



# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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## INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY

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NAME: Rakestraw House

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LOCATION: On County Road 19 just North of Indiana 8

OWNER: James R. Habig

ADDRESS: ~~327~~  
123 East Seventh Street, Auburn, Indiana 46706

DESCRIPTION: One and a half story rectangular mass whose low-pitched gabled roof includes beneath its sweep both the body of the house and a porch which extends across the facade (East). The front third of the house is slightly wider than the remainder, and the projecting side bays are treated as lesser gables with one rake engaged by the gables of the main roof. The front rake of the main roof is mostly displaced by a large shed-roofed dormer whose front has two groups of three windows widely spaced. The front porch has a base and rail made of rock-faced ashlar cast stone blocks on which stand four elephantine piers with battered sides. Within the porch a central door is flanked by large front windows. Although the front wall under the porch is clad in stucco, the remainder of the exterior walls are clad in cedar shingles. Openings have plain wide enframements and the walls are trimmed with a plain wide frieze and wide projecting eaves with beaded car siding soffits. A modern garage has been added to the rear (West).

SIGNIFICANCE: This farm was started by Amos Rakestraw about 1880, and the present farmhouse would have been built by his son about 1915; the farm was in the Rakestraw family until the mid-1950's. This is the only intact local example of a Craftsman bungalow style farmhouse in the township.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Part of the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 34, Range 12 East, consisting of the cited structure and a perimeter extending 20 feet in all directions from its foundation.

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