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- Oct. 29– Nov. 2—Preservation at the Crossroads. National Preservation Conference in Indianapolis.
- Oct. 31—"The Historic National Road: Layers of History and Preservation" National Preservation Conference—Field Session.

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LANDMARK FACES DEMOLITION THREAT



Summer kitchen/servants quarters for Whitehall Inn in Putnamville.

Putnamville—Travelers along U.S. 40 might not immediately notice the diminutive structure standing on the eastern edge of Putnamville, but it's a landmark with an intriguing past and an uncertain future.

Built in 1828 as an outbuilding to the long-gone Whitehall Inn, the small brick building has been identified at different times as both a summer kitchen and servants' quarters. Whether one or the other or both, the landmark may very well be one of the old-

est structures along the Historic National Road in western Indiana.

James Townsend, an influential settler who moved to the area from Kentucky in the mid-1820s, built the inn and summer kitchen/servants' quarters. Opposed to slavery, Townsend brought with him several freed slaves who are believed to have worked in Townsend's Whitehall Inn and lived in the small brick structure.

The building later became a small private residence and remained so until just recently, when its last tenant vacated in anticipation of the structure's demolition. The current owner's intentions for the property are unclear. Indiana Landmarks—Western Regional Office is working with the Indiana National Road Association and the Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County to raise awareness of the landmark's significance in hopes of identifying a preservation solution.

To learn more, contact Tommy Kleckner, Director WRO at 812-232-4534 or tkleck-

POST OFFICE BEING SAVED



Historic post card showing Irvington Post Office Building on the right.

Irvington—The Irvington Development Organization and the Irvington Historical Society have partnered together to save a meaningful Washington Street landmark. The old Irvington Post Office Building is being rehabilitated by the two organizations.

Recently, a new website has been launched to spread the word about the project, the building, and the contributors. Visit irvingtonpostoffice.org to learn more about the project and how to contribute.

For more information contact: Margaret Lawrence Banning, at: 317-260-0669 or margaret@irvingtondevelopment.org

PAINTERS TO CONVERGE ON CENTERVILLE

Centerville— (From: *Western Wayne News*) On Saturday, September 28, members of the Indiana Plein Air Painters Association and the Whitewater Painting Group will be converging on Centerville. Artists will show their work at the Morton House, 313 W. Main St., Centerville, Indiana at 3:00pm.

During the day the artists will line the streets with easels, canvas and brushes to capture their impressions and interpretations of the community.

The public is invited to watch them work and see the results at the 3:00pm exhibition at the Morton House. You are invited to spend part of the day talking with people who make the world a little better thru art. Ron Morris is coordinating the event and welcomes everyone to come out and greet the artists.

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