

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

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

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Historic Name: George J. Kempf House  
Location: 212 E. Kilbuck 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

The George Kempf House is a broad and low, two-story, clapboarded, irregular-plan, Queen Anne/Colonial Revival dwelling with a high hipped roof with subsidiary gables. The front exhibits three dormers possessing return cornices trimmed in vergeboard. The large central dormer contains two windows and a triangular sunburst in the front gable peak, while the smaller dormers on either side echo the decorative elements of the large dormer. A large porch with a latticework base, Tuscan columns, and turned baluster railings screens the entire front.

Significance

Period: 1900-  
Areas of significance: architecture  
Date of construction: 1905  
Builder/architect: presumably built and perhaps designed by George Kempf

The Kempf House is significant in the Tecumseh context as the town's best exemplification of hybrid Queen Anne/Colonial Revival design characteristics of the turn-of-the-century period. In its decorative vergeboards and sunbursts, turned-post side porch, and high-roofed, asymmetrical design, the house looks back to Queen Anne, while in its broad, formal facade and Colonial front porch it reflects the Colonial Revival designs more frequently seen elsewhere in Michigan. The house is also notable as the home of local master carpenter George J. Kempf who, with his brother, Henry Kempf, built many local homes.

Geographical Data

Acreage: less than one acre  
UTM Reference: 17 256290 4653890  
Verbal boundary description and justification:  
Assessor's Plat 2, lot 196. This is the entire lot associated with the house.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Tecumseh Multiple Resource Area  
State Lenawee County, MICHIGAN

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Adams, Peter R., House

**Substantive Review**

**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**

for Keeper  
Attest

Date/Signature

**Determined Eligible**

Eligible Patrick Andrews 8/13/86

*Cover accept Patrick Andrews 8/13/86*

2. Brookside Cemetery

**Substantive Review**

for Keeper  
Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 8/13/86

3. Gatlin, Dr. Samuel, House

**Entered in the  
National Register**

for Keeper  
Attest

Melrose Byers 8/13/86

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  
Attest

Return P. Andrews 6/13 8

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kempf, George J., 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

involved in the  
**National Register**

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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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PHOTOS: KEMPF, GEORGE J. HOUSE



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~~TECUMSEH HISTORIC DISTRICT~~

George Kempt House  
212 E. Kilbuck

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

8:17

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000335

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card sent  
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Randolph + Deborah Regal  
212 E. Kilbuck  
Tecumseh, MI 49286  
1 May 1986

Martha M. Bigelow  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Bureau of History  
Michigan Department of State  
Lansing, MI 48918

Dear Ms. Bigelow:

Thank you for your recent notification of our home's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We intend to concur in this nomination and would appreciate notification of any future developments regarding this matter. Also, please send us a copy of the nomination for our reference purposes. The code is 546GJKEMPA.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Randolph E. Regal  
Deborah S. Regal

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