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

1. Name

historic Henry F. Whitelock House and Farm

and/or common Hodson House

2. Location

street & number State Road 38, 4 miles east of Markleville N/A not for publication

city, town Shirley X vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Henry code 065

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Robert and Eloise Smith

street & number R. 1, Box 880

city, town Shirley X vicinity of state Indiana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Henry County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town New Castle 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

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 Whitelock House is located in rural Henry County on the south side of State Route 38. The house is part of a group of buildings on the Whitelock farm. These buildings include the house, a summer kitchen, smoke house, garage, two barns, and a chicken house. The house faces north, nearest the road. The other buildings are arranged roughly in an oval behind the house on the property, which comprises approximately 2.8 acres (see sketch map).

The house, which is vernacular Greek Revival in style, is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame structure with clapboard siding, except for the rear (south) facade, where the original siding has been replaced with plywood siding (photo 4). The house was originally T-shaped in plan, with the horizontal wing of the T running north and south. The horizontal wing, vertical wing, and ends of the T are each two bays wide. The open part of the T at the rear southwest corner of the house has been filled with a one-story, wood frame addition with clapboard siding and hipped roof.

The horizontal section of the T has the living room on one side, and a bedroom on the other. The addition is occupied by the winter kitchen and pantry. The house is 30'4" across each side of the T, making the kitchen, bedroom, dining and living rooms each approximately 15' square. The second story walls are set about 3' in from the outside walls, making the three upstairs bedrooms smaller than the rooms below.

The house has a brick foundation. The original part of the house is of hand-hewn post-and-beam construction, with angle braces pinned together with tapered wood pins.

Greek Revival elements on the house include the gable returns, a deep, plain frieze underscoring the eaves, and narrow corner boards with simple caps. The front porch, composed of turned poplar posts, scroll-sawn fan brackets, and a frieze of turned spindles, was added by William Hodson, who acquired the house in 1890. The porch floor is of very large pieces of cut limestone from Bedford, Indiana. The porch has a molded box cornice and a flat roof.

The house has three entrances, one each on the forward part of the main facade, the recessed part of the main facade, and the rear facade. Each of these is a recently installed paneled door. The two doors on the main facade have unglazed transoms. There is also an original door opening onto the porch roof on the forward part of the main facade. This door is distinctive for its paired, rounded-head, glazed opening. On each side of the door is a rounded-head sidelight with a panel below.

Most windows are double-hung with four lights in each sash. Those on the first story of the north facade and on the first story of the east facade are paired. The window on the west side of the addition is double-hung with one light in each sash and appears to be a shorter, modern substitute. Rear windows are also modern. All openings are simply framed with wood sills and drip caps.

There are two plain brick chimneys, one in each leg of the T, and a stovepipe flue extending from the west wall of the addition. The gabled roof is covered with slate on the sides visible from the road, and asphalt shingles on the rear. The eaves extend about 2' beyond the face of the house.

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The interior detailing is typical of the era, with the yellow poplar doors, paneling, and woodwork finished with a brown stain and grained with a feather to simulate the wood grain. The ground floor features low paneled wainscoting surrounding the rooms. Window and door frames are undecorated, with the horizontal head molding being slightly wider than the frame, creating a simple "eared" effect. A unique feature of the house is the arrangement of wood cabinets around the stove flues.

Directly behind and six feet from the house is a one-story, wood-frame summer kitchen with vertical board siding, and a slate and asphalt covered catslide roof. There is a chimney, the top of which has fallen away, at the rear (south) of the summer kitchen. The fireplace has been bricked in. This building is deteriorated (photo 20, 21).

Directly behind the summer kitchen is a one-story, brick smokehouse with a seamed metal, gable roof. This structure is in fair condition (photo 21, 22).

The garage, southeast of the house, is a one-story, wood frame structure with pinned connections, vertical board siding, and a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. It is in fair condition (photo 19).

Southwest of the garage is a large, two-story, wood frame barn with pinned connections, vertical board siding and an asphalt-shingle-covered, catslide roof. This building is deteriorated (photo 25).

Just southwest of this barn is another, smaller barn. This is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame structure with vertical board siding and a metal, double-catslide roof. This is also deteriorated (photo 23).

Northwest of this barn is a one-story, wood frame chicken house with horizontal siding and a shed roof. The chicken house is deteriorated (photo 24).

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Before 1855 Builder/Architect Unknown

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

The Whitelock House is significant as an example of simple Greek Revival architecture, and as a representative of post-and-beam construction. The farm buildings surrounding the house are also significant as an increasingly rare collection of farm out-buildings, portraying the character of a mid-19th century farmstead. The outbuildings include a summer kitchen, smoke house, garage, two barns, and chicken house.

The original land grant entry of this property was to Joseph Whitelock on January 22, 1836, for 80 acres of ground. On December 14 of the same year, these, and an additional 40 acres, were transferred to his son, Henry Whitelock.

Henry Whitelock was married to Elizabeth Purdue in 1840. It is believed that this house was built by him between 1836, the date of his purchase, and 1854. The house appears on the 1855 tax records, but could have been built earlier, as all earlier records were destroyed by fire in the Henry County Court House during the Civil War. The original improvement on the 1855 tax rolls had an assessed value of \$350, while the 80 acres of land was valued at \$240. This assessment at that time would have been the value of a very fine home. (Other homes for this period were valued on the tax records at \$50, or less.)

The construction of the house is post-and-beam, a technique that was widely replaced by balloon framing shortly after the house was constructed. The house is unusual in that it was built without fireplaces, and utilized, instead, stoves connected to masonry flues surrounded by heavy wood cabinets. The flue arrangement allowed for a stove to be installed in each room.

Besides Whitelock, owners of the house included Alcibiades Wyatt, who moved to Henry County in 1843, was a schoolteacher, later studied law, and in 1862 was admitted to the Bar. He practiced law little, mainly devoting himself to business and politics. He was listed as one of the early leaders of the Democratic Party. He owned the property from December 30, 1868, until his death in 1884, when it passed to his son, John. John sold it to Robert H. Cooper, one of the court-appointed commissioners at the time the estate of Martha Wyatt (Alcibiades' wife) was filed to make 'partition' of the estate, in 1890. The same year Cooper sold the property to William W. Hodson, a great-great-uncle of Eloise Hodson Smith, who owns the house with her husband, Robert. The house has remained in the Hodson family since it was acquired by William W. Hodson.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 2.8 acres

Quadrangle name Harrison Township

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 1 6 6 2 4 3 9 0 4 4 2 4 4 3 0
Zone Easting Northing

B [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

D [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

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F [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

G [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

H [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

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

name/title K. Ritchhart & Associates, Architects

organization N/A date June, 1983

street & number 227 W. 11th Street telephone 317/649-2258

city or town Anderson, state Indiana 46016

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 *J. M. Redman*

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 11-7-83

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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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The County of Henry, Indiana, Topography, History Art Folio, published by Rerick Bros., 1893

The Henry County Courthouse, Property Abstract

History of Henry County, Indiana, published by Inter State Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1884

The People's Guide to Henry County by Cline & McHaffie, published by Indianapolis Printing & Publishing House, 1874

Quaker Yearly Meeting Records, Richmond, Indiana

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A part of the southeast quarter of section 31, township 18, north, range 9 east of the second principal Meridian described as follows:

From the intersection of the Pendleton and New Castle Road S.R. 38 and Grant City Road approximately 300 feet west along the centerline of S.R. 38; thence north 30 feet to the south right-of-way line of the highway, to the point of beginning; thence continuing in a Southeasterly direction along the existing fence approximately 344 feet to intersection of an East-West fence; thence west along said fence approximately 174 feet to the corner; thence North from the corner approximately 55 feet to the intersecting East-West fence; thence West approximately 214 feet to the fence corner; thence North approximately 285 feet to the south right-of-way line of Pendleton and New Castle Road S.R. 38; thence East along the south right-of-way line of the Pendleton and New Castle Road S.R. 38 approximately 337 feet to the point of beginning. Said property contains 2 1/2 Acres±.

(All dimensions are approximate, not determined by survey but by measurement only.)