

United States Department of the Interior
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

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1. Name

historic Eller-Hosford House
and/or common Donald W. Crawford Residence

2. Location

street & number 722 Lincoln Way East N/A not for publication
city, town Mishawaka N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~
state Indiana code 018 county St. Joseph code 141

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Donald W. Crawford
street & number 722 Lincoln Way East
city, town Mishawaka N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46544

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Joseph County Recorder's Office
street & number County-City Building, South Lafayette Blvd.
city, town South Bend state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Indiana Historic Sites
title and Structures Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1981 federal state county local
depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources
city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Eller-Hosford House is a frame structure of Italianate design located on the near east side of Mishawaka, Indiana. The home consists of a rectangular, two-story central unit with a smaller one-story wing on the east end. The house features a native stone foundation, clapboard siding, and a flat roof.

The south, main facade of the structure is three bays wide and contains a main entryway. This entryway is in the extreme west bay and consists of a pair of paneled doors surmounted by a transom with a segmental arch top. The two remaining ground floor openings contain large, two-over-two double-hung windows, with segmental arch tops and wide, plain window surrounds. The second floor features three more windows, identical in configuration and detailing to those on the first floor. Over the second floor windows is an entablature consisting of a plain architrave, a frieze featuring decorative oval panels, and a plain box cornice. Supporting the cornice are large ornate brackets used in pairs.

The east wing of the house, while only one story tall, is similar in style and detailing to the central unit. The south facade of this wing is two bays wide, and features an entry door and a window with segmental arch tops and wide plain surrounds. The roof trim and cornice brackets are much like those used on the two-story section, although slightly reduced in size. Later additions to the house include a small, shed-roofed structure attached to the north wall of the east wing, and a porch on the north side of the main unit.

Extensive renovation work was done to the exterior of the home in 1979-1980. Asphalt shingle siding, applied in the 1930's, was removed and the original clapboarding was restored. The front porch, which stretches across the south facade of the main unit, was rebuilt at this time, using existing physical evidence and historical photographs. The porch, supported by four columns decorated with lattice-work, features brackets and a frieze and cornice similar to those used below the main roof. A similar porch was reconstructed in its original location on the south facade of the east wing.

The interior of the house retains most of its original features and has been well maintained. The living room has a fireplace with a tile hearth and a slate mantel grained to resemble marble. The fireplace in the dining room also has a tile hearth, but here the mantel is oak, with turned columns and a beveled mirror. The staircase which ascends from the entry hall is made of walnut and wood grained to look like oak, and features turned balusters and an ornate newel post. Wide, heavily molded woodwork is used throughout the house, and most of the door and window hardware is original.

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
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<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 1875-1877 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (~~to be completed~~)

The Eller-Hosford House is important for its architecture and for its association with various important residents and organizations in the City of Mishawaka. Built in 1875 by Elom Eller, the house is one of the finest Italianate homes left in the city and is remembered, locally, as the home of the Mishawaka Women's Club for almost 40 years.

Architecturally, the house is thought to be one of the finest Italianate homes in the area. A 1979 survey of historic sites and structures in Mishawaka indicated that only a very few Italianate homes remain in the city. The Eller-Hosford House is considered to be the most intact of these few and has recently been restored.

Elom Eller, who earned his living farming and raising livestock, secured mortgages to build this home in 1875 and 1877, but in 1880 he sold the property to Captain and Mrs. Henry Milburn. Milburn, whose family owned the Milburn Wagon Works, held the house for nine years before selling it to William Beach Hosford.

Hosford, born in Oberlin, Ohio, in 1842, was educated at what is now Olivet (Michigan), College. He worked as an engineer on Mississippi River steamers in the late 1850's, and later held positions with various railroads as a mechanic and engineer. In 1867 he went to Chicago to become the western agent for the Fuller-Warren Company, a stove manufacturer. In 1884 he returned to Mishawaka to become vice-president of the Dodge Manufacturing Company, and remained with this firm for the rest of his career. He also assisted in building the local water works and electric company, and served as a city councilman.

In May, 1932, after residing here for more than 40 years, Hosford sold the home to the Mishawaka Women's Club. This organization used the structure as a club house and meeting hall, and also lent the facility to such local organizations as the Red Cross, the Camp-fire Girls, and the Spanish-American War Veterans. While headquartered here, the Women's Club presented various lectures and programs, supported many charitable and civic causes, and sponsored various philanthropic and patriotic activities. The Women's Club continued to meet in this house until 1971, when they sold it to the current owner.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet #1

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name South Bend East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please see continuation sheet #2

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 Philip W. Cartwright

organization LeRoy Troyer and Associates

date August 8, 1979

street & number 415 Lincoln Way East

telephone 219/259-9976

city or town Mishawaka

state Indiana 46544

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

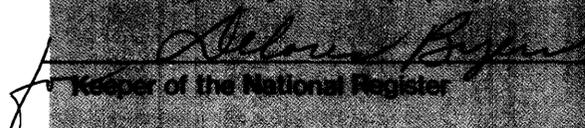


title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 12-13-82

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



Keeper of the National Register

date 1/27/83

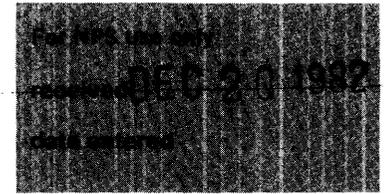
Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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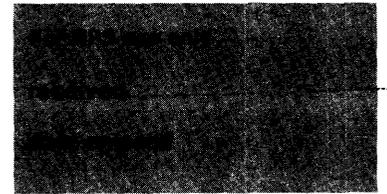
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Personal interview with Donald W. Crawford
Illustrated Historical Atlas of St. Joseph County, Indiana, 1875.
Mishawaka Enterprise and South Bend Tribune back issues
Property abstract-copy obtained from Mr. Crawford
Minutes of the Mishawaka City Council meetings
Printed eulogy of William B. Hosford dated October 27, 1940

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A lot or parcel of land on Lincoln Highway East (formerly the Vistula Road, and later Second Street) in the City of Mishawaka, which parcel is bounded by a line running as follows: Beginning on the Northerly line of said Lincoln Highway East, at a point Four (4) rods East of the Southwest corner of Farm Lot Numbered Eleven (11), as platted by M. W. Stokes, in Section Fifteen (15), in Township Thirty-seven (37) North, Range Three (3) East, now within and a part of the City of Mishawaka; thence running Easterly along the North line of said Lincoln Highway East, a distance of Five (5) rods; thence North to the St. Joseph River; thence Westerly with the meanderings of said River to a point due North of the place of beginning; thence South to the place of beginning, in St. Joseph County, Indiana.