinz and Margaret Steinborn bought the Derby Hotel and opened the Gasthaus Alt Heidelberg.

During the building's time as an active hotel, it did not compete with the prominence held, locally, by other hotels. The tavern was a low to middle-income gathering place for cards and drink. The hotel provided rooms on the second and third floors, with rest rooms down the hall. Some of these rooms are still intact, although they have not been used in many years. Few inns of this type can be found today, particularly with so much of the original fabric remaining.

The building is also important for its visual prominence. Located on a major one-way street into the downtown, the building is the first signal that one is entering a commercial area, since it is the first tall commercial structure following a residential area to the east. (See Photos 2 and 3.)

The restaurant has recently been refurbished, and specializes in German food and music. A beer garden has been created on the east side of the structure towards the rear.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Lafayette West, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	6	5	0	9	7	5	0	4	4	7	4	0	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please see Continuation Sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kent Schuette and Associates

date March 1, 1980

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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

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 5-8-84

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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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Continuation Sheet: Enterprise Hotel

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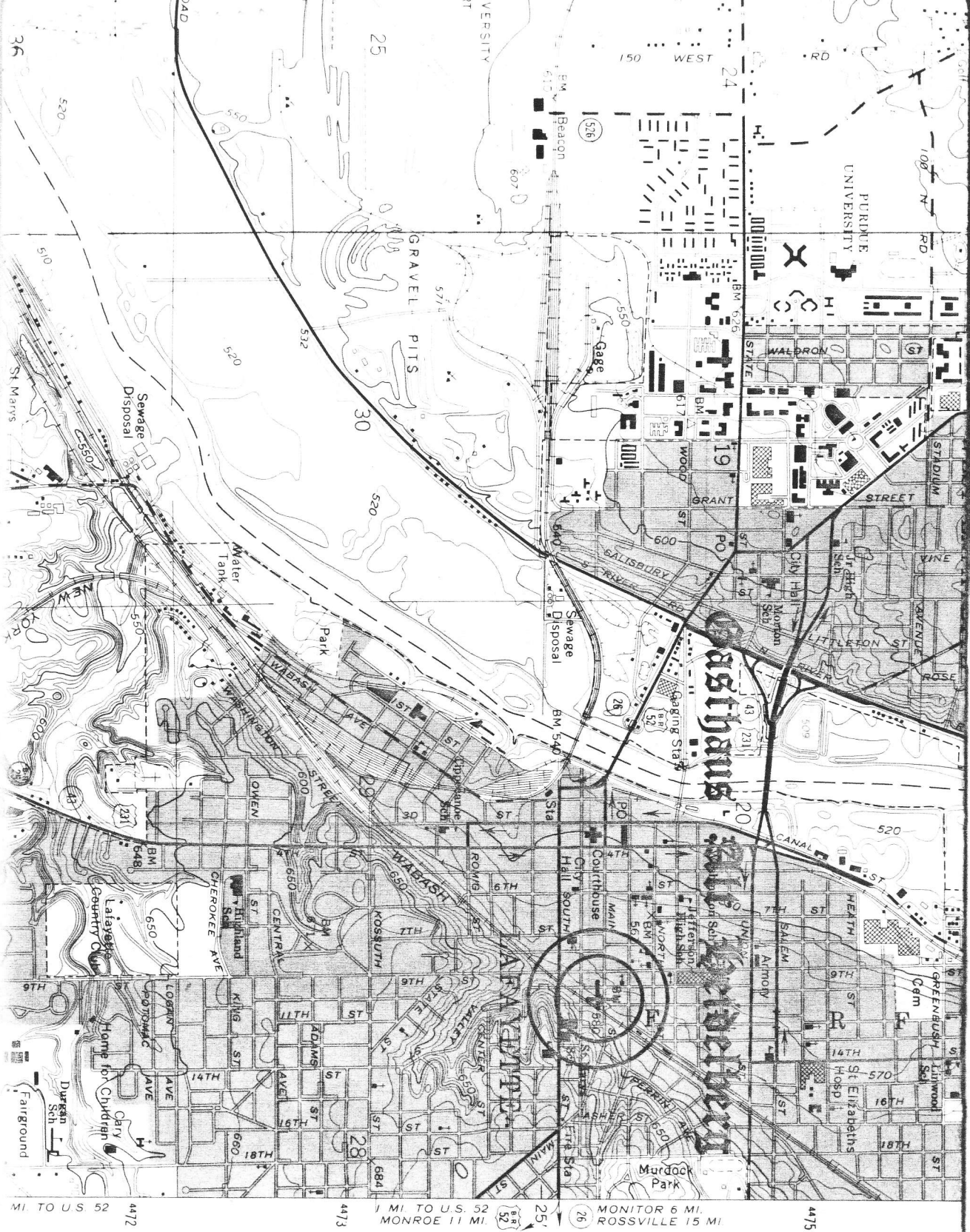
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Lot numbered thirty-four (34) in Taylor, Hanna, Harter and Stockwell's Addition to Lafayette, Indiana, as platted upon part of the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-one (21) Township twenty-three (23) North, Range four (4) West.



Enterprise Hotel  
 Lafayette, Indiana  
 UTM Reference:  
 16/509750/4474050