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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

Pollard-Nelson House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7th and Market Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Logansport

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
5th

STATE

Indiana

CODE
18

COUNTY
Cass

CODE
017

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: Law Office

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert S. & Catherine L. Justice

STREET & NUMBER

Route #2

CITY, TOWN

Logansport

VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office, Cass County Courthouse, Deed Record 220, Page 547

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Logansport

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Indiana Historic Preservation Program and Survey

DATE

1972-1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

Indianapolis

STATE

Indiana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1845, Colonel Philip Pollard constructed this symmetrical Greek Revival home facing north on the dominant hill in Logansport with a view of the Wabash River. It was described by local newspapers as "Probably the most desirable residence in town".

This bearingwall brick structure was originally constructed with a central two story section two rooms deep with an imposing Greek Revival facade and two one story wings on each side. In 1889 Judge John C. Nelson who acquired the house in 1889 found it to small for a growing family, added second stories to the wings and a section behind the west wing. In 1910 this same family made further additions to the rear and some interior alterations. The house has not had any essential changes since.

The additions were done so as not to detract from the Greek Revival facade and the house, although considerably enlarged and with an irregular floor plan maintains its character to all but a few obscure rear views. It is now a seven bay Greek Revival structure supported by a stone foundation and topped by a medium gable roof in the center section (the original two story section) that extends to two massive doric ^{ionic (21)} columns and forms a portico. The wings have low pitch shed roofs. The main chimneys are located along the center axis. All windows are double hung sash type with shutters. A shallow iron balcony supported by cast iron brackets is under the second floor bays under the portico. The main door has two blind side panels and a glazed transom.

The house is painted white and kept in meticulous condition by the owner who uses it as law offices.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1845 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Colonel Philip Pollard

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The large and ostentacious Pollard-Nelson House is a dominant feature in the human environment of Logansport. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest structures in town and has throughout its long life maintained a high degree of architectural integrity and significance. Certainly the foremost example of Greek Revival architecture in the area, it ranks among the best in the state.

Built by Philip Pollard an early Logansport business leader who owned a warehouse and store on the Wabash and Erie Canal just below the home, it represents what was considered the best in style for a successful canal era businessman. Mr. Pollard was also a bank owner and railroad president.

The second owner, Judge John C. Nelson who acquired the house in 1889 was a Captain in General Sherman's army during the Civil War and later became active in politics and a judge in Cass county Superior Court. The house remained in his family until it was acquired by the present owners in 1971.

The Pollard-Nelson House represents the best in Greek Revival architecture and workmanship and is notable for its association with community leaders.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Logan Chief, August 9, 1845 ed.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

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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 S. Justice

August 13, 1975

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Route #2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Logansport

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

TITLE

Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 21, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/29/75

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

OCT 28 1975