### United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

## National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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historic	Enos Michael	House			
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3. Clas	sificatio	n			
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4. Owr	ner of Pro	per	ty	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
name	Ronald V. and	M. Let	ta Sullins		
street & number	200 East Tole	do Stre	eet		
city, town	Fremont		vicinity of	state	Indiana 46737
5. Loca	ation of L	_ega	I Descripti	on	
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# 7. Description

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Enos Michael House is a two and one-half story Greek Revival structure of wood frame construction. The  $28\frac{1}{2} \times 35\frac{1}{2}$  foot rectangular structure has a cut stone foundation and a gabled roof. Wooden pilasters which resemble columns are attached to each of the four corners of the house.

The foundation of the north or main facade exhibits small cobblestones across the front of the foundation. New steps lead to a one-story portico which has been recently built, replacing a non-original brick porch.

The main facade is divided into five bays. The central entrance is flanked by side lights of five lights each, with an eight-light transom. The side lights are flanked by wooden pilasters. The entire entrance is flanked by another set of slender wooden pilasters with rectangular bases.

Four doublehung sash windows are located on the ground level, a pair on each side of the entrance. Directly above the first floor apertures are five, six-over-one doublehung sash windows.

A pronounced entablature, located under the eave of the gabled roof, extends the length of the facade.

The west elevation of the house contains a south door (with an awning) and a north window on the first level. The second level comprises a one-over-one doublehung sash window directly above each of the first floor apertures.

The attic level of the west elevation is illuminated by two single light windows placed closer together than those windows on the lower levels. The returns, which are characteristic of the Greek Revival style, are exhibited at the gable end of the roof. The gable is simply adorned by a wide cornice at the rake. A brick chimney is also located at each gable end of the roof. The entablatures of the north and south elevations serve as trim for the returns.

The original first story of the south or rear elevation is obscured by a  $12 \times 35\frac{1}{2}$  foot frame addition built in 1920. The one story addition extends the entire width of the elevation. A one-over-one doublehung sash window is contained in the west elevation of the addition. The south elevation contains three one-over-one doublehung sash windows. A door is located near the east end of the addition. The entire one story structure is covered by a low pitched, hipped roof.

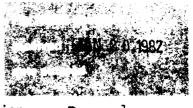
The second story of the original rear elevation differs from that of the front facade in that it has only three windows instead of five. The three windows are concentrated toward the center of the elevation. The central window is a one-over-one doublehung sash flanked by six-over-one doublehung sash windows. The deep entablature extends the length of the roof eave and curves around to the gable ends to trim the returns of the east and west elevations.

Passage can be made from the front entrance hall into both front parlors, the rear kitchen, and the staircase. The staircase rises to a landing, turns right, and then divides into a "Y" in a front to back center hall. An enclosed stairway leads to the attic, which consists of a large, open space.

The chimneys extend downward from the roof to the large cutstone chimney cupboards at each end of the deep basement. The east chimney services the mantled fireplace in the front parlor; the west chimney services the plain fireplace in the rear kitchen.

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Continuation sheet Enos Michael House

**Item number** 7, Description

Ceiling medallions adorn the east parlor and entrance hall. The original window and door moldings in the west parlor display croissettes at the corners. Original molding in other rooms is rather plain and delicately grooved with square corner blocks where lintels and jambs meet. Much of the original thumb latch hardware is present in the four second floor rooms.

Current renovation includes chimney repair, the construction of a small, square pillared front porch, the addition of a full length porch with square posts across the back of the single story addition, and use or replacement of twelve-pane sash windows throughout the structure.

Forty feet to the rear of the house is a two story garage built in 1979.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—C	heck and justify below		
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1600–1699 1700–1799 X 1800–1899	art commerce	education     engineering <u>X</u> exploration/settlement		social/ humanitarian theater
1900–	communications	industry invention	politics/government	<pre> transportation other (specify)</pre>

Specific dates ca. 1848-1850

Builder/Architect Not known

#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Enos Michael House, built ca. 1848-1850, is significant for its historic association with the development of Fremont, Indiana, and as a rare, large example of Greek Revival architecture in the area. Many lifelong residents have said it was used as a stagecoach stop and inn along the historic Vistula Road which was the main route between Toledo and Chicago in the 1800's.

Enos Michael was one of the original settlers of Fremont, then known as Brockville. He carried on the family craft as a weaver after his arrival in Brockville from Pennsylvania in 1845. Enos Michael recorded a bit of Indiana history in his coverlets. "When the census of 1850 was taken in June, the village was still named Brockville and so appears on one Michael coverlet; another, woven the same year, bears the name "Fremont", thereby establishing within a few months the date on which the name was changed. It is the only known instance that a coverlet has confirmed a point of history. Coverlets by Enos Michael are rather rare (and his) work is notable for the use of brilliant scarlets and dark greens."

1) See Bibliographical References (Section 9), <u>Indiana Coverlet Weavers and Their</u> <u>Coverlets</u>, p. 74.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery, Pauline Indiana Coverlet Weavers and Their Coverlets, Hoosier Heritage Press, Indianapolis, 1974

"Program and History-- Fremont Area Centennial", Fremont, Indiana, 1967

# 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification A rectangular lot 66' x 132', Lot 117 of the Original Plat of the Town of Fremont, Steuben County, Indiana. It is bounded on the north and west by Toledo and Pleasant Streets and on the south and east by residences.

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11. Fo	rm Prepared By	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
name/title	Ronald V. and M. Leta Su	illins, owners of End	os Michael House
organization		date	August 10, 1979
street & numbe	er 200 East Toledo Street	telep	hone 219/495-9364
city or town	Fremont	state	Indiana 46737
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