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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 HINSHAW, Elias, House

and/or common The Tower

2. Location

street & number 16 West Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Knightstown 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 Donald Lee and Patricia E. Goodspeed

street & number 136 S. Washington

city, town Knightstown N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46148

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Henry County Courthouse

street & number Broad Street

city, town New Castle 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		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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hinshaw House, 16 West Main Street, Knightstown, Indiana, is the second building west of the northwest corner of Main Street (U.S. 40--the Old National Road) and Franklin Street in the town of Knightstown. This Italian Villa structure is an excellent example of the style. It is constructed of brick with limestone accents. The most prominent feature of the house is the distinctive three and one-half story front entrance tower. The house stands two stories tall and is capped by a low-pitched hip roof covered with asphalt shingles. Originally, the house had a gray slate roof. Surrounding the roof is an elaborate wooden entablature with heavy brackets, a paneled frieze, attic lights, and a projecting cornice which functions as the roof gutter.

The brick facade walls are pierced at regular intervals on both stories by segmental arched windows with one-over-one sash. The limestone sills have a pair of small stone brackets. Each window has a limestone keystone and springers. Limestone is employed in the foundation, quoins, and in the round arch of the entrance, which has a keystone bearing the legend, "E. H. 1883".

The plan and the basic facade arrangement are both irregular. A two story bay projects from the east wall with a window piercing each of the three walls. The small porch is east of the front entrance tower. The porch does not shade the entrance, but is accessible by two side doors. The existing porch (circa 1920) has a bungalow hip roof supported by massive brick piers with a classical concrete balustrade. This porch and the side sun porch are the only facade alterations.

The prominent square entrance tower rises one and one-half stories above the roofline. The third story has a pair of round-arched windows on each side. The tower is capped by a wooden entablature with brackets, surmounted by a slated concave mansard roof. Four gabled dormers pierce the roof, which retains its original metal roof cresting.

Perpendicular to the main body of the house is an ell with a truncated gable roof and a sun porch. The ell is attached to a one story hip roofed kitchen wing.

Despite having served as a multi-family dwelling for a number of years, almost all the original interior details are intact, as are most of the woodwork and doors. The house has three fireplaces: one marble, another cast iron with a marbleized finish, and a third which appears to be a "Rookwood" tile fireplace, circa 1920.

The present stairway is closed. There are two large downstairs parlors off the major hallway. There are 12 major rooms with some smaller rooms in the main two floors. The tower has a circular staircase leading to a door that goes out onto the roof of the entrance tower.

The house is located on a large lot along an alley. The house is screened on the west side by a tree and a hedgerow. The back yard has several shrubs and trees. The original two-story frame carriage house now serves as a garage. It has a gable roof and vertical board and batten siding.

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
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<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 1883 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Elias Hinshaw House, built in 1883, is the only example of the Italian Villa style of architecture in Knightstown. The building is also significant because of its visual impact on the National Road (U.S. 40), from which it is highly visible.

The house was built for Elias Hinshaw, a prominent Henry County land owner, businessman, blacksmith, and member of the Orthodox Society of Friends at Greensboro, Indiana. Hinshaw bought the lot for the house from the estate of Waitsill M. Carey, the founder of Knightstown. It is not known if Carey lived on the property, but a house was in existence there as early as 1863. It is believed that the kitchen wing is that earlier structure.

Hinshaw purchased the property in 1866. The keystone over the main entrance bears the inscription, "E. H. 1883," indicating that at least that portion of the house was not completed until that time. However, Hinshaw obtained a \$2,000 mortgage in 1893, and inside walls are inscribed with dates in the 1890s, suggesting that the interior was finished or remodeled at that time.

In 1903 the property was sold to Erie C. Morgan, a prominent citizen of Knightstown. The building was a funeral home during the 1930s. It is currently used as a law office, and is in the process of being restored by its owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Architecture Along the National Road in Knightstown, Indiana. Knightstown High School History Club, an affiliate of the Indiana Junior Historical Society, 1972.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Knightstown, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 7 in Block 17 in W. M. Carey's Addition Plat to Knightstown, Indiana, Wayne Township, Henry County

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

name/title Donald Lee and Patricia E. Goodspeed

organization N.A date October 12, 1982

street & number 136 S. Washington telephone 317/345-2779

city or town Knightstown state Indiana 46148

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 J. W. Redman

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 3-23-84

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

**Entered in the
National Register**

date 5/3/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration