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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 Kintner-McGrain House

and/or common Cedar Glade

2. Location

street & number 740 North Capital Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Corydon N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Harrison code 061

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Thomas D. McGrain

street & number 740 N. Capital Avenue

city, town Corydon N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47112

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk's Office

street & number Harrison County Courthouse

city, town Corydon state Indiana 47112

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 Kintner-McGrain House is a large painted-brick home located on the north side of Corydon, Indiana. Originally, the house was part of a large farmstead located outside of the town limits, but most of the acreage was sold off so the city boundaries expanded to include this area. The house currently sits on a two acre tract which still suggests its rural context.

Constructed around 1808, the Kintner-McGrain House is a two-story, ell-shaped structure with a medium-pitch gable roof. The main (west) facade is seven bays wide and, at first glance, appears to be symmetrical around a vertical axis. Closer examination reveals that this symmetry is imperfect, since the spacing between the bays is slightly irregular. The middle bay on the ground floor contains the main entry, which features a rectangular transom and a rusticated rock-faced stone lintel. The six remaining ground floor bays and all seven second-floor bays (whose irregular spacing differs slightly from that of the ground floor) all contain six-over-six, double-hung rectangular windows with louvered shutters. These windows all feature rusticated rock-faced stone sills and lintels. Immediately over the second floor window lintels is a wide, plain frieze, and a box cornice with cyma recta molding. The five central bays on the ground floor are protected by a flat-roofed porch with an entablature similar to that of the main roof. Five Tuscan columns are used to support the outer edge of this roof. This porch is thought to be a late 19th century replacement for the home's original smaller porch.

Each of the building's gable ends features cornice returns and a raking cornice, suggesting a pediment. Offset chimneys are located in each gable end, and two other chimneys appear near the north end of the main wing. All of these chimneys were recently rebuilt and now feature corbelling and clay chimney pots.

The rear of the house has been remodeled on more than one occasion and currently features a one-story rear porch, sun room, and secondary entryway. The large brick fireplace in the sun room is believed to have originally been part of the wash house formerly located at the rear of the home.

The interior of the home remains in excellent condition, with almost all original decorative elements intact. The ground floor features several fireplaces with ornate mantelpieces, as well as fine original flooring and woodwork.

Originally, the property included a number of small outbuildings, including a carriage house, smokehouse, and blacksmith shop. None of these historic outbuildings remains in existence. A barn, garage, and small greenhouse, all of relatively recent vintage, are currently located on the property but are not included in this nomination.

# 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/ 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 checked="" 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 c. 1808

Builder/Architect Unknown

**Statement of Significance** (~~in one paragraph~~)

The Kintner-McGrain House is considered significant by virtue of its age and architectural style. The home is thought to date from 1808, making it one of the oldest structures extant in the state. One of only a few Federal style residences in Indiana, this home has remained within the same family since 1849.

Jacob Kintner, Sr., one of the area's earliest settlers, came to Corydon from Pennsylvania and established this farm in 1808. Eventually encompassing an area of over 1,000 acres, the farm came to be known as Cedar Glade because of the giant red cedars located on the property. Kintner remained on this farm until his death in 1847.

In 1849, Kintner's heirs traded the farm to Thomas McGrain, Sr., of Kentucky, in exchange for property he owned in Louisville, Kentucky. McGrain was originally from Ireland but had lived in Kentucky for some time before acquiring the Kintner's holdings. McGrain spent the rest of his life on this farm, and passed away in the late 1860's. His widow remained in the house until her death in 1909, when the property was passed on to Harry McGrain, youngest of Thomas's 12 sons. On his death the property was inherited by Matthew Dowling McGrain, who, in turn, left it to the present owners.

The Kintner-McGrain House features the rectangular windows, gable roof, and simple lines typical of the Federal style, an architectural type which is relatively scarce in Indiana. The home has been well-maintained over the years and still features most of its original woodwork, fireplaces, and other decorative elements. Although no longer part of a working farm, the home's generous 2 1/4 acre site still suggests its original rural context.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approx. 2.24 Acres

Quadrangle name Corydon West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	6	5	7	6	5	3	0	4	2	3	0	1	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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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	code	county	code
N/A			

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Thomas D. McGrain

organization N/A date January 1, 1982

street & number 740 N. Capital Avenue telephone 812/738-4592

city or town Corydon state Indiana 47112

# 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 *Thomas D. McGrain*

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 6-23-83

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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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Part of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 4 East, comprising . acres, and part of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 4, East, comprising 1.31 acres, in the Town of Corydon, Indiana. The nominated property is bounded on the north by Indian Creek, on the east by Waterworks Road (an extension of Farquar Avenue) on the south by the property located at 746 N. Capital Avenue, and on the west by Old Capital Avenue, now State Highway 337.

