

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of PropertyHistoric name: Hillis-Long-Hultz HouseOther names/site number: Hultz House, Long-Hultz House

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. LocationStreet & number: 3363 E County Rd 800 NCity or town: Bainbridge State: Indiana County: PutnamNot For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☐**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination request meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property _____ the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 X A B X C D_____
Signature of certifying official/Title:_____
Date_____
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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In my opinion, the property _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:

☒

Public – Local

☐

Public – State

☐

Public – Federal

☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s)

☒

District

☐

Site

☐

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Structure

☐

Object

☐

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

2

Noncontributing

3

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

2

3

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: hall-and-parlor

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: LIMESTONE, WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Hillis-Long-Hultz House is an 1831 one-story, two-rank limestone hall-and-parlor residential structure located northwest of Bainbridge in rural Putnam County, Indiana. It was built by the first private owner of the property, William Hillis, along with his son Joseph, with local limestone likely sourced from nearby Big Walnut Creek. The house includes a wood frame rear lean-to addition. The western half was completed c. 1870, and the eastern half likely c. 1910. As a hall-and-parlor, the house has a side gable roof with chimneys centered on each gable end and an offset center door on the south-facing facade. The roof was previously wood shingle but is currently under rehabilitation. The dimensions of the original stone structure are 27' x 21'. The rear lean-to addition is 27' x 10'. The interior layout of the house retains the hall-and-parlor configuration, with the addition adding two rooms. The structure has never been updated with twentieth-century amenities such as electricity and running water, relying on the surrounding springs along the bluffs of Big Walnut Creek, which marks the south border of the property. Near the house are two collapsed outbuildings. A small wood-frame shed structure is located along the drive to the house from the nearest public road. The Hillis-Long-Hultz House is one of the few documented limestone residential structures of this early period in Indiana. It also remains remarkably intact for its age and considering the long period of vacancy.

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Narrative Description

The Hillis-Long-Hultz House is located at 3363 E Co Rd 800 N northeast of Bainbridge in Jackson Township, Putnam County. It is situated on a high bluff to the northwest of a bend in Big Walnut Creek, as the creek diverts west and back east before continuing its north-to-south path. The surrounding environment is mostly wooded, and the land to the north and east is part of Big Walnut Reserve, a National Natural Landmark. The clearing at the top of the hill includes a small agricultural field to the north of the cottage. To the south is a short drive that runs from a small dip at the bottom of the cottage's hill to the public road. Across the drive runs a spring-fed stream that runs northwest to southeast down to the creek below, forming a small waterfall along the way. Multiple other springs are visible along the steep south hillside. The south end of the parcel also includes a historic wood stable/storage structure and a set of three modern, non-contributing structures closer to the public road.

Built in 1831, the house is a rare Midwestern example of an intact limestone hall-and-parlor cottage built solely from local stone. It is a one-story, two-rank structure with a rear wood lean-to addition. The exterior measurements of the stone portion of the Hultz cabin are approximately 27' X 21', equivalent to the typical proportions of the building style. With the rear additions, it measures 27' X 31'. The exterior material is local limestone, with wood siding on the facades of the lean-to addition. The south-facing facade is typical of the hall-and parlor style, with an entry doorway offset to the left of center of the facade and a small window opening flanking each side of the entry door. The entry doorway features a four-light transom. Each window has a cut-limestone flat arch lintel. At the time of submission, the door and both windows are covered in polyethylene and plywood as they await rehabilitation. The front entryway has lacked a set of steps since at least the 1990s, despite the door being over a foot above ground level. The eaves are boxed with wood, while the wood trim below is currently overlapped by the temporary roof covering. The roof is wood shake shingle and was last replaced in 1957.¹

The east and west facades mirror each other with an exposed-stone chimney centered in each facade. Each chimney is roughly 19' in height and 6' in width to the top of the first story before narrowing to 4' as it rises to and above the roofline. A small attic window currently covered with plywood is located on the north side of the upper chimney on both the east and west facades. These attic windows also feature cut-limestone flat arch lintels.

The north facade of the original stone house is obscured by a wood frame lean-to addition, which was added in two phases, the western half c. 1870 and the eastern c. 1910. The current door and window positions of the north elevation are the same as the original stone elevation's positions. All openings on the north facade of the rear addition are currently boarded with plywood. Horizontal wood clapboard siding runs the entire length of the north facade of the addition.

The interior is in poor condition, and little remains from its time as a residence. Within the original hall and parlor rooms, the simple wood surrounds of the fireplaces still exist. The walls

¹ Duncan Campbell, "Preservation Assessment: Limestone Cabin, Hultz Farm Property," June 24, 1992, 5.

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of both rooms are covered with plaster, although many sections of plaster are gone. What remains is painted blue, with the west room more of a sky blue compared to the aqua blue of the east. Both ceilings were wood covered in plaster, although the east room ceiling has been covered by plywood. The west room also features a cabinet inset into the north stone wall. Both windows have been covered by plywood, and while the wood-panel front door remains, it has lost multiple panels. The central wall between the rooms is unoriginal, and likely replaced a previous version.

The north rooms also have suffered from age and lack of upkeep. The wood floor of the northwest room has heavily deteriorated, as is the boarded ceiling. The walls seem to have been plaster boarded but never painted, likely implying it was previously plaster like the rest of the walls. The north central room maintains painted plaster, except for the south wall, which was previously the exterior stone wall. Salvage is scattered among all four rooms, mostly made up of farm supplies and historic doors.

There had also been additions on the east side of the cottage dating c. 1950. At the time of the nomination submission, only a small section remains. The space had previously been used as a summer kitchen, an entryway, and more recently a hunting structure. However, as it is heavily compromised structurally, the owner will be removing it.

Only one contributing historic outbuilding remains standing on the property. It is a wood frame shed structure with a large lean-to addition off its south façade. This structure is situated on the east side of the drive southwest of the stream and opposite the hill on which the house sits. The original shed structure measures 12' x 32'. It features a metal shed roof that slopes to the north, four doorway openings in the south protected façade, two of which retain transom frames and one a paneled wood door, and a window opening in the west facade. The exterior of the shed structure is clad in rough, unpainted vertical wood boards. The east end of the original shed is open. The lean-to addition measures 14' x 32' and is of such a height that its north-sloping metal shed roof meets that of the south edge of the roof of the original shed structure. This creates the appearance of a single north sloping shed roof on the entire structure. The east and west ends of the lean-to addition are open while the south façade is clad in rough, unpainted vertical wood board siding and features a centered low wide opening. The interior of the original shed structure features a wood trough. The lean-to addition likely provided shelter for livestock housed in the shed but is primarily used for storing farm implements and mowing equipment.

Two collapsed sheds are located east of the historic house. Non-contributing structures include a 1970s brick-clad Ranch-style house, a large metal shed, and a poultry coop. All are located on the east side of the drive near the road and out of view from the historic house.

In summary, the Hillis-Long-Hultz House is a late but pure example of hall-and-parlor residential design; however, the limestone construction makes it a more unique example in Putnam County and western Indiana. The structure's relatively simple design aligned with the needs of early Indiana settlers, using the larger hall for informal family functions and the parlor for more private needs and bedchambers. The mid-twentieth-century north lean-to addition

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exemplifies the evolution of early small residential structures and the changing norms of society as families grew and additional living space was needed.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EXPLORATION/ SETTLEMENT

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1831-1854

Significant Dates

1831

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hillis, William

Hillis, Joseph M

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The 1831 Hillis-Long-Hultz House, located at 3363 E Co Rd 800 N just outside Bainbridge in Jackson Township of Putnam County, is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A & C due to its association with early rural American settlement of the Midwest, its minimally-altered use in the twentieth century by the Hultz family, and its architectural rarity as a limestone hall-and-parlor cottage in a region of the country where few exist. This structure functioned as a farmhouse for three notable northeast Putnam County families: The Hillises, the Longs, and the Hultzes. The patriarchs of these families and their descendants made major impacts on the surrounding community, despite the property's relatively remote locale. William Hillis and his family were among the first white settlers to broach and reside in northeast Putnam County, and his descendants were prominent in the area for many decades. William resided in the stone cottage from its construction in 1831 until his death in 1860, likely utilizing the agricultural land with the help of his sons that entire period. From 1903-1970, the Hultz family raised the house's historic significance by occupying it with limited modern amenities throughout most of the twentieth century, while still operating as active members of the community. Their lifestyle helped to preserve the historic integrity of the house, largely still reflecting the original interior layout. Today, the house stands as a remarkably intact and architecturally rare Midwest stone hall-and-parlor, but only due to its long history of continuous occupation and preservation. It represents both the history of rural Indiana and the history of its owners whose dedication to and love for the historic house ensured it remained standing for future generations. The period of significance runs from 1831, when the house was constructed, until 1854, marking the construction of the railroad in nearby Bainbridge and signifying the end of the settlement era.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Euro-American settlement of Putnam County, Indiana began in 1809, with the cession of land through the Treaty of Fort Wayne with the Miami, Eel River, Delaware, Pottawatomie, in exchange for \$250 to the Eel River and \$500 to the three other nations. The Wea concurred later that year.² Within this boundary was the southwest corner of Putnam County. This portion of land, focused around where Big Walnut Creek and Mill Creek empty into the Eel River, was the first surveyed in Putnam County for purchase. The rest of the county would be transferred in the Treaty of St. Mary's in 1818, which involved roughly a third of present-day Indiana. Jackson Township would see its first white settlers only a few years later. Among these early settlers were William Hillis and his family.³

² Jesse William Weik, *Weik's History of Putnam County, Indiana* (Indianapolis: B.F. Bowen & Company, 1910), 18.

³ Weik, *Weik's History of Putnam County, Indiana*, 151.

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In 1831, William Hillis (1774-1860) built the Hillis-Long-Hultz House with his son Joseph Hillis. William and his sons James, Abram (Abraham in some records), and Joseph were early settlers in Jackson Township, the northeastern-most township of Putnam County. They purchased multiple large sections of newly available land near Big Walnut Creek in the southwest corner of the township, near the town of Bainbridge.⁴ The original plot of the Hillis-Long-Hultz House was a 120-acre purchase near the southwest corner of the township. William focused mainly on the agricultural use of the land, which featured many natural springs and potential farmland. The Hillis family were some of the first Euro-American settlers to utilize Big Walnut Creek's resources, as Joseph and Abram constructed the first and third mills, respectively, on the waterway.⁵ These were likely grist mills, but it is not known for certain. The stone for the Hillis-Long-Hultz House was likely cut from Big Walnut Creek's bed.

The town of Bainbridge, roughly two miles southwest of the house, was laid out also in 1831. It was incorporated in 1847, but the population boomed with the construction of the Louisville, New Albany, and Salem Railroad (later the Monon Route) in the mid-1850s. Big Walnut Creek's proximity to town gave farmers with mills a greater opportunity to sell goods. Around this time, a massive grist mill was constructed on the creek, which after original financial failure, was bought by a Chicago man who shipped the Putnam County wheat all the way to European ports.

After William's death in 1860, the property passed to his surviving relatives, who continued to reside in the region. William's son Abram is mentioned in *Weik's History of Putnam County, Indiana* as living along the road from Greencastle to Bainbridge.⁶ Abram and his sons John Hillis, a Civil War veteran, and George Hillis were all featured in *The History of Putnam County*, published in 1887.⁷ Abram's son Henry Harrison Hillis married Sarah O'Hair, daughter of notable Putnam County resident James Edington Montgomery (J.E.M.) O'Hair, whose home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NR-1036).⁸

William's surviving family soon sold the cottage parcel to William R. Lewis, an older man who had lived in the area for some time, before it was purchased by Thomas Long in 1864.⁹ Thomas Long (1816-1896) and his wife Martha moved to Putnam County in 1854. Thomas first worked as a farmer, but later worked as a deputy tax collector for over twenty-five years.¹⁰ Like Hillis, Long also used the property for agriculture. Thomas and Martha moved to downtown Bainbridge in 1884 but maintained ownership of the property until Thomas's death in 1896. Even as a tax collector, Long was known among his peers as "one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Bainbridge."¹¹

⁴ Certificate of Purchase by William Hillis, US General Land Office.

⁵ Mike Marler, *Biographical and Historical Record of Putnam County, Indiana* (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1887), 224.

⁶ Weik, *Weik's History of Putnam County, Indiana*, 82.

⁷ Marler, *Biographical and Historical Record of Putnam County, Indiana*, 348-351.

⁸ Weik, *Weik's History of Putnam County, Indiana*, 644.

⁹ D. J. Lake, A. Warner, and Worley & Bracher, *Map of Putnam Co., Indiana* (Philadelphia: Cowles & Titus, 1864) Map. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2013593177/>.

¹⁰ Marler, *Biographical and Historical Record of Putnam County, Indiana*, 327.

¹¹ "Local Lemes," *Greencastle Star Press*, October 10, 1896, 1.

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After Thomas's death, a dispute of ownership caused his son James Long to sue the rest of the family, including his mother Martha. James claimed Thomas's will was written while he was not of sound mind, and that his father's property be split in a standard fashion.¹² James quickly won the case. However, James already owned a home in Coal Bluff, a small town in nearby Vigo County, so he did not wish to inhabit the home. The legal partition was completed in 1898, and the section of land containing the stone house, roughly the eastern two-thirds of the original Hillis land, was granted to Christian Melear, one of Thomas's daughters. Melear also received an additional plot to the east, which might have been included in the farm's boundaries since Hillis but is unconfirmed. She sold the property to James Prather a year later for \$1700, who then sold it to Oliver Badger Hultz in 1903.¹³

Oliver Hultz (1852-1936) purchased the stone cottage parcel in 1903. He relocated there shortly after, along with his wife Hattie and children Agnes and Ralph. Oliver Hultz worked as a schoolteacher, principal, and superintendent throughout his career. He taught in many small towns throughout west-central Indiana, including Judson, Jamestown, Monon, Whitesville, Parkersburg, Russellville, and Yountsville. He was a very well-respected teacher in the area, known by both parents and students for making the classroom pleasant and inviting.¹⁴ After moving to the stone house in 1903, he, like his predecessors, took up farming on the land, mostly working alongside his son Ralph. While the world was progressing in terms of residential technology with electricity and running water, the Hultz family continued to live without it.

In 1935, Oliver passed ownership of the land onto his daughter Agnes, who had followed in his footsteps by working as a schoolteacher in Bedford, IN.¹⁵ Ralph continued to live on and farm the land, and took legal ownership of the property in 1955, where he and his wife Eileen lived through at least the 1970s. During their time there, Ralph and Eileen were active in an effort to halt the Big Walnut Creek Reservoir Project. This was an attempt in the 1960s and 1970s to transform the creek into a reservoir.¹⁶ They would remain dedicated to preserving the surrounding area until their passing. In the early 1970s, the Hultzes constructed a Ranch-style house on the property, as Ralph could no longer live in the stone house due to his deteriorating health. This solution allowed them to continue to preserve the historic home while still responsibly taking care of themselves. In 1995, Eileen, now on her own and in poor health, deeded the land to Rod Wilson, who owns it to this day.

The land surrounding the proposed nomination site that was included in the partition designation for Christian Melear is now part of Big Walnut Nature Preserve. The preserve was dedicated as a National Natural Landmark in 1968, and is currently co-managed by The Nature Conservancy, a global environmental organization, and the Indiana DNR. Big Walnut Nature Preserve is a public reserve with multiple trails that totals 2,458 acres.

¹² "The Local Field," *The Daily Banner Times (Greencastle, IN)*, November 28, 1896, 3.

¹³ "Real Estate Transfers," *The Greencastle Democrat*, July 28, 1899, 6.

¹⁴ "Yountsville," *Crawfordsville Weekly Journal*, February 15, 1901, 4.

¹⁵ "Historical Alumni Register," *Indiana State Teachers College Bulletin* 23, no. 4 (1930): 159.

¹⁶ *Public Works Authorizations, 1968: Rivers and Harbors, Flood Control, and Multiple-purpose Projects* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1968), 492-493.

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A similar style of rubble stone house from a similar era is the Bergin Stone House in Brookville, Indiana. However, it is a two-story structure within the city. The Daniel Stout House is also of similar age and material, but also has an extra story and sits close to nearby Bloomington. The Hillis-Long-Hultz House, only accessible by gravel road in rural Putnam County, still captures this era of rural settlement, and maintains that rural surrounding thanks to the conservation efforts of its former residents.

Stone houses of this period are difficult to find in the state, but some remain. The most notable nearby is the 1828 Daniel Stout House (NR-2059) near Bloomington, Indiana. The stone is much cleaner-cut on the front façade, but the rear elevations are more like the Hillis-Long-Hultz House. In Brookville, the Bergin Stone House (168 E 1st St, within NR-0028), recorded in the *Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory* as c.1860 but due to masonry structures switching to brick by that time and the house's location on lower elevation away from the downtown likely closer to c.1835, better reflects the rougher stone façade. However, both these structures are two-story I-houses. Just outside Brookville is a likely c.1835 limestone saddlebag (IHSSI: 047-073-35063, recorded as c.1856) that shares a similar lintel style to the Hillis-Long-Hultz House, as well as being a single-story structure. While none are exact matches, they reflect the amateur construction of all these houses, meant to provide stable shelter in remote land rather than to exhibit high style.

In the northeast corner of Putnam County, where the Hillis-Long-Hultz house is situated, there are very few extant houses from before 1850. The earliest vernacular housing in the county, most of which are now demolished, were log cabins. Two houses from this period are listed in the National Register. The Samuel Brown house (NR-1862, c. 1841) is in the Greek Revival style, with a large addition on the rear. The James O'Hair house (c. 1835, mentioned earlier) is a federal and stick style I-House with its own additions. The other extant houses in this part of the county that predate 1850 have major additions or have had their integrity diminished by altering the exterior appearance. Consequently, the Hillis-Long-Hultz house is one of the oldest extant buildings that maintains this degree of integrity in northeastern Putnam County. The house has maintained its historic integrity with minimal alterations and continued use for a century and a half. The original portion of the home remained in its original hall-and-parlor layout throughout the twentieth century, while the additions allowed for additional space while still maintaining the original structure.

As for the home's design, it was never meant to be the architectural marvel that National Register homes often tend to be. It was rudimentary, but perfectly serviceable as a rural cottage. As time went on, the stone hall-and-parlor home remained as others from its era fell to ruin or progress. At nearly two hundred years of age, it stands as an amazingly intact example of this style of home built from the natural resources surrounding it.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☒ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 16.92 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 39.781200

Longitude: -86.785114

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Commencing at a stone marking the Northwest corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 16 North, Range 3 West; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes West 257.01 feet with the North line of the Southeast quarter to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence South 01 degree 04 minutes East 680.54 feet with the West line of a 39.87 acre tract to a 5/8 inch rebar and the true point of beginning of real estate herein described; thence with the boundaries of said 39.87 acre tract South 83 degrees 56 minutes East 620.65 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence South 01 degree 04 minutes East 584.80 feet to the centerline of Big Walnut Creek; thence leaving the boundary of said 39.87 acre tract and with the centerline of Big Walnut Creek South 40 degrees 37 minutes West 174.90 feet; thence South 01 degree 04 minutes West 146.67 feet; thence South 27 degrees 02 minutes East 195.75 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes East 99.46 feet; thence South 55 degrees 04 minutes East 150.19 feet; thence South 53 degrees 07 minutes East 22.81 feet to an existing property line; thence leaving the centerline of Big Walnut Creek South 89 degrees 43 minutes West 789.11 feet with said existing property line to a stone; thence North 01 degree 04 minutes West 1277.47 feet with an existing property line to the point of beginning, containing 16.92 acres, more or less.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries of the nominated property were derived from the current legal description of the property recorded in the office of the Court of Clerk for Putnam County.

While the proposed boundary is not the original full property, it includes obviously the primary resource in the Hillis-Long-Hultz house, along with a portion of Big Walnut Creek and nearby natural springs. The land likely used for farming previously no longer resembles its prior use, and the surrounding woodland is all part of the nearby nature preserve, save for the property owner's residence to the immediate west.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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County and State

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Hillis-Long-Hultz House

City or Vicinity: Bainbridge

County: Putnam

State: Indiana

Photographer: Noah Nobbe; Kurt Garner (Photo 10)

Date Photographed: January 24 & April 15, 2024 (Nobbe); February 23, 2024 (Garner)

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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| 1 of 21: | South main façade of house, looking northwest. |
| 2 of 21: | East façade of house, looking northwest. |
| 3 of 21: | East façade, looking southwest. |
| 4 of 21: | North facade, looking south. |
| 5 of 21: | Northwest corner, looking southeast. |
| 6 of 21: | Southwest corner, looking northeast. |
| 7 of 21: | South façade of contributing outbuilding, looking north. |
| 8 of 21: | East façade of contributing outbuilding, looking west. |
| 9 of 21: | West façade of contributing outbuilding, looking east. |
| 10 of 21: | Interior of northwest room, looking northwest. |
| 11 of 21: | Interior of northeast room, looking north. |
| 12 of 21: | Interior of parlor/southeast room, looking south. |
| 13 of 21: | Interior of hall/southwest room, looking northwest. |
| 14 of 21: | Interior; south entry and wall dividing hall and parlor, looking south. |
| 15 of 21: | Southwest corner from end of drive, looking northeast. |
| 16 of 21: | Noncontributing Ranch-style home on property, looking southeast. |
| 17 of 21: | Noncontributing shed structure on property, looking southwest. |
| 18 of 21: | Noncontributing poultry coop on property, looking southeast. |
| 19 of 21: | Stream leading to Big Walnut Creek, January, facing southwest. |
| 20 of 21: | Stream leading to Big Walnut Creek, April, facing southwest. |
| 21 of 21: | Stream leading to Big Walnut Creek, April, facing southeast. |

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Figures

- Figure 1: Satellite Map w/house marked (wide).
Figure 2: Historical photo of Eileen Hultz (center) with two unidentified individuals in front of south façade, looking northwest.
Figure 3: Circa 1980 (exact date unknown) photo of house, looking northeast.

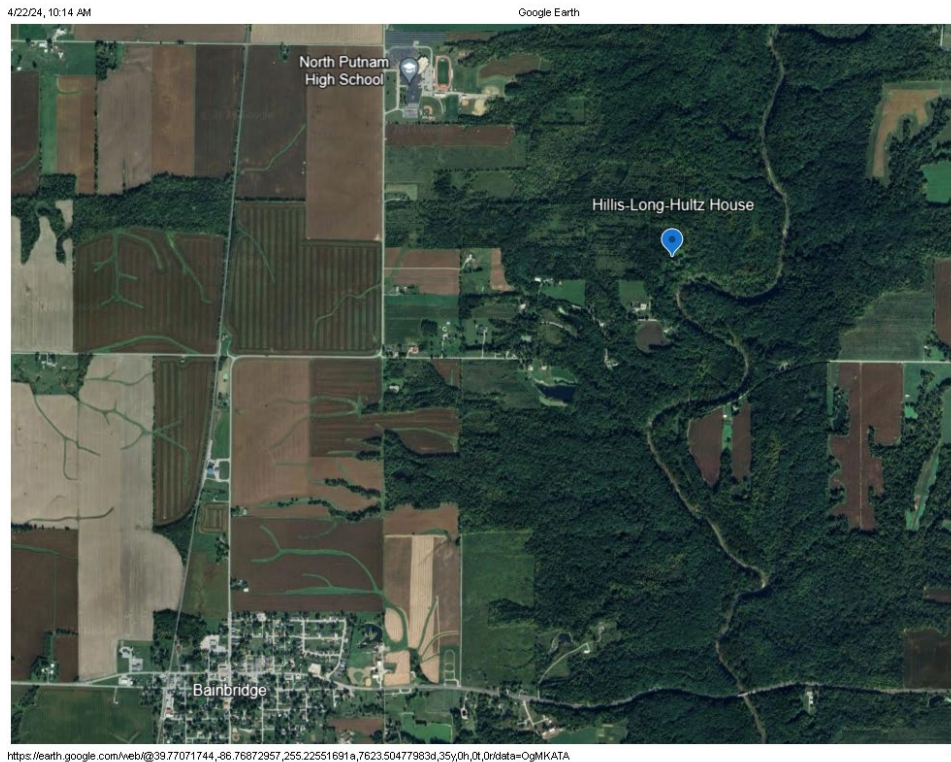


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

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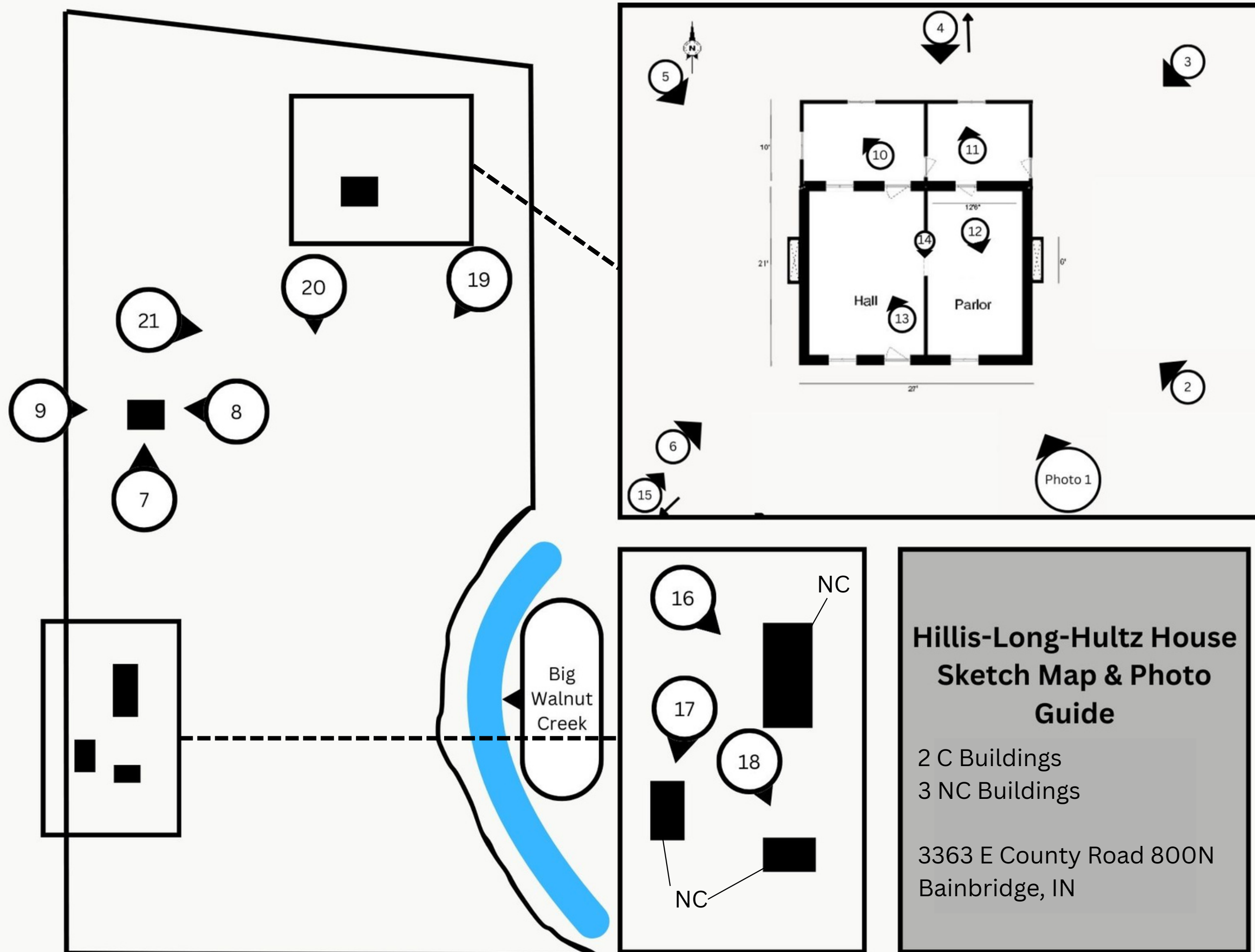
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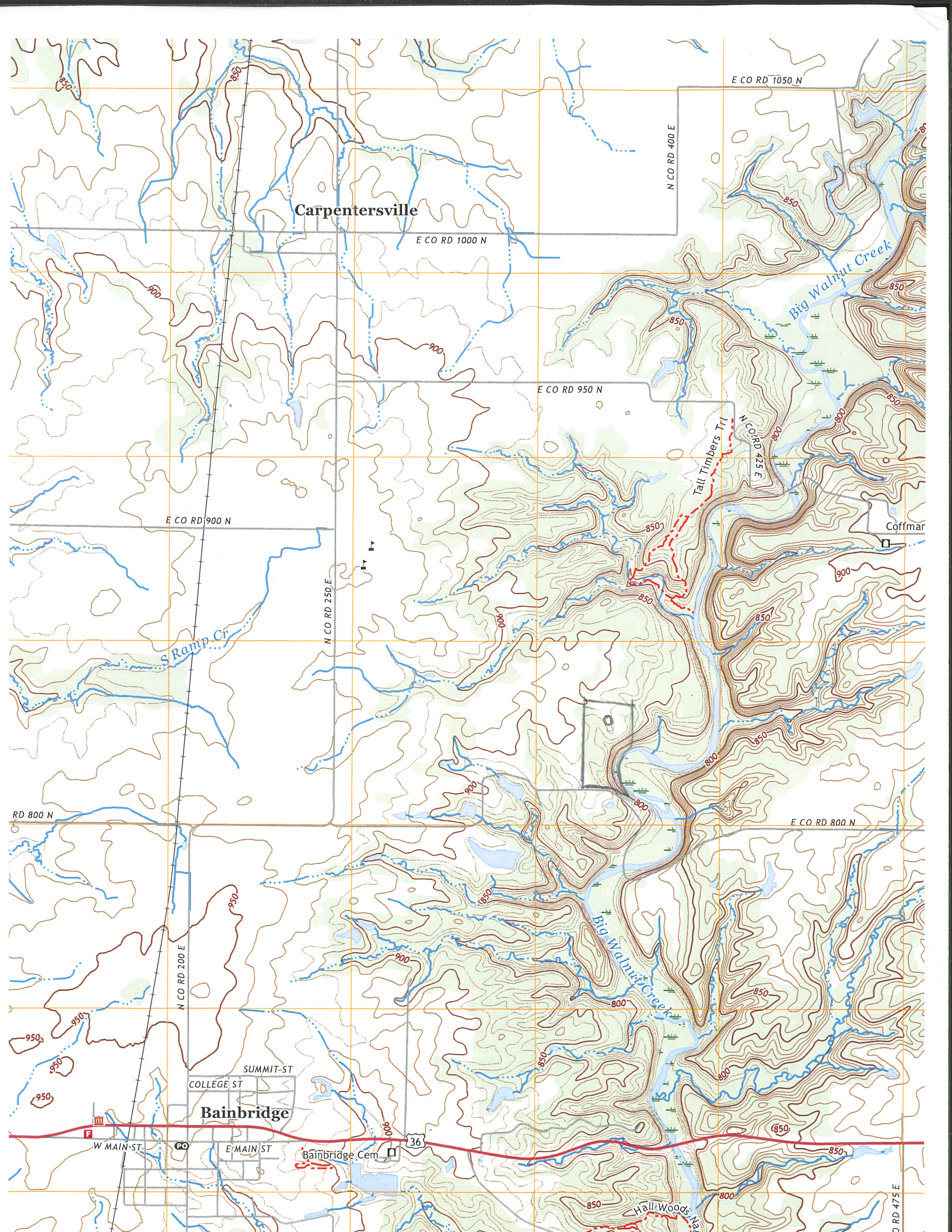
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