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National Register of Historic Places
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Waldron-Beck House and Carriage House
and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 829 N. 21st Street N/A not for publication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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name James P. Hoover
street & number 1705 Black Oak
city, town Lafayette N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47904

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Tippecanoe County Building
street & number 30 N. Third St.
city, town Lafayette state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1978 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 _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Waldron-Beck House and Carriage House are located on a large, wooded lot in Lafayette. The house, which faces west, is removed some distance from the street on which it fronts. The carriage house is southeast of the house.

The house, Italianate in style, is a detached, irregularly shaped, two-story building with a rock-faced stone foundation. It is of masonry bearing-wall construction, of brick laid in common bond, and has a multi-hip roof with asphalt shingles. The building consists of two masses: a main block and a rear service wing.

The main entry is on the south bay of the west (principal) facade of the main block. There are six steps leading up to this entry which is a segmental-arch opening with double doors that conform to the arch. Each door has a large, ten-light glazed area. The opening has a stone surround and a segmental arch, molded stone head. Above the door on the second story are a pair of tall, narrow, double-hung windows, in rectangular openings, with one light in each sash, stone sills, and stone heads of the same design as the one above the door.

On the other (north) side of this facade is a three-sided, two-story projecting bay with a double-hung window on each side of the bay on both stories. Each window has a molded stone, segmental-arch head. First story windows in this bay have segmental arch openings but rectangular frames. Second story windows have rectangular openings and frames. There are three rectangular basement windows, one on each side of the bay, which line up with and are the same width as the first and second story windows.

Extending from the east end of the south facade of the main house is an ell which terminates in a three-sided bay identical to the one on the principal facade. In the corner formed by the ell is a small, hip-roof, one-story wood porch (remodeled circa 1898) with turned posts and spindles, carved brackets, and a lattice porch screen. The porch has a southwest orientation. There are three steps leading up to it and a door on the west side of the ell which opens onto it. Above the porch on the west side of the ell is a second story window in the style of the other, previously described second-story windows. Above the porch on the south side is a second story round window with a stone surround.

On the north side of the main part is a slightly projecting rectangular bay which lines up in plan with the ell on the south side of the house. There are two windows on each story of this bay. These windows have segmental-arch openings, rectangular frames, each with a double-hung sash and stone sills.

There are three chimneys projecting from the roof of the main part of the house. Each of these is an interior chimney and is enriched with decorative brickwork. Surrounding the main part of the house is a wood entablature which includes a molded box cornice, dentils, and paired brackets. At the base of the brackets is a slightly projecting brick course. On the west (principal) and south facades of the main part is a five-course band of projecting, decorative brickwork between the first and second stories. On all but the rear (east side) of the main part, the exposed wall of the basement is rough stone and is surmounted by a smooth stone water table which abuts the sills of the first-story windows. The remainder of the exposed basement wall, including that of the rear service wing, is brick.

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The service wing, cubic in form, is three bays (south and north facades) by two bays (east facade) wide. Though an integral part of the main block, it is not as tall and has simpler detailing.

In the corner formed by the ell of the main part and the rear wing is a small, one story, square wood porch with a flat roof, plain frieze, bracketed cornice, and a square post. The floor of the porch, which is three or four inches above the ground, is concrete. A door with a stone sill, on the south side of the wing, opens onto this porch. There is another entry at the rear. A small porch there consists of a two-step concrete stoop upon which rest two square, wood posts that support a flat roof. The door opening onto the stoop has two rectangular panels below and two glazed rectangles above.

Window openings in the rear wing are segmentally-arched brick. Frames are rectangular and the sashes are double-hung. Most windows have two lights in each sash. The window on the second story above the rear door has four lights in each sash. There are basement windows the same width and in line with first and second story windows. Each of these has a segmental-arch opening with a double course of header bricks that follow the arch. Frames are rectangular. These basement windows are below grade and have window wells to admit light.

The chimney on this service wing, which is identical to those on the main house, is located in the east hip of the roof. The rear wing is surrounded by a cornice similar to that of the main part, the difference being that the brackets on the rear wing cornice are smaller.

Notable features of the interior include richly worked wood moldings and doors, wood floors with decorative inlay borders, and decorative plaster ceilings and cornices.

The house is in excellent condition.

The carriage house, southeast of the house, faces west. It is cubic in form, two stories high, and has a three bay facade. It is constructed of common bond brick and has a hip roof with asphalt shingles. On the front are two modern garage doors: a one-car garage door in the central bay, and a two-car garage door in the south bay. In each bay of the second floor of this facade is a window with a round-arch opening and frame. A double course of header bricks follows each arch. Each frame has a double-hung sash with four lights in each sash and a wood sill. The sash is missing from the window above the two-car garage door.

The cornice of the carriage house is nearly identical to the cornice of the rear wing of the house, the difference being that the brackets, though alike in scale, are slightly different in design. On the center of the roof is a rectangular, wood cupola with a hip roof, bracketed cornice, and round-arch vents.

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The carriage house is in fair condition. It is currently in use as a garage.

There are several large trees on the property on which the Waldron-Beck House and Carriage House are located. Along the front property line are stone posts which support a few surviving fence rails.

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 1877-1878

Builder Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Waldron-Beck House is significant for its architecture. An excellent example of a residential Italianate building, it is included in Peat's Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century. The Italianate Carriage House is included for its relationship with the house.

The house was built for Edward H. Waldron in 1877-78. The Carriage House was probably built around the same time. Waldron, a prominent Lafayette businessman, was general manager and superintendent of two of Lafayette's early, successful railroads and was involved in raising cattle. Following Waldron's residency, the house was owned by Joseph F. McDoel from 1896-1912. McDoel was another well-known Lafayette resident and railroad executive. In 1913 the house was purchased by Charles and Caroline Beck, who resided there until their deaths in 1950 and 1952, respectively. Charles Beck was a respected, life-long resident of Lafayette who owned and operated a grocery in Lafayette's downtown from 1876 to 1930.

Architecturally, the house is well proportioned, elegantly detailed, and expertly crafted. With the exception of minor alterations, the interior and exterior retain much of their original appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Biographical History of Tippecanoe, White, Jasper, Newton, Benton, Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana. Vol. I and II. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Co., 1899.
Peat, Wilbur D. Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century. Indianapolis: The Indiana Historical Society, 1962, plate 114.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1.05 acres

Quadrangle name Lafayette East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	5	1	0	8	2	0	4	4	7	4	8	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

name/title Michael Warden

organization N/A date March 17, 1981

street & number 3615 JoAllen Lane telephone 317/474-3375

city or town Lafayette state Indiana 47905

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 1-3-84

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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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Two hundred seventy (270) feet of even width off of the entire West end of the following described tract of real estate in the City of Lafayette, County of Tippecanoe and State of Indiana, namely:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-one (21), in Township Twenty-three (23) North, Range Four (4) West, described as follows:

Beginning on the East line of Twenty-first Street in the City of Lafayette at a point 14.30 rods (236 feet) North of the North line of Union Street and running thence East parallel with said North line of Union Street 65 rods to a point 20.07 rods West of the East line of Section Twenty-one (21) aforesaid; thence North 10.47 rods (172.8 feet); thence West 65 rods to the East line of Twenty-first Street; thence South 10.28 rods (169.6 feet) to the place of beginning.

Waldron-Beck House
Lafayette, Indiana
UTM Reference: 16/510820/4474820

