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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

(Wayne County Museum)

Hicksite Friends Meetinghouse

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1150 North A Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th

STATE

Indiana

___ VICINITY OF

CODE

18

COUNTY

Wayne

CODE

117

CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

___ DISTRICT

 BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

 PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

 EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

 MUSEUM

___ PARK

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wayne County, Indiana, Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

1150 North A Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wayne County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

4th and East Main

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Indiana National Register of Historic Places - Starr District

DATE

June 28, 1974

 FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Register Office, National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed in 1865, the Wayne County Museum, formerly the Hicksite Friends Meetinghouse is a massive rectangular brick structure. The five bayed building rests on a cut stone foundation that comprises the basement walls. The 50' x 90' single story structure is symmetrical with a broad recessed portico. A bush hammered Dayton limestone course with dressed and tooled edges defines the basement which is partly above ground. The massiveness of the structure is emphasized by slightly protruding brick segmented arches, which draws attention to the solid masonry of the brick walls. The infill is also brick with narrow segmental windows separated by a wooden mullion. The asphalt roof is a low cross gabled accented only by four brick chimneys, two on either side. The eaves are boxed with a plain wooden cornice. The brick barge boards are highlighted by two joined narrow semicircular windows. The portico, reached by a flight of broad steps, is supported by narrow columns. The entrance is comprised by double doors with a glass transom and plain wooden surroundings.

The main floor open except for the vestibule, had a partition operated by a pulley to separate the men from the women. This has been modified slightly to provide museum facilities. The basement has also been partitioned to accomodate displays. More recent auxiliary display buildings, which do not detract from the original structure, have been constructed.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William N. Mathews - Builder
George Hoover - architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Hicksite Friends Meetinghouse is located within Starr Historic District, a part of Richmond's "Gore Area" opened for settlement by the Greenville Treaty of 1795. The building was erected in 1865 according to the plans of architect George Hoover for the sum of \$17,897.00.

The Wayne County Museum is significant as an excellent example of architecture and construction in the Civil War Era. It also still expresses some of the features that the Hicksite Friends Meeting found worthy in a meetinghouse which, from its construction, was intended to be permanent and a showpiece in the community.

The building maintains the simple symmetry of a building style that is often associated with earlier construction. Decorative details are nonetheless present and expressive.

This softening of stylistic detail to better fit with the Friends philosophy is often found in homes in Richmond's Starr Historic District which surrounds the Hicksite Meetinghouse.

It is, then, a well maintained symbol of a philosophy that was important in the development of Richmond.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

City Planning Associates, Inc. ed. History of Richmond Toward Architectural Preservation (1970); F.C. Fox ed. Memoirs of Wayne County, Indiana, 1912, Interstate Publishers ed. History of Wayne Co., 1884

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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61E Wm

UTM REFERENCES

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B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING									

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Robert N. Huff, V. President DATE: August 13, 1975

ORGANIZATION: Wayne Co. Indiana Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER: 1150 North A Street TELEPHONE:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Indiana

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: *[Signature]*

TITLE: Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer DATE: August 21, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION: *[Signature]* DATE: 10/14/75

ATTEST: Ronald M. Greenberg DATE: 10/14/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER: *[Signature]*