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Harrison County  
Marker Text Review Report  
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### Marker Text

House built by Jacob Kintner, Sr. 1808. Named for giant native red cedars in area. Self-sustaining plantation traded 1849 to Thomas McGrain, Sr. for Louisville property. Sheltered Corydon residents July 1863 during Morgan's Raid. First marked 1966 by Mr./Mrs. M. Dowling McGrain. Listed in National Register, 1983.

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Much of the information on this marker is unverifiable by primary or secondary sources. IHB researchers have been unable to verify the date of construction for the house. It is unclear when Jacob Kintner took possession of the land because deed records for Harrison County did not exist until 1809; one year after the date the marker gives for the erection of the Kintner home.

No evidence has been located that signifies that this property was a plantation. An undated clipping from a Harrison County newspaper claimed that "Mr. Kintner traded this property to Thos. McGrain, Sr., receiving in exchange a store in Louisville, Ky." However, this article was apparently written many years later because it states that "Since that year the McGrain family has owned 'Cedar Glade.'" After looking in the 1849 deed records, no record of a property exchange between Kintner and McGrain could be found. See Frederick P. Griffin's *History of Corydon & Harrison County Indiana: A Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings*, Vol. 2 (1993) for more information.

Additionally, though the property is referred to as "Cedar Glade" in numerous newspaper clippings, it is unclear how it received the name. It can only be assumed that it was "Named for giant native red cedars in area." Besides not being able to find the origin of the name, its use as the title of the marker seems misleading. In various newspaper clippings the home has been referred to as the Kintner and/or McGrain home, but Cedar Glade is the name of the land. Again, see Griffin's history for more information.

Most importantly, the Indiana Historical Bureau cannot locate any evidence that the home "Sheltered Corydon residents . . . during Morgan's Raid." No mention of this house and its role during the event could be found in any sources including county histories, Lester V. Horwitz's extensive book *The Longest Raid of the Civil War*, Corydon newspaper accounts from 1863, and articles in various publications like the *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Traces*, and the *Indiana History Bulletin*.

Finally, the home is listed on the national register, notably as the "Kintner-McGrain House." It was listed on August 3, 1983 and can be accessed at

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