

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic <sup>House</sup> J.W. Patterson Office <sup>and</sup> *Boundary Overline* (Amendment to J. W. Patterson House, listed on National Register on November 14, 1979)  
and/or common

2. Location

street & number 209 E. Washington N/A not for publication  
city, town Fairmount N/A vicinity of  
state Indiana code 018 county Grant code 053

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Fairmount Historical Museum, Inc.  
street & number Box 92  
city, town Fairmount N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46928

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office  
street & number Grant County Courthouse  
city, town Marion state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records N/A  
city, town state

## 7. Description

**Condition**  
 excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**  
 unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**  
 original site  
 moved      date N/A

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

The J. W. Patterson Office is located east of the J. W. Patterson House, a large, Victorian-era residence listed on the National Register in 1979.

The office, which faces south, is a one story, detached cottage, faced in brick laid in common bond. The building is shaped like a backwards L, with the base of the L facing east. There is a gabled roof with plain, projecting eaves. In the open part of the L is a porch with a shed roof supported at the southwest corner by a square wooden post, set on a low brick wall which extends the width of the porch. The forward-most part of the south facade is two bays wide. The part of the south facade behind the porch is also two bays wide.

Extending the length of the rear of the office is a shed-roof, 1950's addition. This is sided in asphalt of a simulated brick pattern. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles except for the south side of the gable roof over the east-west extension, and the shed roof of the porch, which are both covered with seamed metal roofing.

Windows in the original part of the building have segmental-arch openings. Each of the wood window frames, which are not arched, has a double-hung sash with one light in each sash, and is headed by projecting brick table molds. Windows in the shed addition are double-hung with one light in each sash, and have plain, wood surrounds.

There are two doors. One opens south onto the front porch. The other is in the west bay of the north facade. In the center of the north-south section of the house is a plain brick chimney. Another, added after the office was built, is an exterior chimney on the west side of the original building. This chimney has rough stone insets, placed randomly, and a stepped south end.

Surrounding the original part of the house are two string-courses of projecting brick. There is one row at the base of the gable and another at water table level.

The building has been altered. (See photo.) There was formerly a parapet wall, with a cornice of decorative brickwork, on the forward-most part of the south facade. Also on this side, in the west bay, was a door with rectangular transom in a segmental-arch opening, with a label mold in the style of those on the windows. The parapet wall has been removed and the door has been bricked in.

Also, the porch roof was originally supported by a Doric column instead of the post and wall which exist today.

The interior of the structure has been modified by the changes already discussed above. The woodwork is plain, and there is no ornamentation of any kind. The original wooden flooring appears to have been preserved, and modern electric lighting and plumbing fixtures have been added.

## 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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Medicine
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Ca. 1900 Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The J. W. Patterson Office is significant for its association with Dr. J. W. Patterson, a prominent Fairmount physician and community leader, and for its relationship to the J. W. Patterson House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 14, 1979. This nomination for the office is an amendment to that of the house.

The house was purchased by Patterson in 1898. The doctor maintained his medical practice there until he had the office built sometime shortly after the turn of the century.

Patterson began his long career of public service when he was elected Justice of the Peace in 1880. He was later elected to the community's Board of Trustees, and during his terms in office he suggested the names of the streets, which were eventually adopted. While president of this same Board, he advocated the installation of a public water works, which was established during his membership on the Board. A School Board Trustee for twelve years, he was one of the proponents for the first high school in Fairmount which was eventually built, partially as a result of his efforts.

Patterson was graduated from Indiana Medical College with honors in 1889. He served as health officer of Fairmount and was a member of the Grant County Medical Society, Delaware District Medical Society, and for two years was president of the Harvey Medical Association of Indiana Medical College. In 1906 he was appointed a member of the Grant County Board of Examining Surgeons, a position he held at the time of his death in 1913.

The J. W. Patterson House was purchased by the Fairmount Historical Museum, Inc., in 1977 to be used as the Museum's permanent home. The Office was acquired by the Museum in 1979.

There are three justifications for altering the boundary of the J. W. Patterson House nomination.

First, there was professional error in the initial nomination. The Fairmount Historical Museum had acquired the Office as well as the House before the initial nomination was submitted. The person who prepared the nomination, however, was unaware of the Museum's ownership of the Office, and of the relationship between the Office and the House.

Second, there is recognition of additional significance. In the initial nomination, the significance of the House was based on Patterson's involvement in local politics and government. Patterson was also prominent as a physician and was active in local and state medical organizations. Although his office has been altered, it retains many of its original features and is worthy of recognition.

Third, additional research has documented that a larger area should be listed. Since the building which is the subject of this amendment has been confirmed as being the office of J. W. Patterson, because of the additional significance established in association with Patterson's medical career, and because of the proximity of the office to the house, the boundary should be altered to include the office.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Baldwin, E. B. The Making of A Township. Fairmount, Indiana: Edgar Baldwin Printing Company

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Fairmount, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	6	6	1	4	5	5	0	4	4	7	4	5	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Indiana 46807

## 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 12-4-84

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date

1-18-85

Keeper of the National Register

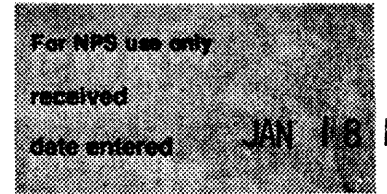
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet J. W. Patterson Office      Item number 10      Page 1

Office

The east 53 feet of Lot #1, and the south 20 feet of the east 53 feet of Lot #2 in Baldwin's Second Addition to the Town of Fairmount.

House

Lots 1 and 2, Baldwin's Second Addition, except 53 feet off the east ends of said lots.