

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received \_\_\_\_\_  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Shiloh Meeting House and Cemetery

and/or common \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number One mile southeast of Ireland on 150 North Road N/A not for publication

city, town Ireland X vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Indiana code 018 county Dubois code 037

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" 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
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Shiloh Cemetery Association of Ireland, Indiana

street & number N/A

city, town Ireland X vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Indiana 47545

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dubois County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Jasper state Indiana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Shiloh Meetinghouse and Cemetery are located in a rural setting less than a mile from the Town of Ireland, Indiana. The Meetinghouse is a simple, one-story building of frame construction, and exhibits some Greek Revival elements in its design. The small (50' x 34') building has a rectangular plan and a medium-pitch gable roof. The original roofing material was wood shingles, but the present roof is of sheet metal. The building's chimneys were removed when this roof was applied. The foundation consists of piers of native sandstone.

The north facade of the structure, a gable end, contains three bays. The middle bay features a doublehung window, originally nine-over-six but now altered. The left and right bays contain the entry doors (one for men and one for women), each surmounted by a three-pane rectangular transom. The balance of this facade is simple clapboard, with plain cornerboards. The roof trim consists of a plain frieze and a simple box cornice with returns.

The east and west facades are identical, and contain four windows each. These windows, equally spaced across each facade, were all originally nine-over-six, doublehung units, identical to the window on the north facade. Modifications in some of these consists of removal of some muntins. The south facade contains two similar windows, located opposite the doors in the north wall.

The building's interior consists of a single large room, with a platform and pulpit located at the center of the south wall. The original yellow poplar pews fill the rest of the room. The original floorboards, likewise of yellow poplar, rest on floor joists made of logs with one side hewn flat. Adz marks are apparent on these members and also on the 6" x 6" rafters.

The nominated area includes one small utility building of recent origin and the old cemetery. The cemetery was established in 1860 and is the final resting place of the area's Civil War veterans. The cemetery and meetinghouse are both kept in good repair by the Shiloh Cemetery Association, a not-for-profit private corporation.

## 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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<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 1849

Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Shiloh Meeting House and Cemetery are significant for their role in the early settlement of Dubois County, Indiana. The building is one of the oldest structures in the county, and is believed to be the only pioneer-era Cumberland Presbyterian Church building in the state. As the place of worship for the majority of the new settlers of the area, it helped provide social cohesiveness and stability to the frontier.

The meetinghouse was built to serve those early settlers of Scotch-Irish descent who were coming to the area from Virginia and the Carolinas in the early 19th century. They were largely members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which was formed in 1810 after theological discord caused a schism in the Presbyterian Church. The Cumberlandians were the first denomination to appear in Dubois County. The Shiloh congregation was formed shortly after 1817, when an early settler, Isaac Alexander, established a camp meeting site near his farm. Circuit riding ministers held religious services at this site until 1830, when disputes with the property owner caused the removal of the campgrounds to a new site on Alexander's farm. By 1833 a permanent minister was engaged. In 1849, Isaac Alexander deeded a 6.5 acre plot to the trustees of the church, and the present meetinghouse was constructed that same year. In 1860, a cemetery was established adjacent to the meetinghouse and the remains of the congregation's Civil War dead were interred there.

Although the Shiloh congregation has passed out of existence, the meetinghouse and cemetery grounds are still kept in good repair. The Shiloh Cemetery Association, a not-for-profit corporation organized in 1927, currently owns and administers the property. The meetinghouse is still used on occasion, and new burials are still being made in the cemetery.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 6.34

Quadrangle name Jasper, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Pt. NE qr. SE qr. Sec. 29, Township 1 South, Range 5 West, beginning 23 rods south of the NE corner of said qr. qr. section, and running South 26 rods, West 39 rods, north 26 rods, east 39 rods to the beginning, containing 6.34 acres, more or less, Dubois County, Indiana

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title S. Hugh Dillin, Director

organization Shiloh Cemetery Association date September 9, 1980

street & number 255 U.S. Courthouse, 46 E. Ohio Street telephone 317/269-7458

city or town Indianapolis state Indiana 46204

# 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 June 8, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

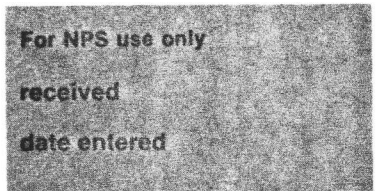
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Chief of Registration

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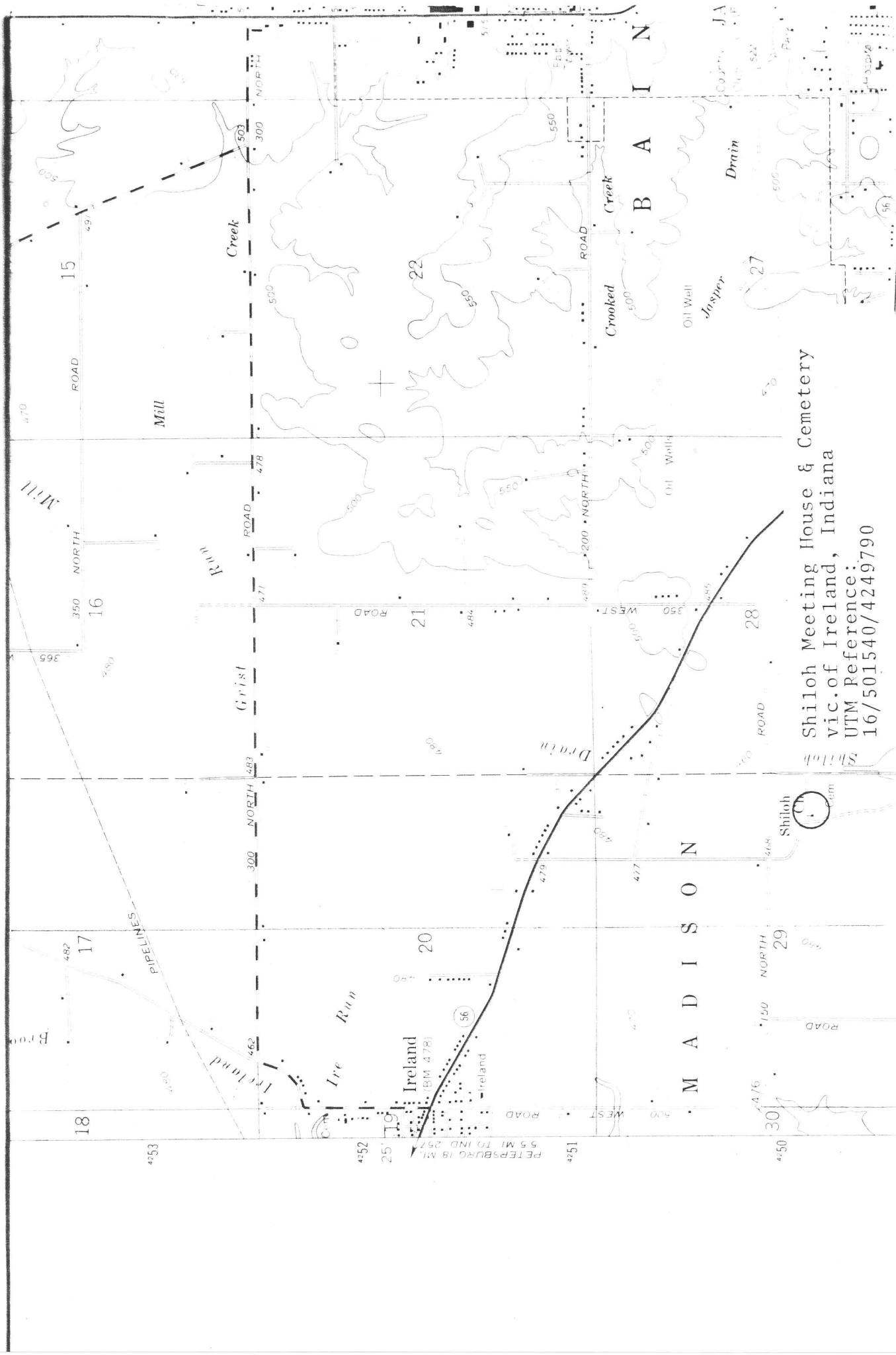
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