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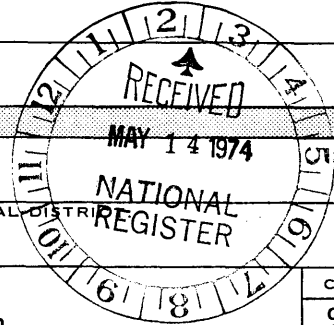
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Michigan Road Toll House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 4702 Michigan Road, N.W.			
CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 5th	
STATE: Indiana	CODE: 18	COUNTY: Marion	CODE: 97



3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: The Harrell Foundation			
STREET AND NUMBER: 902 West Washington Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis		STATE: Indiana	CODE: 97

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington Township Assessor's Office Room 1241 City-County Building			
STREET AND NUMBER: 200 East Washington Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis		STATE: Indiana	CODE: 97

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Indiana Historic Preservation Program and Survey 1972 Page 138			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Indiana Department of Natural Resources			
STREET AND NUMBER: 608 State Office Building			
CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis		STATE: Indiana	CODE: 97

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Michigan Road Toll House at 4702 Michigan Road N.W., Indianapolis, Indiana 46208, is a small white frame house. The easterly portion facing the road is two stories in height, with a partial basement. The westerly portion to the rear is one story high with no basement. The foundation is brick and stone. The exterior walls are clapboard siding and the roof is now covered with composition shingles covering the original wood shingles. The interior floors are common wood, probably native timber. The walls and ceilings are plastered. The first floor consists of a parlor, a dining room, a kitchen and a more recent addition, a bath. The second floor is occupied by two bed rooms.

The original house, built about 1850, was of one story and had a storeroom extending toward Michigan Road, with a toll pole out in front which, when lowered, extended as a barrier across the road. The toll pole was the first part of the original structure to be removed. When the road was widened it was necessary to remove the east portion of the house which contained the store and the porch, in order to make room for progress.

About 1882 the roof was raised to permit the addition of a second floor above the main part of the house, to accomodate a growing family. A small narrow stairway ascending from the living room provides access to the two upstairs bedrooms. An interesting architectural feature of the house is the extension of the two perpendicular casings on each side of the windows and doorways to a height of several inches above the horizontal lintel atop each opening. This same architectural feature is seen in early photographs which show the storeroom extending toward the road.

A roadside marker in front of the house, placed there in 1961 by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Indiana, commemorates the "Toll House" as "Operated by the Augusta Gravel Road Company circa 1866-1892" and "Michigan Road" as the "first major state road, built in the 1830's from the Ohio River to Lake Michigan."

A bronze marker beside the front door bears this inscription: "Toll house, Furnished by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Indiana." The two downstairs rooms sponsored by the Society contain furniture of the latter part of the last century, including a corner cupboard, cherry table, two Victorian arm chairs, a love seat, four plain straight chairs, oil lamps, an old school-master's desk, daguerrotypes and steel engravings.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Michigan Road had its origins in the need for transportation and communication in Indiana to connect the Ohio River with Lake Michigan. The location of the State Capital at Indianapolis, the surveying of the National Road across the state added to the desire for a north-south road in Indiana. A treaty with the Potawatamie Indians in 1826 surrendered a 100 ft. right-of-way and a section of land for every mile of the road from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River to the State. This land was later sold to pay for construction of the Michigan Road. In 1828 the Indiana Legislature appointed three commissioners to choose a route and the road was constructed between 1830 and 1840. By 1834 the Michigan Road was open over its entire length but was extremely bad in some places and only passable for about eight months a year.

By the end of the initial construction period Indiana was having major problems with internal improvements and the Michigan Road was made part of the State highway system with responsibility for maintenance in the hands of the Counties. This did not lead to improvements on the road. After the Civil War it was a common practice to let private companies collect tolls on roads that they had improved. This was the case when the Augusta Gravel Road Company graveled part of the Michigan Road north of Indianapolis. One of the places chosen to collect the tolls was a house built about 1850 that is now known as the Michigan Road Toll House. Tolls were collected at this point from 1866 to 1892 by Samuel Howard a Notary Public and his wife. They also ran a grocery store and a Post Office at this natural stopping place.

The Michigan Road was used much more north of Indianapolis than south because there were fewer other forms of transportation and northern Indiana was being settled rapidly at this time. Settlers commonly came out to Indianapolis on the National Road and then headed north on the Michigan Road. It also served as a main road for produce of the new northern farms to reach Indianapolis. Horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, and poultry were all driven past the Toll House. The average toll for a horse and buggy was a nickle and a man on horseback three cents. There was no charge for persons attending Church or funerals. Farmers who used the road regularly paid as much as \$25.00 a year.

The Toll House is a reminder of an important link in Indiana transportation. A Grocery store and Post Office made the Toll House a community center as well as a toll collection point and Indian artifacts found near the Toll House on the White River indicate it was also a place Indians had found attractive earlier. This is one of many historic sites that are being located along this highway connecting the Ohio River at Madison, Indiana with Lake Michigan at Michigan City, Indiana.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The original Treaty of 1826 in the archives, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis. The Deed to the Michigan Road Toll House, Westfield Br. Indiana National Bank, in safe deposit box of the Harrell Foundation. "Recollections of Old Toll Gates in the Vicinity of Indianapolis" The Indianapolis Journal, Sunday, April 10, 1904 Toll House Likely to Remain for Another Hundred Years" The Indianapolis Star, Sunday, October 16, 1966. Geneal Prather, "The Construction of the Michigan Road" 1830-1840," Indiana Magazine of History, September, 1944, p. 243-279. Geneal Prather, "The Struggle for the Michigan Road," Indiana Magazine of History, March, 1943, p. 1-24. Logan Essary, Internal Improvements in Indiana, Indianapolis, 1912. W.S. Blatchley, The Road Materials of

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

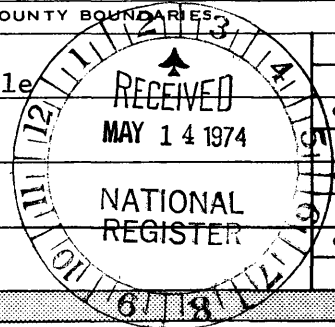
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Mary Evans Harrell Ochsner, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Toll House Committee, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Indiana DATE: May 3, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 5850 Sunset Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Indianapolis STATE: Indiana CODE: 18 Zip: 46208

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Jeffrey DeLand*

Title: Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: May 8, 1974

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

A. R. Montrose
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/7/74

ATTEST:
W. J. Montrose
Keeper of the National Register

Date: 8.2.74