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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

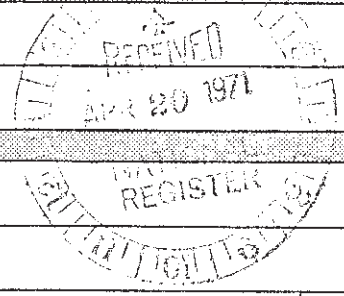
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: INDIANA	
COUNTY: WASHINGTON	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 7/10/18, 0005	DATE 10/26/71

1. NAME

COMMON:  
JOHN HAY BIRTHPLACE

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
 HAY-MORRISON HOUSE



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
106 South College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Salem, In

STATE Indiana	CODE 18	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 175
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Being Restored	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Washington County Historical Society, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
307 East Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Salem

STATE:  
Indiana

CODE:  
18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Deed Book R-5, page 325, Washington County, Indiana

STREET AND NUMBER:  
106 South College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Salem

STATE:  
Indiana

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18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
John Hay Home

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Lawrence Trueblood, Registered Engineer

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route # 4

CITY OR TOWN:  
Salem

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hay-Morrison House was built in 1824. Of Federal architecture, the original brick house consisted of two rooms. For four years, John I. Morrison taught a grammar school in this building.

Becoming too small for a school, the house was converted into a dwelling. About 1843 a breezeway (or open porch), summer kitchen, and smoke house were added to the rear of the original structure. Still later the breezeway was enclosed and the smoke house was removed. About 1910 a porch was added to the south side of the original building, but was removed in 1970.

Despite these changes the brick rooms and original structure remain. Although nearly a century and a half old, the basic structure thereof is in generally good condition.

The Hay-Morrison House is the property of the Washington County Historical Society. Immediately adjacent to this house is a new museum and library building, also constructed and owned by the Washington County Historical Society. This building (three stories, 40x90 feet) was made of used brick and is also of Federal architecture.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

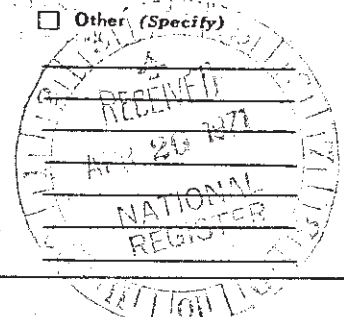
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian     16th Century     18th Century     20th Century  
 15th Century     17th Century     19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)    1824

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry             | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape            | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John I. Morrison (1806-1882) who used the Hay-Morrison House for his grammar school in its earliest years, remained identified with Salem until his death. For a number of years he taught in and was principal of the Washington County Seminary after which he taught for many years in the Salem academy. Students came to Salem from all sections of Indiana and neighboring states to study under Morrison. Numerous of them entered colleges, some of them became college professors, one became a college president and an early superintendent of public instruction for the State of Indiana.

Morrison's interests and contributions were varied. A member of the convention which drafted Indiana's constitution of 1851, he was chairman of its committee on education in which capacity he staunchly and effectively supported efforts on behalf of both common schools and Indiana University. Morrison later served three terms on the Indiana University Board of Trustees. Long interested in the education of women, Morrison's daughter, Sarah, became the first woman to enroll at Indiana University as a regular college student, and later became its first woman graduate.

John Hay (1838-1905) was born in the Hay-Morrison House. He lived here until his family moved to Illinois in the 1840's. Hay studied at Brown University, from which he received the A.M. degree. During the Civil War he served as a secretary to President Lincoln. In collaboration with J. G. Nicolay he later collected and edited the papers of President Lincoln in ten volumes known as Abraham Lincoln: A History (New York, 1890). For a time Hay also served as an editor for the New York Tribune.

After the Civil War, Hay served his country in diplomatic assignments at Vienna, Madrid, and Paris. He served briefly as ambassador to England before serving both Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt as Secretary of State. Commonly ranked among the six most effective secretaries of state, he exercised a decisive role in obtaining exclusive American rights for the building of the Panama Canal without loss of friendly understanding with England, then the leading world power. He likewise exercised the major role in establishing the Open Door Policy which did so much to halt the division of China into spheres of influence under European powers and preserved much Chinese control over Chinese affairs.

The Hay-Morrison House has a Federal Architectural design, prevalent in this community in an early day and was built from bricks produced in a local brickyard. Its simple lines created a style that was to remain as a design of small school buildings for many years in the area.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 History of Lawrence, Orange & Washington Counties, Goodspeed 1884  
 Scribners The American Monthly Vol. XXI No. 1- January 1900  
 The Life and Letters of John Hay by Thayer - Houghton Mifflin Co. - 1915  
 History of Washington County, Indiana by Stevens - Bowen & Co. Indianapolis  
 Indiana Magazine of History Vol. XXI, No. 1 March 1925 1916  
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 Original Scrapbooks by Minnie Berkey Neal containing newspaper clippings  
 from newspapers of more than 50 years ago, on file in Wash. Co. Historical  
 Original Manuscript of Hay-Morrison House by Telle- 1964 Society

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "	86°	05'	50"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.83 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Indiana	18	Washington	175
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Clara Marie Burns, President; Miss Lulie Davis, Secretary,  
 and Everett S. Dean, Chairman Planning and Building Committee

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Society, Inc. DATE: 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 307 East Market Street

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Indiana 47167 CODE: 18

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

RECEIVED  
 APR 30 1971

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: John R. Royal  
 Title: State Liaison Officer

5-2-71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*Ernest A. Connelly*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 26 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
*Madford*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10/22/71