

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 Palace Lodge (Robling Building)
and/or common Robling Building/Brown's Grocery

2. Location

street & number ~~Corner of Center Street and Main Street~~ N/A not for publication
city, town Winslow N/A vicinity of
state Indiana code 018 county Pike code 125

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Arnold
street & number Box 363
city, town Winslow N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47598

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pike County Courthouse
street & number Main Street
city, town Petersburg state Indiana 47567

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

The Palace Lodge building is the cornerstone of the small business district of the Town of Winslow. Situated on the southeast corner of Main and Center Streets and facing west, the building shares walls with commercial buildings both to the south and to the east. Main Street is also Indiana Route 61.

Italianate in style, the Palace Lodge is a two story, common bond brick commercial building with a composition roof. In plan, it is a 23' (Main Street facade) by 90' rectangle with a 45° angle at the northwest corner of the building. The west facade is two bays wide; the angled corner, one bay; and the north facade, six bays wide.

On the west facade and the angle, the first story has retained the original cast-iron storefront. This is composed of two large, transomed display windows on Main Street and a double door in the angled section. Each door has a small panel directly above, probably due to the addition of later, shorter screen doors. The actual glazed entry doors extend above these panels. Above the panels is a two-light transom window. Framing these openings are pilasters surmounted by an entablature. There is a canvas awning with "Brown's Groc." in block letters between the windows and transoms.

First story windows on the Center Street side have small rectangular openings, single sashes, and limestone sills and lintels. They are placed high above the street. Also on the Center Street side are two additional entries. One, in the easternmost bay, is a four panel, transomed door with a limestone lintel. The other, in the adjacent bay, is a double transomed door which opens to a stairway that provides access to the second floor.

Second story windows have tall, rectangular openings, are double-hung with one light in each sash, and have limestone lintels and sills. There are two identical chimneys, one each between the second and third bays, and the fourth and fifth bays of the Center Street side. They are located at the edge of the roof and extend about two feet above it, projecting slightly beyond and corbeled back to the facade near the bottom of the first story windows.

The building has an elaborate cast-metal, bracketed cornice over the Main Street side and angled entrance. There are four small attic lights between brackets. Incorporated above the cornice on the angle bay is a pediment surmounted by a finial.

The cornice on the Center Street side consists of corbeled brickwork designed to resemble brackets. Also on this side of the building, between the two front bays on the ground floor, is a painted sign reading, "Brown's Grocery/Nunn-Better Enriched Flour/Milled by Chas. Nunn & Sons, Evansville, Ind."

The main floor of the Palace Lodge is undivided. The second floor is divided into six rooms. Ceilings on both floors are 13 feet high. Interior walls are plastered. The flooring is tongue-and-groove, oil-treated oak and pine. Floor joists are solid, 23' long, oak beams, two inches wide and 14" high. These joists are set 12" apart.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1892 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Palace Lodge building is the oldest extant commercial building in Winslow. Virtually unaltered since its construction in 1892, the building is also significant as a good example of small-town, 19th century commercial architecture.

The Palace Lodge was constructed jointly by the International Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. The lodges used the main floor for meetings and the second floor for offices. They fell into debt and, in 1898, were forced to sell the building to Logan Robling.

Robling's son, Monroe, had been associated with a peddling wagon business. After one of his partners retired and the other moved away, the business became a store known as L. Robling and Son. It was housed in the Palace Lodge Building after purchase of the building by Logan Robling. This general store was operated until 1946, when the building was purchased by Neil and Winifred Brown (Monroe Robling's daughter), and changed to a grocery store. Brown's Grocery was in business in the building until 1981. During the time the first floor of the building was used as a store, the second floor was used variously as offices and as apartments.

The owner of the building currently has plans to renovate it for use as offices, apartments, and a small shop in the front.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brown, Winifred. Interview of July 15, 1982.
Winslow Dispatch, October 31, 1930. "Winslow Loses One Of Its Best Citizens By Death."
Winslow Dispatch, August 10, 1928

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Winslow

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	4	8	1	1	6	0	4	2	4	8	1	0	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

B

Zone		Easting						Northing						

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification Starting at the southeast corner of Center and Main, 23' south, then 90' east, 23' north, and then 90' west to point of origin. Northwest part of Lot 74, original plat.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Thomas J. Arnold

organization N/A date September 8, 1982

street & number Box 363 telephone 812/789-5351

city or town Winslow state Indiana 47598

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 1-16-84

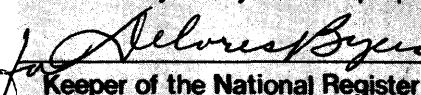
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/23/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration