

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**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  Hedrick, John W., House

and/or common Hedrick House

**2. Location**

street & number 506 High Street N/A not for publication

city, town Middletown N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Henry code 065

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Hazel Hedrick

street & number 506 High Street

city, town Middletown N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47356

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Recorder's Office

street & number Henry County Courthouse

city, town New Castle state Indiana 47362

**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

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The John W. Hedrick House is located on the northwest corner of High and Fifth Streets in a residential district of Middletown. The house faces south.

The Hedrick House is a two and one-half story Queen Anne house with a round, conical-roof, three-story tower at the southeast corner. Irregular in plan and massing, it has a multi-gable/hip roof. The house is of frame construction and sided with clapboards, except for the third story of the tower, which is sided in wood shingles. The foundation is rough, coursed stone.

Extending across the front of the house and circling around the tower to the east side is a one story wood porch with a two-story, gable-roofed section in the center of the south facade. The porch is composed of fluted Doric columns, a single balustrade, a plain frieze, and a molded box cornice. The base of the porch is rough, coursed stone footings below the columns with scroll-sawn screens between.

Three steps lead up to the porch floor and to the double door entry with sidelights. The doors are glazed, paneled wood. First and second-story windows are double-hung with one light in each sash and have wood surrounds. There is a small, single-sash window, either round or diamond-shaped, in each of the gables. Windows in the tower are of curved glass. They are double-hung with one light in each sash except for the third-story tower windows, which are single sash.

Extending from the center of the roof is a plain brick chimney. The roof is covered with its original fishscale and flat-edged slates and has ornamental cast-iron cresting along the ridges. Beneath a shallow soffit is a frieze composed of vertical, flush-board siding.

At the rear of the house is a one-story, hip roofed section which includes a porch with plain wood posts, a balustrade, and a frieze of vertical, flush-board siding. It has foundation screens identical to those on the front facade. The rear porch has a northern orientation; four concrete steps lead up to the porch and a transomed door on the north side of the house.

Inside, the original woodwork, brass lighting fixtures, and paneling are in place. Both the interior and exterior of the house are unaltered since construction.

## 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"/> 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** 1899 **Builder/Architect** L. O. Miller, Builder

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John Hedrick House is significant for its architecture. The house, unaltered since its construction in 1899, is an example of the Queen Anne style. The Hedrick House is also significant for its association with John W. Hedrick, a prominent local farmer, businessman, and land owner.

Hedrick grew up on a farm east of Middletown. He developed part of this land in 1898 as Hedrick's First Addition to the Town of Middletown. Hedrick also owned a merchant building, inherited from his father, in Middletown. In the late 19th century he ran Hedrick Hall, a small theater on the second floor. In 1887 Hedrick Hall was the site of a meeting held to discuss local gas exploration and to solicit funds. The money pledged at the meeting was enough for financing a successful search for gas. After this, an eight-member Board of Trade, which included Hedrick, was formed to promote new business growth in Middletown. The result was the location of several new industries in the community, including the Indiana Glass Company in 1890.

The Hedrick House was built for John W. Hedrick by local contractor, L. O. Miller. Hedrick supplied the house and others in town with natural gas from his own wells. The house was among the first of Middletown residences to have electricity. The wiring was done by the Remy Brothers of Anderson, whose operation was later sold to General Motors and is now its Delco-Remy Division.

The house was later occupied by Hedrick's son, James C. Hedrick, and James' Wife, Hazel. Hazel still lives in the house today.

Noted for its unaltered condition, the house is one of the finest Queen Anne examples in Middletown.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Middletown, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	6	6	2	5	0	8	0	4	4	3	4	8	2	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot #19 in Lewis Summer's Second Addition to the Town of Middletown

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 Mrs. Martha R. Jones, Librarian

organization Middletown Public Library

date July 11, 1981

street & number 540 Locust Street

telephone 317/354-2913 (Home)

city or town Middletown

state Indiana 47356

## 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 11-8-84

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 12-27-84

Keeper of the National Register

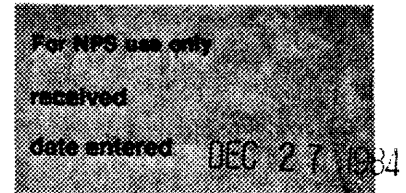
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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