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

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One):
   □ District □ Building □ Public
   □ Site □ Structure □ Private □ In Process
   □ Object □ Both □ Being Considered
   PUBLIC ACQUISITION:
   □ Occupied □ Unoccupied □ Preservation work
   □ In progress □ Yes: □ Restricted
   □ No

   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:
   □ Restricted □ Unrestricted
   Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate):
   □ Agricultural □ Government □ Park
   □ Commercial □ Industrial □ Private Residence
   □ Educational □ Military □ Religious
   □ Entertainment □ Museum □ Scientific
   □ Transportation □ Other (Specify)
   □ Being Restored

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COUNTRIE HOUSE, 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

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
   STATE: Indiana

   FOR NPS USE ONLY
   ENTRY NUMBER: 71.10.18.0005
   DATE: 10/6/71
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.
### Significance

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**Specific Date(s)** (If Applicable and Known): 1824

**Areas of Significance** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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- ☑ Prehistoric
- ☑ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☑ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☑ Education
- ☑ Industry
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- ☑ Landscape
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
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- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other (Specify)

**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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GEOPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.83 acre

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

STATE: Indiana
CODE: 18
COUNTY: Washington
CODE: 175

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
CODE: 18
COUNTY: 47167

STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [x] State [x] Local [ ]

Name: John R. Floyd
Title: State Liaison Officer
Date: 5-2-71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 26 1971

ATTEST:
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10/20/71