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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Grameispacher-Gutzweiler House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Seventh & Main Streets

CITY, TOWN Jasper

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8th

STATE Indiana

CODE
018

COUNTY
Dubois

CODE
037

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME John L. Wehrle

STREET & NUMBER R.R. #5

CITY, TOWN Jasper

VICINITY OF

STATE
Indiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Recorder's Office
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER Dubois County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Jasper

STATE
Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

DATE

1972

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN Indianapolis,

STATE
Indiana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is an unusual example of the Federal style in Indiana. As is the case with many Federal examples, the building is a simple rectangular mass five bays long and three bays wide, with the entrance centrally placed on one of the long sides. The unusual feature is that the fractables of the gables are stepped (corbiesteps or crow-steps), rather than inclined. The roofline is otherwise a simple pitched roof, with a plain boxed cornice.

The elevations consist of brick walls set on a high fieldstone basement, with jack-arched openings surrounded by wide, painted wooden frames and wooden shutters. The entrance, on the main, (south) elevation, is a semi-glazed leaf flanked by sidelights and topped by a fanlight with radiating mullions. Directly above the entrance is a balcony, which is supported by paired modillions, and enclosed by a simple iron railing; the central window behind the balcony has been made into a door with triple-lighted rectangular transom. The balcony was added in the 1890's. A basement entrance and window to the left of center were added in the twentieth century.

The side elevations are dominated by the six levels of corbiesteps, which are capped with flat slabs of stone caping. The wall towards the center of the block (west) is in original condition, with a row of three windows on each floor, trimmed in the same manner as those of the main elevation, with a single lowered rectangular opening centrally placed on the loft level. On the east elevation, facing Main Street, the second floor and loft openings are intact, but the outer window bays on the first floor have been cut downward to grade level, and are now doorways which flank a large round arch, which has replaced the central first floor window. The arch is apparently an addition of the late nineteenth century. The rock-faced voussoirs spring from foliated shoulder blocks and are capped by a smooth archivolt molding, as in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. The interior of the arch is divided into three bays with transom lights; the sill line is just beneath the top of the original basement coursing. The flanking windows, and a similarly lengthend first floor window just around the corner on the main (south) elevation, are trimmed with wide boards and capped with flat hood moulds.

The interior has been altered a number of times.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The structure was constructed for Joseph Gramelspacher and his wife Sophia in 1849. It was the first brick house in Jasper and is now the oldest surviving structure in the town. Little is known about Gramelspacher; it is quite possible that like his wife, he migrated from Germany, settling on a farm near Jasper in the 1830's. This area of Dubois county was settled by a colony of Germans. Gramelspacher died in 1853, and his widow sold the house in 1855.

The house changed hands a number of times until 1894 when it was acquired by Michael F. Durlauf. Durlauf was a stone cutter, and he added a balcony above the center entrance and a large stone-arched window in the Main Street (east) elevation. He also operated a monument display shop in the basement. While local tradition claims that a man named Daniels owned the structure in the midnineteenth century and operated it as a hotel, deed records indicate that a Daniels never owned the property.

In 1906 Durlauf sold the building to Elenora A. Gutzweiler who converted the structure to the Palms Garden Tavern. The Gutzweiler family in turn sold the property to the Wehrle family in 1960. Recently the structure has housed a senior citizens residence, shoe repair shop, and barber shop. The future of the building is in doubt since the neighboring Sears Store plans an expansion that would require removal of the Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler House.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Jasper

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES 040
 A 16 510,610,25 4,249,140
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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D

E

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William E. Weikert

ORGANIZATION

Historic Jasper, Inc.

DATE

September 22, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 325

TELEPHONE

(812) 482-5725

CITY OR TOWN

Jasper

STATE

Indiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Joseph D. Clark

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 7-20-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *William K. Louch*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 11/2/78

DATE Oct 25, 1978

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1910 Jasper: George R. Wilson, 1910.

Louisville Times, August 15, 1966.

Dubois County Daily Herald (Jasper), July 29, 1976.

Deed Records.

Pictures of Gramelspacher House of 1849, Jasper, Indiana

February, 1981

- # 1. This picture shows Old House as it is now located on the northwest corner of 11th Street and Main, or at 110 W. 11th Street in Jasper, Indiana. This shows its proximity to the large St. Joseph's Church which stands on a several-block area with parking, school, Parish Center and old section of cemetery. The Church is $\frac{1}{2}$ block to the west and across Newton Street, State Road #231.
- #2. Directly west of the Old House is a Union Federal Savings and Loan and its parking lot, on the corner of W. 11th Street and Newton.
- #3. To the south of the Old House at its new location lies an interesting old creamery building which is being well kept-up. The Dubois County Court House, seen in the distance on this picture, now lies 5 blocks to the south of the Old House, rather than 1 block, as was the case before the house had to be moved from its location at the northwest corner of 7th and Main Streets in order that it not be razed.
- #4. Across the street from the Creamery building and to the South-east of the Old House are some compatible residences and the First Presbyterian Church, seen across a corner of the Library Park.
- #5. This picture shows the area to the east of the Old House, which includes a half-block of City Park and the other half-block occupied by the Jasper Public Library.
- #6. A private residence lies to the north of the Old House, with the nearby St. Joseph's Church (this year celebrating its 100th anniversary) again shown in the back-ground.















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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11th and Main Streets, N/A not for publication

city, town Jasper N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Indiana code 018 county Dubois code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Historic Jasper, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 525

city, town Jasper N/A vicinity of state Indiana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office

street & number Dubois County Courthouse

city, town Jasper state Indiana 47546

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title National Register of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 (Removed 1981) federal state county local

depository for survey records Department of the Interior

city, town Washington state D.C.

7. Description

Condition

~~_____~~ excellent ~~_____~~ deteriorated
 good ~~_____~~ ruins
~~_____~~ fair ~~_____~~ unexposed

Check one

~~_____~~ unaltered
 altered

Check one

~~_____~~ original site
 moved date 1980

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1849 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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In 1906 Durlauf sold the building to Elenora A. Gutzweiler, who converted the structure to the Palms Garden Tavern. The Gutzweiler family, in turn, sold the property to the Wehrle family in 1960. More recently, the structure housed a senior citizens residence, shoe repair shop, and barber shop.

The Gramelspacher House was listed in the National Register on November 2, 1978, but was deleted in early 1981 after it was relocated without prior approval. The house had stood at the corner of 7th and Main Streets, in a downtown commercial area, before being moved to its present site at 11th and Main Streets. This action was necessary to prevent demolition of the structure; Sears, Roebuck and Company had bought the property and planned to raze the structure, and use the land for parking. Various community groups banded together and arranged to move the structure in order to preserve it.

The building was moved intact to a new location four blocks away. The new site was formerly a vacant lot, and had no known archaeological or historical significance. Like the old site, it was located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main and a cross street; this made it possible to preserve the building's original orientation and its east frontage on Main Street. The home's new site is a stable community with a number of large, well-maintained, 19th century structures and is, perhaps, a more appropriate location in view of the recent commercialization of the 7th and Main Street area. The relocation of any historic structure should be the subject of close scrutiny, but in this instance the task was done with care and sensitivity, in order to save a very rare example of Indiana architecture.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see attached continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Jasper, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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Zone	Easting			Northing										

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Zone	Easting			Northing										

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot #15 in Kundeck's First Addition to the Town, now City, of Jasper, Indiana, according to the map, plat, or chart, thereof.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William E. Weikert

organization Historic Jasper, Inc. date June 1982

street & number P.O. Box 325 telephone 812/482-5725

city or town Jasper state Indiana 47546

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature James M. Rideman
title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 12-30-82

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

date 2/26/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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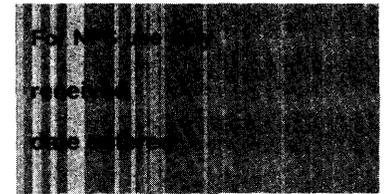
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Because the house's significance is based primarily on its architectural merit, and not on any historical connection with its former site, it is as significant on its new site as it was on the old.

Upon completion of the renovation now in progress, the house will be used as an adult education center.

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