

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Historic Name: Samuel W. Temple House
Location: 115 W. Shawnee St., Tecumseh, MI
Classification

Category: building
Ownership: private
Public Acquisition: N/A
Status: occupied
Accessible: yes:unrestricted
Present Use: private residence

Description

Condition: good
Altered
Original site

Constructed c. 1866, the brick, one- and two-story Temple residence occupies a streetcorner site to the north of Tecumseh's downtown. The two-story upright has an end-gable roof supported by paired brackets. The second story of the upright contains four-over-four-light, double-hung sash windows and at the top of the gable a rectangular window with a decorative grille. At the main floor, two four-over-four windows and a front door with side and transom lights complete the facade. The gable-roofed, one-story wing has a recessed porch containing a door and two windows. The building has three porches: one spanning the entire front facade, one on the side, and one inset in the wing. All three have turned posts with square bases and simple capitals. In the twentieth century, a bay window has been removed from the wing's front facade and the cresting stripped from the porch.

Significance:

Period: 1800-1899
Areas of Significance: architecture, commerce, industry
Date of Construction: c. 1866
Builder/architect: unknown

Significant as probably the finest example of an upright-and-wing house with Italianate detailing in Tecumseh, the Temple House is also notable for Tecumseh as the one time home of Samuel W. Temple, a leading lumber merchant and businessman in Tecumseh in the second half of the nineteenth century. Temple, who came from Vermont in 1859, had his large lumber yard and sash, door, and blind and picture frame, moulding, and furniture factories located nearby to the east of his house (the whole commercial/industrial development has disappeared).

Geographical Data

Acreage: less than one acre
UTM Reference: 17 255970 4654550
Verbal boundary description and justification:

Lot 52, Assessors Plat 1. This is the entire lot on which the house stands.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Tecumseh Multiple Resource Area
State Lenawee County, MICHIGAN

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Concur accept Patrick Andrews 8/13/86

Date/Signature
Determined Eligible

1. Adams, Peter R., House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrews 8/13/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

2. Brookside Cemetery

Substantive Review

for Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 8/13/86

Attest

3. Gatlin, Dr. Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 8/13/86

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4. Hall, Joseph E., House

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5. Hayden, William, House

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6. Kempf, George J., House

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7. St. Elizabeth's Church

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8. Sparks, G. P., House

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9. Temple, Samuel W., House

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10. Tecumseh Historic District
(Boundary Increase)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Return P. Andrews 8/13 5

Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Temple, Samuel W., House (Tecumseh MRA)
Lenawee County
MICHIGAN

Working No. JUL 9 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/13/86 - 8/23/86
Action: ACCEPT 8-13-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)* _____

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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~~TECUMSEH HISTORIC DISTRICT~~

Peter Adams House
314 W. Pottawatomie

TECUMSEH, LENAWEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
G. MANWARING / 5-84
MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION
FACING: SW

1:36



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~~TECUMSEH HISTORIC DISTRICT~~

Temple House
115 W. Shawnee

TECUMSEH, LENAWEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
G. MANWARING / 5-84
MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION
FACING: NE

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000335