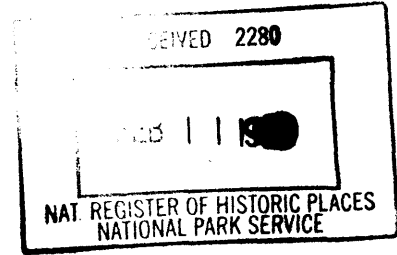


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Conner Street Historic District  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_ 057-464-32001-071

**2. Location**

street & number Roughly both sides of Logan and Conner Streets between 10th and 17th N/A  not for publication  
city or town Noblesville N/A  vicinity  
state Indiana code IN county Hamilton code 057 zip code 46060

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 2-1-99  
Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
  - determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
  - determined not eligible for the National Register
  - removed from the National Register
  - other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Edson H. Beall 3-12-99

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
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
146	29	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
146	29	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling

DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure

RELIGION: Religious Facility

EDUCATION: School

COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling

DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure

COMMERCE/TRADE: Business

COMMERCE/TRADE: Professional

COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

FUNERARY: Mortuary

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate

19th & 20th c. REVIVALS: Colonial Revival

19th & 20th c. REVIVALS: Classical Revival

19th & 20th c. AMER.: Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

WOOD: Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other STONE

BRICK

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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.)

Property is:

- 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMUNITY PLANNING & \_\_\_\_\_  
 SOCIAL HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1840-1947 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Significant Dates**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**

unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sears and Roebuck \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Conner Street Historic District  
Name of Property

Hamilton IN  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 35 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	16	585030	4433250	3	16	584200	4433040
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	16	585030	4433040	4	16	584200	4433250

See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carol Ann Schweikert-Historic Preservation Consultant  
organization Noblesville Preservation Alliance date 3-12-98  
street & number 17456 Trailview Circle telephone 317/776-1239  
city or town Noblesville state IN zip code 46060

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Narrative Description**

The Conner Street Historic District is a residential district located along two major east/west streets in Noblesville. Comprising a wide range of styles, materials, shapes and sizes, it depicts both affluent and middle class families in Noblesville's history. The district contains a mix of styles including Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and Craftsman. The district also contains non-contributing ranch style homes constructed after the period of significance. Generally, the earliest houses are found along on the west end of the two streets with Logan Street having developed a few years earlier than Conner.

Most structures in the district were built as single family homes. There are a few non-residential structures including two churches and a high school gymnasium. While the majority of the homes remain single family, several have been converted to multiple family units and several are used as commercial structures.

Most houses have two or more stories and some type of front porch. Dormers are also a common feature. 1084 Logan is partially log, although the logs are not visible. Brick and wood are the predominant exterior materials. While aluminum and vinyl siding are also common, most of these structures retain their decorative woodwork and original form. A large number of contributing outbuildings are extant, including one privy. Conner Street has several large sections of brick sidewalks, while Logan is paved with brick pavers.

The area did not develop as a single addition, or subdivision. The list of men who made additions reads like a who's who in Noblesville's history: Alfred D. Davison, D.C. Chipman, Leonard Wild, E. M. Hare and J. L. Evans. The basic grid pattern is followed within each addition, but the north/south streets and alleys are not always contiguous through Logan and Conner Streets, and two north/south streets jog significantly.

This description includes all major existing structures with at least a brief description. Architecturally significant structures have a more detailed description.

**W. Logan St. (North Side)**

1038-40 c. 1850/1922; 2-story frame double-pile with 1-story front porch.  
Contributing.

1054 c. 1924; Bungalow with brick front porch, single dormer and wide bracketed

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- eaves. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1078 c. 1914; 2-story Craftsman-style front gable with 1-story front porch and wide bracketed eaves. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1084 c. 1840/1900; 1½-story front gable cottage with front porch. 2-story two-car outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1092-94 c. 1916; 2-story Craftsman-style duplex with exposed bracketed eaves and beige brick front porch with red tinted mortar. Contributing.
- 1150 c. 1990; Funeral Home, 1-story brick. Non-Contributing.
- 1204 c. 1875; 2-story frame Italianate with hipped roof, side front porch and wide eaves. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1240 c. 1870; Frame 2-story L-plan with side front porch. Two-car hipped roof outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1256 c. 1872; 2-story frame Italianate with hipped roof and wide eaves. Two-car outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1274 Church, c. 1940; 1-story frame, front gable. Non-Contributing.
- 1294 c. 1875; 2-story front gable with wrap-around front porch. Porch has turned posts, brackets and beaded spindle trim. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1308 c. 1880; 2-story frame Queen Anne with gable-on-hip roof, wrap-around front porch and window hoods. Contributing.
- 1334 c. 1878; 1-story T-plan Victorian cottage with side front porch and wavy gable siding with decorative medallion. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1360 c. 1872; 1-story T-plan cottage with front chimney and enclosed side front porch. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1396 c. 1880/1924; 2-story, hipped roof T-plan with front chimney and side porch. One-car garage. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.

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- 1408 c. 1872; 2-story Queen Anne T-plan with fish scale siding in eaves and gable detailing. Porch details include a spindlework frieze and lace-like brackets. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1440 c. 1918; Bungalow with integrated concrete block front porch and side bay. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1460 c. 1875; 1-story T-plan. Non-Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1494 c. 1870/1920; 2-story Craftsman L-plan with brick side porch and simple window trim. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1506 c. 1900; 2-story Queen Anne T-plan with curved wrap-around front porch that has been enclosed. Contributing.
- 1540 c. 1926; 1½-story bungalow with gable dormer and 1-story porch with brick piers. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1568 c. 1870; 1-story frame T-plan. Contributing.
- 1594 c. 1870; 1-story front gable with arched window hoods. Contributing.
- W. Logan St. (South Side)**
- 1039 c. 1860/1910; Frame 1½-story side gable with extended dormer and front porch. Contributing.
- 1057 c. 1880; 2-story Italianate L-plan. Exterior elements include turned supports on a 1-story front porch, stained glass windows and a 2-story side bay. Decorative treatments include gable detail, bracketed eaves, and diamond design trim under windows. One-car garage. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1083 Heylmann House c. 1910; 2-story yellow brick Craftsman with hipped roof and dormers. Exterior elements include front porch with substantial brick piers, front and side balconies and a bay window on 1st floor. Decorative treatments include heavy wood trim, bracketed eaves and stone insets in porch piers. 2-story one-car garage is constructed in the same style and materials as the home. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1095 c. 1885; 2½-story T-plan with 1-story wrap-around porch and hipped roof

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- dormers. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1107 c. 1880; 2-story Italiante/Queen Anne L-plan with wide, exposed eaves, hipped roof and 1-story wrap-around porch. Decorative elements include a spindlework porch frieze and window hoods. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding. The owners feel strongly that the house was built as an Italianate. However, with its wrap-around porch and lack of eave brackets, currently, the home more closely reflects the Queen Anne Style.
- 1147 c. 1875/1915; 2-story frame front gable with bay window, 1-story wrap-around porch, squared porch supports and decorative porch balustrade. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1193 c. 1928; Frame bungalow with gable dormer and brick front porch, wide bracketed eaves. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1205 c. 1878/1925; Brick veneered 2-story American four-square with hipped roof and 1-story porch. Matching brick was used for the 1½-story three-car outbuilding. House appears to date to the 1920's, but it was built earlier and "Craftsmanized" around 1925. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1239 Gaeth House, c. 1905; 2½-story frame Colonial Revival with hipped roof, front and side dormers and ½ circle 1-story front porch. Other exterior elements: front palladian window, fluted porch columns and engaged fluted corner pilasters. Two-car, 2-story outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1255 c. 1875; 2-story frame Queen Anne with a hipped roof, fish scale siding, gable ornament and 1-story front porch with turned supports and spindlework frieze. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1283 c. 1885; 1-story L-plan with enclosed front porch. Non-Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1293 c. 1873/1900; 2-story Queen Anne with 1-story porch with decorative trim and railings, and fish scale siding in front gable. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1307 c. 1872; Frame 2-story Queen Anne L-plan with 1-story front porch with turned supports and spindlework frieze. Outbuilding has bi-fold garage doors. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.



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- 1337c. 1872; 1-story Queen Anne cross-plan cottage with fish scale siding under windows, turned porch supports and bracketed front gable. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1359 c. 1900; 2-story Queen Anne with asymmetrical massing and wrap-around porch. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1395 c. 1918; 1-story Craftsman front gable with enclosed front porch and side dormers. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1407 c. 1890/1918; Stuccoed 1½-story gabled ell with enclosed brick wrap-around porch. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1439 c. 1918; 2-story brick American Four-Square with hipped dormer and 1-story front porch with brick piers. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1463 c. 1920; Frame 2-story T-plan with brick side front porch. Arched window hoods on the 1st floor and flat on the 2nd. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1495 c. 1882/1918; Frame 2-story with hipped roof, dormer and side front porch with brick supports. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1507 c. 1880; 1½-story front gable with enclosed side front porch. Non-Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1539 c. 1871; 1½-story frame T-plan with side porch. Contributing.
- 1567 c. 1871/1919; 1-story T-plan with front gable. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1595 c. 1871; 1-story L-plan with brick front porch. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1607 c. 1922; Frame 2-story hipped roof with side front porch. Contributing.
- 1609 c. 1932; 1-story front gable with enclosed front porch and central chimney. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.

**Conner St. (North Side)**

- 1104 c. 1890; 1½-story front gable. Non-Contributing with Contributing

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- 1154 c. 1890; 1-story frame front gable Queen Anne cottage with side brick porch, side dormers and wide bracketed eaves. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1194 Wild House, c. 1905; 3-story frame Queen Anne with circular corner tower. Exterior elements include 1st and 2nd story front porches with Corinthian columns, fish scale siding on 2nd and 3rd stories, leaded glass transom windows. 2-story outbuilding with dormer was one of the early "Auto Houses" in Noblesville. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1210 c. 1922; Colonial Revival style mail order house; Closely resembles the Sears Lexington Plan. 2-story side gable with sun room and 2nd story balcony in side wing. Outbuilding is also a mail order structure. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1236 c. 1870/1918; 2-story frame/brick with front porch, enclosed on 2nd floor, wide decorative eaves, deep cornice with decorative motif, front peak, stained glass transom and side lights around front door. Contributing.
- 1250 (National Register), William Houston Craig House, 1893; 3-story Queen Anne with Romanesque Revival details. The home is constructed of brick with stone foundation and stone decorative accents, slate roof, and decorative brickwork including quoins. Other details include leaded glass windows, circular corner tower, 1-story wrap-around front porch, stone window sills and headers. To prevent its demolition, the house was moved across Conner Street in 1988. Contributing.
- 1284 c. 1885; T-plan with enclosed side porch. Non-Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1296 c. 1888; L-plan with front porch. Non-Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1308 c. 1925; 2-story frame front gable with sharply pitched roof. Contributing.
- 1336 c. 1885; 1½-story hipped roof Queen Ann cottage constructed of brick and

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- wood siding with a 1-story front porch, front bay, arched windows on 1st floor, window hoods on 2nd floor and attic story windows. Matching one-car outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1358 c. 1892; 2½-story Queen Anne with asymmetrical massing and a 1-story brick front porch. Decorative trim and insets in gables, fish scale band between 1st and 2nd floors and stationary multi-pane windows in gables. Hipped roof garage. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1384 c. 1870/1914; 2-story side gable Craftsman with low front dormer and 1-story brick front porch. Hipped roof garage. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1448 Noblesville High School Gymnasium, c. 1923/1990; 3-story Tudor-style brick structure with limestone band around roof line and limestone window hoods and sills, decorative limestone header over main door and smaller, less elaborate ones over secondary doors. A 1-story brick addition was completed in 1990. Contributing.
- 1540 c. 1880; 1-story Victorian cottage with front chimney, side front porch and simple window hoods. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1560 c. 1885; 1-story cottage with simple window trim, and enclosed side front porch. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1568 c. 1890; 1-story cottage with enclosed side porch. 2-car outbuilding with track doors. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1592 c. 1913; 1-story side gable with enclosed front porch. Non-Contributing.
- 1602 c. 1946; 1½-story side gable with enclosed portico and front dormers. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1604 c. 1947; 1½-story side gable with 2 front dormers and enclosed portico. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1640 c. 1942; 1½-story brick with wood sided garage addition and two front dormers. Contributing.
- 1688 c. 1924; 2-story Colonial Revival with hipped roof and eyebrow dormer. Large front porch has Tuscan columns and 2nd story balcony. Other exterior elements include simple window trim, wide eaves and rear balcony. Hipped

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roof 2-car garage. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.

**Conner St. (South Side)**

- 1095 (National Register), Daniel Craycraft House, 1892; 3-story, frame Queen Anne with slate roof, engaged square tower, 1st story wrap-around porch and 2nd story front porch. Decorative elements include: fish scale siding in eaves and as a band denoting the change from 1st to 2nd and 2nd to 3rd stories, decorative porch railing and frieze, and ornate woodwork in porch gable. Matching Queen Anne carriage house. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1135 c. 1922; Albert Craycraft House, 2-story Colonial Revival brick front gable with cornice returns and front porch with Tuscan columns. Other exterior elements include: front balcony,  $\frac{1}{4}$  fan windows, front chimney, clay tile roof, two sets of double front doors, and attached one-car garage. Contributing.
- 1159 c. 1889; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story brick and stucco with 1-story wrap-around front porch and stained glass windows. Contributing.
- 1179 c. 1890; 2-story Queen Anne with 1-story wrap-around porch, 2nd story balcony with decorative frieze, fish scale siding, multi-pane gable window and engaged tower. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1195 c. 1890; 2-story brick with flat roof, front porch and balcony, fan-shape brickwork over windows and decorative brickwork parapet denoting flat roof. Contributing.
- 1207 First Presbyterian Church, c. 1893/1989; Brick Romanesque Revival church with a stone foundation, square bell tower and large stained glass windows. A stone band runs around the facade at the window sill level. Rough face brick is used in window arches and around the roof line. The main entry with a stained glass transom is located in an attached square tower. Stained glass windows incorporate floral/curvilinear designs. A 1989 addition retains the arched windows and stone window sills of the original structure. Contributing.
- 1249 c. 1870; 2-story front gable T-plan with 1-story wrap-around brick porch and decorative porch woodwork. Contributing.

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- 1293 c. 1890/1918/1925; 1½-story tan brick with front chimney, side front porch with columns and arched dormers. Attached two-car garage. Contributing.
- 1309 c. 1870; Frame 1-story T-plan house with simple window hoods. Contributing.
- 1335 c. 1892; 1-story frame Queen Anne with front peak, brick front porch and one-car garage with hipped roof. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1339 c. 1870; 1-story front-gable with enclosed front porch. Non-Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1359 c. 1888; 2-story hipped roof with exposed eaves and 1-story front porch. Two-car outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1385 c. 1893; Frame 1-story front gable T-plan with wrap-around brick porch. Contributing.
- 1389 c. 1893; 1-story frame Queen Anne front gable with shallow front porch and gable motif. Hipped roof outbuilding. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1395 c. 1888; 1-story frame Queen Anne cottage with brick front porch and decorative siding in front gable. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1399 c. 1893; 2½-story frame Queen Anne with 1-story wrap-around porch and slate roof with ridge cresting. Exterior facade includes fish scale siding on 2nd story, roof peak trim and large, rectangular stained glass windows. Porch has simply turned porch posts and balustrade. Hipped roof one-car garage has exposed eaves and diamond shaped window. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1449 c. 1890; 2-story frame structure. One-car garage with vertical siding in gable. Non-Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1493 c. 1890; 1-story front gable T-plan cottage with side porch, rounded exterior facade adjacent to porch and vertical siding in front gable. Contributing.

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- 1503 c. 1888; 2-story frame T-plan with 1-story wrap-around porch with simple frieze, balustrade and brackets. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1523 c. 1890/1920; 1-story T-plan stuccoed cottage with wrap-around front porch and flared eaves. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1543 c. 1915; 2½-story American Foursquare with hipped roof, hipped dormer, and enclosed front porch. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1569 c. 1892; 1-story Victorian T-plan cottage with side front porch, turned porch supports and balustrade and spindlework frieze. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1593 c. 1916; 1½-story front gable bungalow with hipped dormer, stained glass windows and brick front porch. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1609 c. 1919; 2-story brick Prairie-style with two 1-story wings and hipped roof. Deep eaves are accented in the wings with a brick/limestone pattern. Three sets of french patio doors open onto the front patio with ornamental brick and stone railing. Fan lights capped by decorative brick arches highlight the french doors. Contributing with Non-Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1655 c. 1980; 1-story brick ranch. Non-Contributing.
- 1683 c. 1951; 1-story stone ranch. Non-Contributing.
- 1687 c. 1940; 1½-story stone cottage with side screen porch and arched front door. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.
- 1699 Frank S. Campbell House, c. 1880/1923; 2-story 5-bay Colonial Revival with 1-story side porch, pedimented front door with transom and side lights and end gable cornice returns. Moved by Frank Campbell in 1923 from Logan Street, lot 1, block 11 in the original plat. Contributing.

**N. 11th St. (West Side)**

- 135 Charles Swain House, c. 1852; 1½-story Gothic Revival cottage with sharply

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pitched roof, front pointed arched window and stained glass front door transom. 1-story front porch has turned porch supports and decorative frieze. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.

**N. 12th St. (East Side)**

34 c. 1922; 1½-story bungalow with large front and rear dormers, 1-story front porch. Contributing with Contributing Outbuilding.

**N. 15th Street (East Side)**

140 c. 1919; 2-story frame front gable with enclosed brick front porch. Contributing.

**N. 16th Street (West Side)**

54 c. 1975; 1-story front gable. Non-Contributing.

110 c. 1945; 1-story brick side gable with attached 2-car garage. Contributing.

149 c. 1920; 1-story hipped roof square structure with exposed eaves. Its sloping foundation indicates it may have served as a garage for 1594 Logan. Contributing with Contributing privy. These two structures, along with 1594 Logan, are all included in the same legal description and remain under one ownership.

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**Statement of Significance**

The Conner Street Historic District is a locally significant residential district for architecture, community planning and development, and social history under Criteria A and C. The area's development began with the original Noblesville plat and contains additions dating back to 1851. There are several architecturally significant homes as well as many structures that contribute to the integrity of the residential district. This area is a reflection of the commercial development of Noblesville in that many citizens who were active in Noblesville's business, political and civic development lived along Conner and Logan Streets. As they prospered, the construction of new homes and the additions to existing ones increased.

**CRITERION A**

Noblesville was laid out in 1823 by William Conner and Josiah Polk. The original plat included 26 squares, nine of which are located on the west end of the Conner Street Historic District. Noblesville was chosen as the county seat in 1824. The first addition to Noblesville was made in 1838 with four more additions by 1839. The first addition in this district was made in 1851 by Alfred D. Davison. In all, at least part of eight additions besides the original plat are included in this district.

In 1851 Noblesville was incorporated as a town by the general assembly of Indiana. The first railroad, the Peru and Indianapolis, was completed to Noblesville in 1851. The first brick school building was probably located within this district's boundaries on the west end of Logan. Although most structures from this early period are extant, at least a portion of three pre-date 1870. These are all found within the original plat on the west end of Logan.

By 1870, Noblesville was a thriving town. Its population had grown from 664 in 1850 to 1,435 in 1870. A wide variety of businesses including multiples of several types of businesses had been established to meet the needs of the growing town and surrounding areas. Its business listing included two hotels, two tin shops, a feed store, six grocery stores, four tailor shops, four drug stores, dental shop, three blacksmith shops and eight dry goods stores. There were also a number of professionals including fourteen lawyers, six doctors and one banker and broker. The only deficiencies were a good school building and a public hall large enough to supply the growing demand for such a building. By this time, Logan's building boom had also started. In general, Logan began



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developing earlier than Conner with more homes here dating back to the 1870's. From 1870-1880, at least twenty-one homes were built here, but 1880-1900, only eleven homes were built.

In 1888, the discovery of natural gas brought a major boost to an all ready prospering community. The tax values from the 1886 assessment to the 1891 assessment show a large, marked increase across the board for properties along both streets. Some land values jump more than four times their pre-natural gas values.

The influence of the natural gas discovery is also seen in the number of new homes built along Conner. Conner's building boom started in the 1880's with about twenty-eight homes built between 1880-1900. Logan had less than half that number, but a number of Logan Street homes have Victorian/Queen Anne details, indicating there were at least some stylistic updates made.

The building boom in this district slowed in the early part of the 20th century, but still nearly thirty new homes were constructed from 1900-1929. Since Noblesville itself was continuing to grow with a population of 6,000, there was a continual need for suitable housing. Besides new homes, older homes were updated with Craftsman details. They had access to many modern conveniences including city water, electric lights, natural gas and mail delivery. Due to the depression, by the 1930's, building in this neighborhood was non-existent. In the 1940's, with the economy improving, building began again on the east end of the district, but it was not to equal the pre-1900 construction boom.

**CRITERION A - Prominent Families**

Conner and Logan appear to be a desired area to live in Noblesville, particularly from the 1880's through the turn of the century. Many prominent citizens, including the Craycrafts, Wilds, Heylmanns, and Hares owned one or more homes along these streets. A number businessmen, professionals, civic and/or political leaders lived in this neighborhood. They include buggy makers, doctors, builders, carpenters, stockholders, lawyers, business owners, contractors, bankers, salesmen and many others, both affluent and middle class citizens. A few of these prominent citizens are discussed here.

**Daniel Craycraft - 1095 Conner**

Daniel Craycraft was born in 1836 on a farm near Anderson. He came to Noblesville in 1868 and became one of the wealthiest and most influential men in Hamilton County. He worked in several different businesses including photography, drug stores and grocery stores. In 1867 he went into the dry goods and notions business and it was in this last enterprise that he was most successful.

Daniel Craycraft also served as president of the Noblesville Gas Company

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and was a stockholder in the First National Bank, the Wainwright Trust Company, Water and Light Company and the Light and Ice Company. He was a life-long

Republican, but never sought public office. He was married twice with two daughters born to the first wife. After her death, he married Mary E. Ross and had five children, including two sons, George and Albert, who survived to adulthood. Daniel Craycraft died in 1902. George Craycraft, at just 21 years old, took over the store after his father's death and Albert joined him around 1910. The home remained in the Craycraft family until 1941, but for many years was rented out as apartments.

**Albert Craycraft - 1135 Conner**

In 1890, Albert Craycraft was born to Daniel and Mary (Ross) Craycraft, their last child. His father died when he was only 11 years old, so George, his brother, was very influential in his upbringing. He was raised in Noblesville and around 1910 began working in the Craycraft Dry Goods Store. In 1922, Albert married and built a home at 1135 Conner. Albert and his brother successfully managed the Craycraft Dry Goods Store after their father's death, even during the depression years. They closed the store in 1962 after being in business 95 years. Albert was born, married, worked and lived his entire life within two blocks.

**Leonard and Martha H. Wild - 1194 Conner**

Leonard Wild settled in Noblesville in 1855, working first as a farmhand and then in a warehouse. In 1858, he rented the warehouse himself and bought and sold grain. He then went into the milling business with Levi Sohl for four years and in 1867 purchased the Conner farm and eventually laid out and sold it for home lots or factory use. In 1880 with his son Frank, he started a dry goods business on the east side of the square, which he was actively involved in until he retired in 1897.

In addition to his business success, Wild was an extensive builder and developer in Noblesville. He made at least four additions to Noblesville. His construction accomplishments include the Wild Opera House, Judge Moss home, the Craycraft & Osbon Block, the Second Ward School building and the Gaeth home as well as two large, high-style residences for his family, on Pleasant Street and Conner Street. Wild was a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Elk Lodges.

Leonard Wild was first married to Margaret Barth in 1858 and they had five children. Margaret died in 1878, and he married Martha H. Pontious in 1885. The Conner Street home was never actually in Mr. Wild's name. Only Margaret is listed on the deed and in the tax records as the owner. This female ownership carried over to their daughter, Margaret Wild Gaeth, who also owned her family's home on Logan Street. Leonard Wild died in 1909 and Martha survived him until 1931. She owned the Wild home until her death, but had lived in Indianapolis NPS

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for several years.

**Fredrick E. Heylmann - 1083 Logan**

Fredrick E. Heylmann, born in 1861, was the oldest son of John George and Caroline (Barth) Heylmann and was associated with his father and brother in the buggy business under the name J. G. Heylmann and Sons. John George made buggies with Wesley Hare for 21 years until they dissolved the partnership. J.G. Heylmann then went into business on his own.

Frederick E., after finishing school in New York, joined his father in the business. He eventually made a name for himself serving as a stockholder of the Citizens National Bank and director of the Wainwright Trust Company. He with his father and his brother were also large land owners, with over 400 acres of farmland near Noblesville. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias and was also a member of the Elks Lodge.

Frederick married Cora Ingermann in 1896 and they had three daughters. Mr. Heylmann died in 1925. Mrs. Heylmann died on Christmas day, 1952. Sometime between 1925 and 1933, she had the upstairs converted into a separate apartment that remains today.

**William Braden Graham, M.D. - 1195 Conner**

William Braden Graham was born in Pennsylvania in 1835 the oldest of 7 children to William M. and Amanda (Kerr) Graham. At age 21, he came to Indiana to study medicine and after five years and two courses of medical lectures, he received his diploma in 1861. He settled in Clarksville and practiced medicine until 1863 when he entered the service as Assistant Surgeon of the 101st Indiana Volunteer Infantry. In January of 1864 he was promoted to Surgeon of his regiment. At the end of the war, he was serving as Brigade Surgeon of the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Division of the 14th Army Corps. commanded by General Thomas.

After his discharge, he settled in Noblesville and resumed his medical practice. In 1873, Dr. Graham was one of several prominent physicians in Hamilton County who organized the first county medical society. He was a charter member, served as its first secretary and remained a member for many years. Dr. Graham was active in the Odd Fellows and the Masons. He was also a member of the State and National Medical Associations.

Dr. Graham married Clara Darrow in 1865 and they had 5 children. Dr. Graham and his wife built their residence at 1195 Conner around 1890 and resided there until 1898. At his death in 1915, he was the oldest practicing physician in Hamilton County.

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**Charles Oursler - 1256 Logan**

Charles Oursler was a prominent businessman in Noblesville who owned a successful shoe store on Logan Street. He was born in 1837 in Putnam County, Indiana. From 1852 to 1871, he moved back and forth between Indiana and Kansas. Finally, in 1871, he settled permanently in Noblesville. In 1876, he established his shoe store and in 1882 he constructed the Oursler building that still stands on the square. In addition to his shoe business, he was a member of the Odd Fellows and a well-known horse breeder. He specialized in trotting horses and his stud was said to be one of the best in Hamilton County. He married Fannie J. McMahan in 1862 and they had two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Oursler built the home at 1256 Logan around 1872 and raised three sons there. Charles Oursler died in 1913 and his son Frank took over the shoe business. Mrs. Oursler remained in the Logan Street home until sometime between 1922 and 1924 when she moved in with her son. She died in 1926. The home was in the Oursler family until 1935 when Frank sold the property.

**Henry C. and Margaret (Wild) Gaeth - 1239 Logan**

Henry C. Gaeth was born in Indianapolis in 1874 and left school while a junior. He eventually went to work for the J.S. Carey box manufacturing plant where he became interested in box and barrel manufacturing. He came to Noblesville in 1892 and while working for the Noblesville Glass Company, began manufacturing boxes to ship the glass company products. This side business became the Gaeth Manufacturing Company which he owned and operated until 1929. He was associated with the Indiana Loan Association from 1916 to his death in 1954, serving as secretary-treasurer and president.

He was a charter member of the Noblesville Elks Lodge and was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He married Margaret Wild, the daughter of Leonard Wild in 1905 and about the same time, Leonard Wild built the Gaeth home on Logan. The home in the deeds and tax records remained in Margaret Wild Gaeth's name, not Henry's, supporting oral history that the home was a gift to Margaret upon her wedding.

**Frank Hare - 1609 Conner**

Frank Hare was born to Elbert M. and Emma (Stevenson) Hare in 1885, the oldest of three sons. His grandfather was Wesley Hare, who established a buggy making business early in Noblesville's history and became an influential citizen of Hamilton County. Frank's father, Elbert M. joined Wesley Hare in business in 1877, the firm being known as W. Hare & Son. The business continued to grow and eventually expanded into automobiles, and at present is the oldest transportation company in the United States.

In addition to automobiles, Elbert M. was active in politics and real estate. In the early 1900's he made the E. M. Hare addition to Noblesville, of

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which seven lots are in this district. In 1919, lots 1 and 2 in the E.M. Hare addition were transferred to Frank who then built a Prairie-style residence. Frank Hare was a member of the Masonic and Elks Lodges. The Noblesville native eventually moved to Indianapolis, where he died in 1961.

**William H. Craig - 1250 Conner**

William H. Craig was a prominent Noblesville businessmen. Born in 1857, he graduated from Hanover College in Indiana in 1880. He owned a grocery and seed business for 12 years. From 1896 to 1917, Mr. Craig served as the editor and part owner of the *Noblesville Daily Ledger* which is still being published today. Craig also owned canning plants in five towns including Noblesville. Craig was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1900 and was largely responsible for the construction of the high school building while a member of the local school board.

Religiously, Mr. Craig was affiliated with the Presbyterian church. His father, the Reverend John S. Craig, was the founder and pastor of the Noblesville Presbyterian Church of which Craig became a trustee. In 1893 William donated the land next to his home for a new church building. Ninety-five years later, this donation threatened his former residence which was to be demolished by the church to make room for an addition to their building. Fortunately, the house was moved across the street in 1988.

Mr. Craig was married to Emma Hare, daughter of Wesley Hare and sister of Elbert M. Hare.

**Louis N. Joseph - 1399 Conner**

Louis N. Joseph was born in 1869 to Solomon and Augusta Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1884, Solomon Joseph moved the family to Noblesville and opened a clothing store under the name J. Joseph & Company. When Solomon died in 1892, his sons continued the business. In 1899 when Julius Jr. moved to New York, Louis N. continued the business under the same name, but razed the old building and constructed a new structure that still stands.

Louis N. was active in many other things than just his clothing store. He was one of the largest farmers in Hamilton County, owning at his death approximately 1,600 acres. He was one of the largest gravel-road contractors in Hamilton County. He was a large stockholder in banks in Noblesville and Indianapolis as well as the Orona Telephone Company. He had heavy mining interests in the west, owned the water system of Beaver, Utah, was president of the Sheridan Packing Company and president of the Water Works Company in Noblesville. He was, for a time, the largest individual taxpayer in Hamilton County.

Early in his business career, He loved baseball and played on the Noblesville independent team. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the NPS

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Julius Jr. purchased the lot at 1399 Conner in 1892 and constructed the large frame Queen Anne home. When he moved to New York, Louis N. purchased the property and resided there for eighteen years. Although he moved his family to Indianapolis in 1917, he remained active in the business interests of Noblesville and owned this home until his death in 1930.

These are only a few of the prominent Noblesville citizens who were active in business, politics, civic events, and fraternal organizations. These men and women who helped to make Noblesville the thriving city it is today, built and lived in the homes which line Conner and Logan Streets.

**Criterion C**

The Conner Street Historic District contains a wide range of homes in style, size and age. The contributing homes range from small 1-story structures built by the middle class to 3-story, high-style homes that the wealthy occupied, from early settlement structures in the 1850's to post-war 1940's. The styles include Queen Anne, Italianate, Prairie, Craftsman, Gothic Revival, Colonial Revival and Romanesque Revival. The diversity of architecture is alive here and functions well.

Intermingled among the contributing structures, the district is dotted with high-style architecturally significant homes. There are several Queen Anne homes indicating the great wealth that was here during the gas boom. They include two homes that are all ready listed on the National Register for their architectural value, the Daniel Craycraft house and the William H. Craig house. Other architecturally significant homes include:

1239 Logan - Gaeth House	1609 Conner - Frank Hare House
1194 Conner - Wild House	1195 Conner - Daniel Craycraft House
1083 Logan - Heylmann House	1399 Conner - Joseph House
135 N. 11th - Charles Swain House	

Each of these has a more lengthy architectural description in Section 7.

The dominant construction period for this neighborhood was from about 1870-1900. In the 1910's and 1920's the number of newly constructed homes dropped, although four high-styles homes and several bungalows were constructed after 1900. As can be expected, in the 1930's almost no new construction took place in this neighborhood. There are several contributing homes on the east end of the district from 1940's. Fortunately, only a few homes were built since the end of the period of significance and all of these are on the east end of the neighborhood. Infill construction toward the center of town is practically non-existent except for a funeral home in the 1100 block of Logan. This lack of infill helps to retain the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.

While most structures in the Conner Street Historic District are not NPS FORM

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significant enough on their own to list as single structures, they contribute to a significant neighborhood that grew and developed eastward with the growth of the town. The mix of styles shows the continued growth and development over time, and the mix of sizes shows the merging of classes that makes this neighborhood so interesting. Active citizens of all income levels lived here and their homes now comprise a significant residential district.

**Conclusion**

Today, the Conner Street Historic District is a desirable area to live. The trend toward commercial re-zoning has, at least recently, been stymied by a residential community that wishes to keep their neighbors residential. The owners of 1688 Conner withdrew their request to re-zone the home for use as an office when the residents of the neighborhood strongly opposed it. The owners decided to live there instead. A success story for an area that is under pressure to allow more commercial re-zoning because of the high visibility to traffic.

Despite the high traffic on Conner Street, the homes are almost 100% occupied. Logan is a much quieter, less traveled street. Perhaps partly because of the brick surface, fewer motorists choose to travel it. Both streets retain their tree-lined appearance with mature trees that often obscure the homes.

**Moved Structures**

Two homes in the Conner Street Historic District have been moved from their original location. 1250 Conner originally sat across the street next door to the 1st Presbyterian Church. It was threatened by demolition when the church needed to construct an addition. The home was moved across the street, remaining on a town lot of similar size to its original location. The entire structure was moved and it retains a stone foundation.

The second home is 1699 Conner, the Frank S. Campbell home. It was moved in 1923 from lot 1, block 11 in the original plat on Logan Street to lot 7, block 1 in the E. M. Hare addition. The reason for the move is unknown, but around 1926, the current building was constructed on the Logan Street lot.

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**Boundary Description**

Beginning at the intersection of the east edge of the north/south alley between 1038-40 and 1054 Logan and the south edge of the east/west alley on the north side of Logan Street. Thence running east along the south edge of the east-west alley to the northeast corner of the property at 110 N. 16th street.

Turning south along the east property line of 110 N. 16th and follow across Logan Street to the south curb line of Logan. Follow east a short distance to the east property line of 1609 E. Logan Street. Follow said east property line south to the north edge of the east-west alley between Logan and Conner streets.

Turn east and follow the north edge of said alley to the west curb line of 17th Street. Turn south along the west curb of 17th and follow across Conner Street to the south curb of Conner. Proceed east a short distance to the west curb line of 17th Street, then resume heading south along the west curb of 17th to the first east-west alley south of Conner Street.

Turning west and following the alley to the southwest corner of the property at 1095 Conner. Turning north and following the west property line of 1095 Conner to the south curb of Conner then turning east along said curb to a point in line with the east curb of 11th Street.

Turning north along the east curb of 11th to the north edge of the east/west alley between Conner and Logan. Turning west along said alley edge to the southwest corner of the property at 1039 Logan. Turning north, follow across Logan to the northwest corner of the property at 1038-40 Logan.

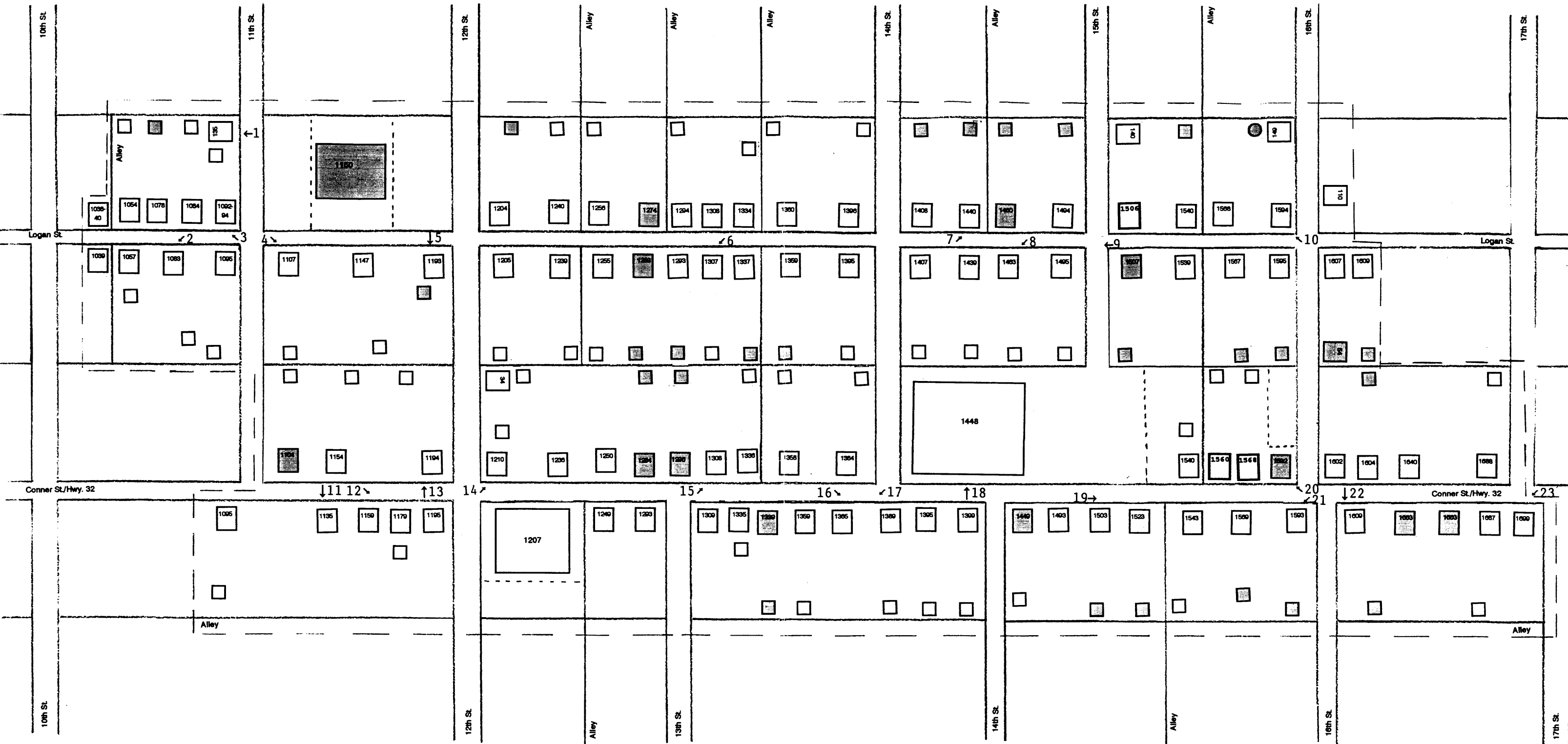
Turning east along the north property line of 1038-40 Logan to the east edge of the first north/south alley. Then north along the east edge of the alley to the beginning point.

**Boundary Justification**

The Hamilton County Interim Report identified a major portion of this area, Logan and Conner Streets from 10th to 15th, as the Conner Street Historic District. 15th to 17th were included because it contributes to the larger area and would envelope much of the remaining residential area along Conner and Logan, east of the square. This designation might help to discourage further commercial encroachment. The west end of the district is irregular in order to exclude new construction, including some commercial, and a large parking lot.

This area remains primarily residential and represents Noblesville's growth eastward from the center of town throughout the period of significance.

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**LEGEND**

- Building - C
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- Outbuilding - C
- Outbuilding - NC
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- Boundaries
- Parking Lot

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