

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 Wilson-Courtney House

and/or common Courtney House

2. Location

street & number 10 Cartersburg Road, N/A not for publication

city, town Danville N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Hendricks code 063

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ted E. and Denise Andrews

street & number 10 Cartersburg Road

city, town Danville N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46122

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hendricks County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Danville 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Wilson-Courtney House is a 1½ story frame dwelling. It is composed of a rectangular front 47'6" wide x 36'5" deep, with an ell 30'3" wide by 34'5" deep extending to the rear. The exterior and interior display elements of Greek Revival architecture. The house faces west.

The original cellar is a 15' x 16' room beneath the ell. It is lined with the original hand made bricks measuring 2½" x 4" x 8". This room was probably used for cold storage and salting meat, as is evidenced by the intact stone trough along the east wall. When central heating was added, the cellar was enlarged. The sills and summers are 11" x 12", hand hewn beams running the length and width of the house. On these rest sash-sawn floor joists measuring 2½" x 10". The joists support 5" wide floor planks. The sills were originally supported by brick piers ranging in height from 1'4" to 2' off the ground. Later, the spaces between the piers were filled in with brick.

The original front porch was narrower than the present one and had its gable end facing forward. A tree fell on this porch and it was replaced by the present one. The front door (3'3" x 6'11") is original and paneled with mortise-and-tenoned members pegged in the corners. There are Greek Revival style side lights and transom lights around the door. There are four pilasters evenly spaced across the front. The ridge line of the roof runs parallel to the front of the house and there are classical returns on the gable ends. The siding is lapped clapboards 4" wide. On the rear side of the roof there is a centrally placed dormer window.

On the first floor of the Wilson-Courtney House there is a central hall with two rooms symmetrically placed on each side. The central hall is 9' wide and contains the stairs to the second floor. The four rooms are all 18' wide by 17'4" deep. In the two rooms on the south side there are fireplaces while the two rooms on the north side have brick flues for stoves. All of the interior doors are original, being paneled with mortise-and tenoned, pegged members.

The rear ell contains the kitchen which also has a fireplace. What were originally the servant's quarters are now used as a family room and bathroom. An originally open, interior porch adjacent to the kitchen is now enclosed. A bay window has been added to the rear of the family room.

On the second floor there is one room on each side of the central hallway, each with two windows in the gable end. The end of the central hallway faces onto the dormer.

In the attic above the ell the construction is visible. The timbers are hand hewn and pegged together. The sash-sawn rafters are 2½" x 3½". The roof decking is as wide as 22" and still has the bark on its edges. The roof has been replaced.

Near the Wilson-Courtney House there is a two room outbuilding measuring 15'4" x 22'3". One of its rooms was used as a smokehouse. It is of frame construction with tongue-in-groove clapboards. All of the lumber is sash-sawn and mortise-and-tenoned together.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1848-1850 **Builder/Architect** David Matlock

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Wilson-Courtney House is significant as a fine, well-preserved example of early Indiana architecture. The dwelling shows how a reasonably well-off farmer would have lived in Indiana during its initial settlement. The house is also significant as a local landmark to the community.

Having been built between 1848 and 1850, the Wilson-Courtney House is one of the earliest houses in the Danville area. Its design and construction techniques are representative of the period. Its Greek Revival style (the pilasters, sidelights, transom lights, and classical returns) is characteristic of the better houses being built in the settlement areas at this time.

The well preserved state of the Wilson-Courtney House shows the construction techniques employed at the time. The timbers are hand hewn showing the marks of the broad ax. The joints are all wood pegged and mortise-and-tenoned. The straight saw marks on the joists show that they were sawn by a vertical mill saw and the wide decking attests to the width of the trees cut down to build the house. Other features of interest are the pegged doors, chimneys, hand hewn bricks, fireplaces, and smokehouse.

The house is also significant in local history. The Matlock family, who built the house, were prominent in early Danville as merchants. The house was well known and "became a social center for the 'first families' of Danville..." Still today the house is known to Danville residents as "the Courtney place" and its presence helps maintain this local history.

The house was built for David Matlock's daughter, Mary, after her marriage to David Wilson. The farm passed from Matlock to the Wilsons, and later to their daughter Sarah, who married Edward Courtney. The farm left the family in 1936.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Courtney Homestead in New Ownership." The Danville Gazette, April 9, 1936.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 4 acres

Quadrangle name Danville, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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 Harry Gammerdinger

organization N/A

date January 12, 1981

street & number 1310 Atwater

telephone 812/339-1493

city or town Bloomington

state Indiana 47401

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. M. Redwin

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1-3-84

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/9/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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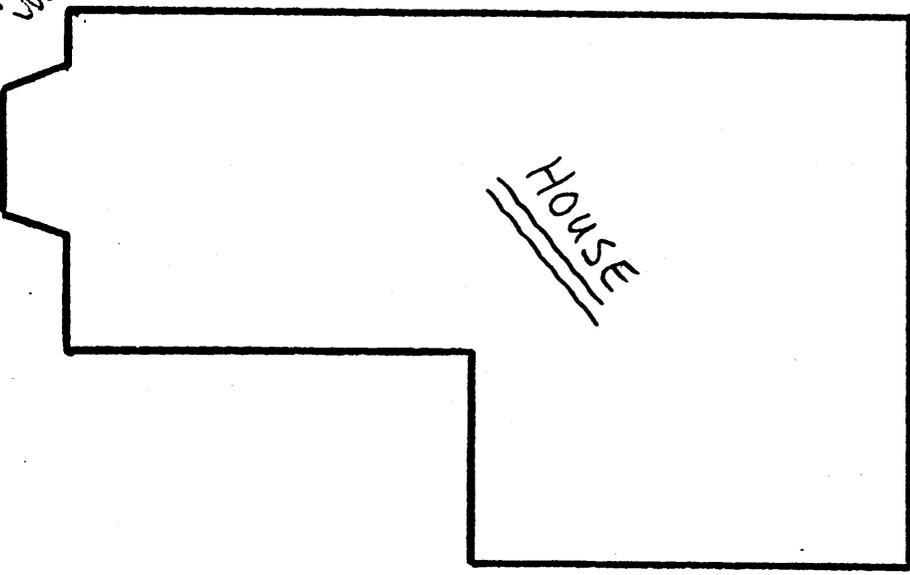
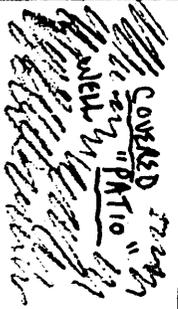
Continuation sheet Wilson-Courtney House

Item number 10

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A part of the Northwest quarter and a part of the Southwest quarter all in Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Hendricks County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northern right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad (formerly known as the C.C.C. & St. Louis Railroad), with the center line of the Cartersburg-Danville Road, which point of beginning is North 2,217.5 feet and North 82°52' East 931.0 feet (aforementioned bearings and distances were quoted from deed record 208, page 350 in the office of the Recorder of Hendricks County, Indiana) from the Southwest corner of said Section 10; (1) thence North 31°00'00" West (assumed bearing) along the center line of said Cartersburg-Danville Road 387.00' to a railroad spike; (2) thence South 89°32'21" East (along the North line of a tract previously designated as East and estimated to contain 3.89 acres, more or less), a distance of 595.40' to an iron pin; (3) thence South 5°45'39" East (along the Eastern line of said tract and previously designated South 7°08' East), a distance of 275.30' to the northern right-of-way line of said railroad; (4) thence South 82°52'00" West along said northern right-of-way line 427.00' to the point of beginning, excluding, however, that portion of said tract between the center line of Cartersburg-Danville Road and its eastern right-of-way line.

→ NORTH
1 inch = 16 ft. (scale)



DRIVE WAY

GARAGE