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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Pollard-Nelson House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 7th and Market Streets  
CITY, TOWN Logansport VICINITY OF  
STATE Indiana CODE 18 COUNTY Cass CODE 017  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th

**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 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     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Law Office                           |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Robert S. & Catherine L. Justice  
STREET & NUMBER Route #2  
CITY, TOWN Logansport VICINITY OF STATE Indiana

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder's Office, Cass County Courthouse, Deed Record 220, Page 547  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Logansport STATE Indiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Indiana Historic Preservation Program and Survey  
DATE 1972-1974  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Department of Natural Resources  
CITY, TOWN Indianapolis STATE Indiana

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1845, Colonel Philip Pollard constructed this symmetrical Greek Revival home facing north on the dominant hill in Logansport with a view of the Wabash River. It was described by local newspapers as "Probably the most desirable residence in town".

This bearingwall brick structure was originally constructed with a central two story section two rooms deep with an imposing Greek Revival facade and two one story wings on each side. In 1889 Judge John C. Nelson who acquired the house in 1889 found it to small for a growing family, added second stories to the wings and a section behind the west wing. In 1910 this same family made further additions to the rear and some interior alterations. The house has not had any essential changes since.

The additions were done so as not to detract from the Greek Revival facade and the house, although considerably enlarged and with an irregular floor plan maintains its character to all but a few obscure rear views. It is now a seven bay Greek Revival structure supported by a stone foundation and topped by a medium gable roof in the center section (the original two story section) that extends to two massive doric columns and forms a portico. The wings have low pitch shed roofs. The main chimneys are located along the center axis. All windows are double hung sash type with shutters. A shallow iron balcony supported by cast iron brackets is under the second floor bays under the portico. The main door has two blind side panels and a glazed transom.

The house is painted white and kept in meticulous condition by the owner who uses it as law offices.

# 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                 |
| <input checked="" 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              |   |   |

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SPECIFIC DATES    1845   1910                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT    Colonel Philip Pollard

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The large and ostentacious Pollard-Nelson House is a dominant feature in the human environment of Logansport. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest structures in town and has throughout its long life maintained a high degree of architectural integrity and significance. Certainly the foremost example of Greek Revival architecture in the area, it ranks among the best in the state.

Built by Philip Pollard an early Logansport business leader who owned a warehouse and store on the Wabash and Erie Canal just below the home, it represents what was considered the best in style for a successful canal era businessman. Mr. Pollard was also a bank owner and railroad president.

The second owner, Judge John C. Nelson who acquired the house in 1889 was a Captain in General Sherman's army during the Civil War and later became active in politics and a judge in Cass county Superior Court. The house remained in his family until it was acquired by the present owners in 1971.

The Pollard-Nelson House represents the best in Greek Revival architecture and workmanship and is notable for its association with community leaders.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Logan Chief, August 9, 1845 ed.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert S. Justice

August 13, 1975

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Route #2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Logansport

STATE

Indiana

# 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

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UTM REFERENCES  
 NORTH ARROW  
 PROPERTY BOUNDARIES  
 INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

**QUIREMENTS**

DATE 1972

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U.S.G.S. Topographic 7.5 series Logansport Quadrangle  
**REFERENCE**

Logansport  
 COUNTY  
 STATE Indiana

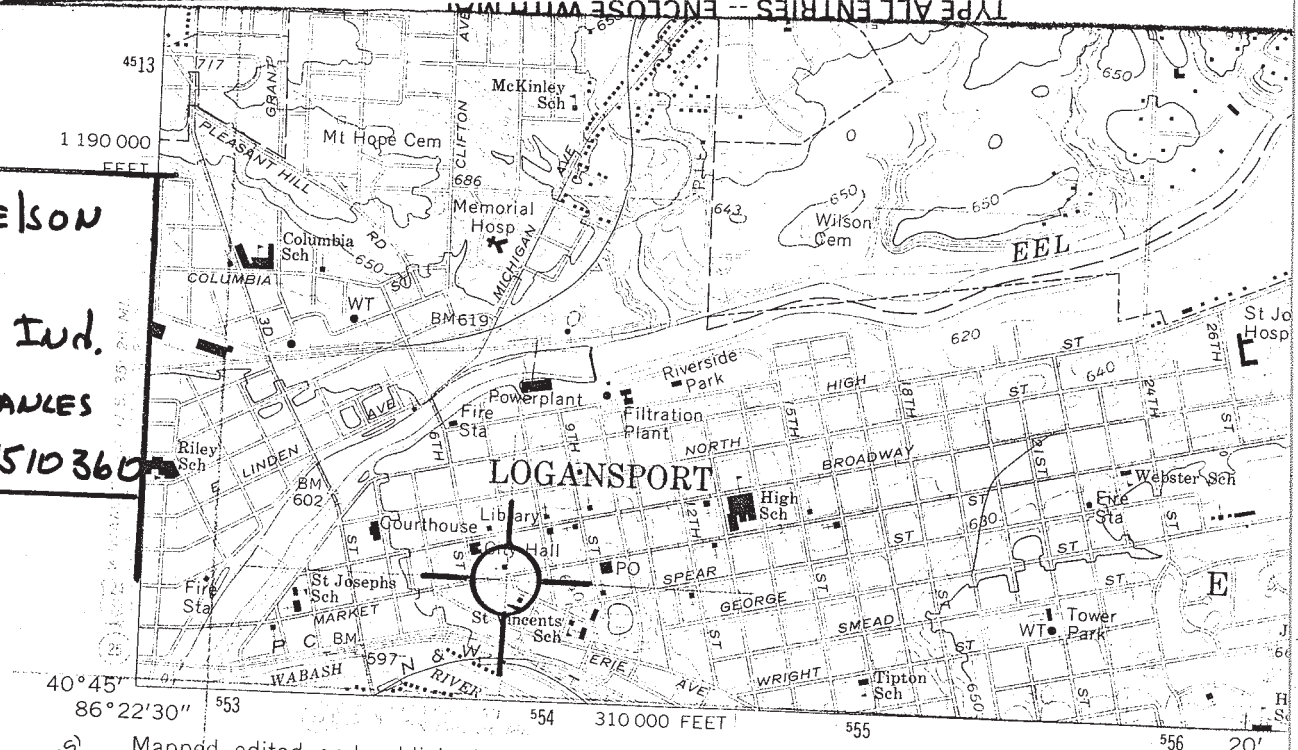
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Pollard-Nelson House

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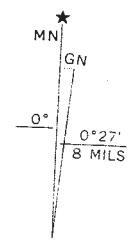
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

**POLLARD-NELSON  
 HOUSE.**  
 LOGANSPORT, IND.  
 U.T.M. REFERENCES  
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 3765 III NW

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 Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
 taken 1948. Topography by planetable surveys 1955  
 Revised from aerial photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1972  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Indiana coordinate system,  
 east zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 16, shown in blue.  
 Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
 generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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