



27.1995.1 J. W. Patterson House
Grant County
Marker Text Review Report
2010

Marker Text

Built circa 1888. Occupied by civic leaders (Nixon Winslow, Levi Scott, and Joseph Patterson) who made significant contributions to Fairmount's economic, educational, and cultural development. Patterson was community's medical doctor, 1889-1913. Listed in National Register of Historic Places, 1979.

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Primary and secondary sources confirm that this marker is factually accurate. Deeds show that Nixon Winslow purchased the said plot of land in 1887 and sold it in 1890.¹ Nixon Winslow built the house around 1888.²

Newspaper articles, county histories, and memoirs support that Nixon Winslow, Levi Scott, and Joseph Patterson were civic leaders who contributed to the town's economic, educational, and cultural development.³

Joseph Patterson served as the community's medical doctor from 1889-1913.⁴

The home was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on November 14, 1979.⁵

¹ "Guardian's Deed," Grant County Deed Records, May 9, 1887; "This Indenture Witnesseth...", Grant County Deed Records, November 3, 1890. Copies in IHB marker file.

² "J. W. Patterson Home," *National Register of Historic Places Inventory – Nomination Form*, June 2, 1978; Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, *Grant County Interim Report*, 134.

³ "Guardian's Deed," Grant County Deed Records, May 9, 1887; "This Indenture Witnesseth...", Grant County Deed Records, November 3, 1890; "This Indenture, Made...", Grant County Deed Records, March 4, 1898; "Passing of a Well Known Citizen," *Fairmount News*, December 29, 1913. *History of Grant County, Indiana from the Earliest Time to the Present, with Biographical Sketches, Notes, Etc., Together with an Extended History of the Northwest, the Indiana Territory, and the State of Indiana* (Chicago, IL: Brant and Fuller, 1886), 731-732, 735-736, 739; *Biographical Memoirs of Grant County, Indiana* (Chicago, IL: the Bowen Publishing Company, 1901), 408-411; Edgar M. Baldwin, *The Making of a Township: Being an Account of the Early Settlement and Subsequent Development of Fairmount Township, Grant County, Indiana, 1829-1917* (Fairmount, IN: Edgar Baldwin Printing Company, 1917), 204, 288, 290, 321, 323-324, 326, 347.

⁴ "Passing of a Well Known Citizen," *Fairmount News*, December 29, 1913; Baldwin, *The Making of a Township*, 323-324.

⁵ "National Register of Historic Places Certificate – J.W. Patterson House," November 14, 1979; J. W. Patterson Home," *National Register of Historic Places Inventory – Nomination Form*, June 2, 1978.