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**ERMA RICH, LONG-TIME PRESERVATION LEADER IN RICHMOND,
RETIRES FROM PRESERVE RICHMOND BOARD**



Erma Rich, a leader in preservation efforts for many years, has announced her retirement from Preserve Richmond, Inc.'s Board effective April, 2013. From 2007 through 2012, Erma worked as treasurer of the organization, maintaining financial records and mailing lists, creating the newsletter and supporting the annual meeting. Erma was president of Preserve Richmond from 1997 to 2000 and helped her husband, John Rich, who was treasurer from 1997 to 2005.

Erma was the first president of Preserve Richmond after it merged with previous organizations.

Some of the high points of Erma's efforts include working with Fred Holycross of Indiana Landmarks to help persuade Richmond's Common Council that the city should have a preservation commission, to help start the process for the National Road Historic Byway and to help launch the Barn Again Program in Wayne County.

Erma's family was always interested in preservation and the reuse of resources. She was born in Wayne County in a house with hand-hewn logs that still had bark on them. Her grandfather bought the house in 1905; Erma sold the house in 1965 because of an employment transfer. Erma's interest in the reuse of resources included restoring fine pieces of furniture.

Erma's advice for the future is to preserve our history and to learn from it. Erma says that, "We are still a very young country. Other countries of the world are restoring things from the 11th and 12th centuries and earlier to preserve their history".

The Board of Preserve Richmond wants to take this opportunity to thank Erma Rich for her years of hard work, service and dedication to the cause of preservation in Richmond and Wayne County.

Most Endangered Local Historic Sites



Bradford Apartments/Wayne Flats Apartments 1200 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana

DESIGNER/BUILDER: John A. Hasecoster

STYLE: Neoclassical

ERECTED: 1902

The Daily Sun-Telegram once described these apartments as elegant. When they were new, the Bradford Apartments combined up-to-date design and all the amenities including steam heat, fireplaces, marble entryways, and pocket doors. The building has now stood vacant for several years.



Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Depot and Freight Office

300 North 3rd Street, Richmond, Indiana

DESIGNER/BUILDER: Construction by Louck and Hill

STYLE: Craftsman/Romanesque

ERECTED: 1901

The Cincinnati, Richmond, & Muncie Line (C.R. & M.) originally constructed this small depot on the North side of Richmond and a companion depot on the Southside of town. After the C.R. & M. failed, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad (C. & O.) bought the railroad and the two depots in a receiver's sale. The Southside depot was razed many years ago. The North side depot eclectically combines Craftsman and Romanesque details.



George H. Knollenberg's Store—PROGRESS

809-815 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana

DESIGNER/BUILDER: John A. Hasecoster

STYLE: Italianate

ERECTED: 1877

STYLE: Queen Anne Addition

ERECTED: 1888

Once the premier department store in Richmond, Knollenberg's was recently once again vacant. Fortunately, Sassy Seconds has opened a clothing consignment store on the ground floor in the space once occupied by the Knollenberg Art Center and has also moved their new and used furniture store into the building.



Readmore

901 East Main Street, Richmond, Indiana
DESIGNER/BUILDER: Unknown
STYLE: Italianate ERECTED: 1880

This three story building housed John E. Peltz's merchant Tailor shop in 1880. The upper two floors were rooms let to single gentlemen by the Y.M.C.A. By 1900, a drug store occupied the ground floor. Most local residents will remember this building as Readmore bookstore. After several decades, Readmore was sold to a new owner who kept the name but transformed the business into a café and coffee shop that also sold magazines and a few books. The upstairs apartments were vacant during his ownership. The last incarnation of Readmore has now closed. The building is currently for sale.



Hasecoaster Building at the "Old" Reid Hospital

1402 Chester Boulevard, Richmond, Indiana
DESIGNER/BUILDER: John A. Hasecoaster
STYLE: Eclectic
ERECTED: 1905

Hasecoaster's plans for a new hospital for Richmond were accepted in 1904. Built of Oolitic Indiana limestone the two story structure would have a 57-bed capacity. When Reid Hospital relocated, new owners of the old Reid were in place and several adaptive re-use plans were talked about. Old Reid has subsequently changed hands, and so far the "new owners" have not proceeded with any adaptive reuse plans they may have had.



American House

101 West Main Street, Centerville, Indiana
PROGRESS
DESIGNER/BUILDER: Unknown
STYLE: Federal
ERECTED: 1836-1839

American House Hotel owners Mike Glover and Chip Foster have begun to make progress on the site. Four first floor retail spaces and a one bedroom apartment have been renovated and will be ready for occupancy in January 2013. Additional work is currently in the design phase.



Andrew Finley Scott House

126 North 10th Street, Richmond, Indiana
DESIGNER/BUILDER: Unknown
STYLE: Italianate
ERECTED: 1858

Andrew Finley Scott was the founder and president of the Second National Bank. His descendants kept the house in the family until 1977. When the last Scott family resident died, the house was left to the Wayne County Historical Museum and functioned as a house museum until the soaring costs of upkeep made this impracticable. The Wayne County Historical Museum sold the house in 2004. This property is empty and for sale.

John Elwood Bundy Studio



527 West Main Street, Richmond, Indiana
DESIGNER/BUILDER: John Elwood Bundy
STYLE: Eclectic

ERECTED: 1900 (*Photograph used with permission of Dan Tate from [Dan Tate's Blog](#).*)

John Elwood Bundy resigned from the Earlham faculty in 1896. A few years later he built these two buildings. The larger front building was his residence and the smaller rear building was his studio. After his wife died in 1906, Bundy lived in the studio and his son and daughter-in-law lived in the residence. More than one artist has been associated with Bundy's studio. The Jarecki family has long owned the property. Amy Jarecki has listed it for sale. It is important that both the residence and the studio be preserved.

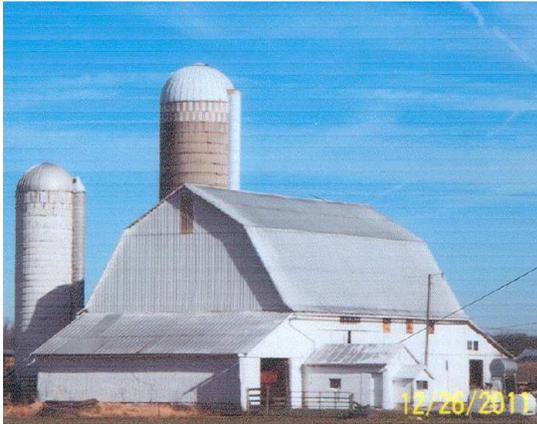
Landwehr House "Old Richmond"



447 South 7th Street, Richmond, Indiana
DESIGNER/BUILDER: Unknown STYLE: Federal
ERECTED: 1861

Frederick Landwehr, a German who immigrated to Richmond from Osnabruck in the 1850s, built this structure as a grocery and residence in 1861. Members of the Landwehr family operated a series of grocery stores and meat markets on the Southside of Richmond for close to a century. Neighborhood Preservation Services, Inc. bought this property in 1988. Under the guidance of the group's President, Gertrude "Lucky" Ward, the building was carefully restored as a double residence. Neighborhood Preservation Services, Inc. subsequently sold the building. This structure's history has become a part of Preserve Richmond's history because Preserve Richmond, Inc. was formed out of the merger of two local preservation groups, Neighborhood Preservation Services, Inc. and Historic Richmond, Inc.

RESOURCE INVENTORY COUNCIL'S BARN SURVEY



(Photo is the courtesy of Ed Pollock.)

Ed Pollock, Director of Wayne County's Resource Inventory Council (RIC), is collecting information on some of the barns located in the county. As of mid-January, Ed had photographed 449 barns which date from 1848 to around 1940. In addition to photographing the barns, Ed uses a sheet provided by Indiana Landmarks to collect information such as the style of each barn, the kind of roofing and whether or not the barn has a silo. Ed tries to determine if the barns were used for livestock, dairy or hay storage. Ed also looks for elaborate woodwork and signs indicating the age of the barn and the name of the farm or the family. Ed has seen mortise and tendon joints, hand-hewn beams, some with bark still on them, and walls four bricks deep.

The Wayne County Foundation has provided a grant to enable the RIC to develop a data base so that information about the barns can be accessed online.

If you have a barn you would like to include in the survey, contact Ed Pollock at 765-967-0260.

New Life for the Oliver P. Morton House



Dr. Ronald Morris, a Ball State professor who lives in Centerville, Indiana, acquired the Oliver P. Morton house from Indiana Landmarks in July of 2012. Indiana Landmarks purchased the house after the death of the former owner and placed covenants on the house to protect it in perpetuity. The Greek Revival house is located at 313 W. Main in Centerville.

Ron Morris acquired the house for several reasons. The house is important and needs to be open to the public. The house is in need of restoration. In addition, the house needs long term preservation that only a covenant with Indiana Landmarks can provide.

Oliver P. Morton was born in Salisbury, Indiana, in 1823 and became governor of the state on January 16, 1861. After the Civil War began on April 12, 1861, and President Lincoln called for troops, Governor Morton raised 6,000 men and met all subsequent calls. Morton personally raised money for troops on one occasion when the state legislature did not provide the necessary funds and became known as "The Soldier's Friend". He is also remembered as the "War Governor of Indiana" and a stalwart supporter of Lincoln. Before Oliver P. Morton became governor, he lived in Centerville where he practiced law.

Currently, Ron Morris is working to seal the elements from the house. Walls, eaves, windows and foundation are undergoing inspection and repair. Long term, Ron's goal is to return the house and grounds to the way they looked between 1849 and 1862 when Jacob Julian built the house and Oliver P. Morton lived in it.

Mission Statement

To encourage sustainable development through preservation of historic resources and the heritage of Richmond and Wayne County, Indiana: to help foster an understanding of our ancestors and their role in the historic and cultural development of the community, to demonstrate the economic visibility of the re-use of historic structures through advocacy, acquisition, protection, and research about sites, structures, and artifacts of importance to the cultural and historic development for the educational programs, to publish literature about local and American architecture, interior design, antiques, technology and other related matters.

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