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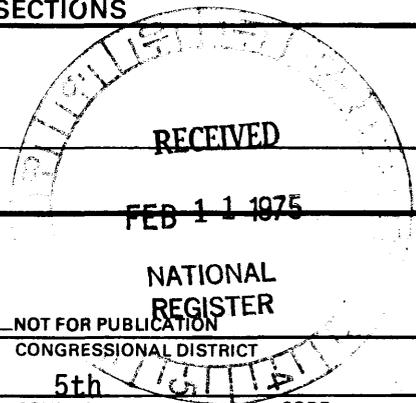
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Kinzer Home
AND/OR COMMON



2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S. R. #234 East of Carmel on

CITY, TOWN

Carmel vic.

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Hamilton

CODE

057

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Jack L. Fehrenbach

STREET & NUMBER

S. R. # 234, R. R. #1, Box 188

CITY, TOWN

Carmel

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hamilton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Noblesville

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

John D. Kinzer, an early arrival to Hamilton County, purchased land from the United States Government January 1, 1828 and cleared land for an 18 x 20 foot log home. The two story cabin served as a home for his 1830 marriage and seven children over the following years. The land boasted a flowing spring and many hardwoods, ideal for building homes.

Kinzer selected field stone for the cabin foundation, and poplar logs for the hand hewn timbers. Two 5'8" doors open to the north and south. Light is provided by two six over six pane windows downstairs and four four over two pane windows upstairs on the east and south. The shingle roof was replaced in the 1930's and in the 1950's with cedar shingles. Pegs found on the logs upstairs and on the outside south side might have been used for drying skins or other needs. A brick fireplace, serviced by a free standing chimney, gave the family food preparation, light and warmth. The chimney was rebuilt in the 1930's using the original brick. Poplar paneling and chair rail, attached to the walls with square nails, grace the downstairs interior walls. In the 1930's a pegged oak floor replaced the original and a back porch and front stoop were added. These were replaced in the 1970's along with the addition of wooden gutters for added protection. The 1880 History of Hamilton County pictures doors and windows in today's locations, but weatherboarding covers the exterior. The 1937 Carmel Centennial Book pictures the cabin in disrepair and several structures had been added.

The John Kinzer home is a two story, medium gabled, five void, braced frame, ell shaped farm home. The five void main elevation has a recessed central entry with transom and side lights set well back from the front wall of the house. Interior chimneys are on the ridge at each gable end and small square lights are on either side of the center high in the gable.

The 1840's witnessed the Kinzer family building this two story Federal farm home only twenty feet from their log cabin. This home was created from native woods: yellow poplar weatherboarding and trim being left unpainted for years, while the red stain on the entrance paneling was the only color added. Hand hewn timbers of white oak rest on a foundation of field stone, although some bricks were added in the 1930's for reinforcement. The main foundation measures 45' x 18', and a 20' x 22' farm kitchen on the north side has a six foot porch on either side. The 1937 east porch was made into a kitchen and the old farm kitchen became the family room with a 12' x 22' kitchen added.

Original hand blown glass can be seen in pane windows. In 1970, 15 broken panes were replaced to blend with the old. The front south side has four nine over nine windows on the first floor; all other windows are six over six panes. The recessed paneled door entry has ten pane windows on either side and sixteen above the door.

Dutch arm latches, box locks and original thumb latches are the original hardware used by the original family. In 1970, these were all put into working order by a hand forge.

Entering the home, the visitor steps on 3/4 inch walnut floor and sees a cherry stairway leading to the upper floor. On either side of the entry hall is a 15' x 17' room with (1937) rebuilt fireplaces. On either side of the fireplace are cabinets with drawers and paneled doors. The room on the west has outside doors opening to the south and the

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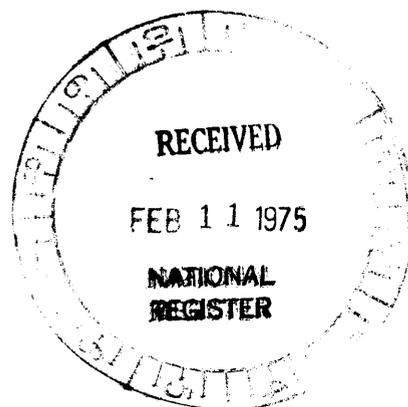
north.

The back of the entryhall leads to the old farm kitchen; one of the two built in cabinets remains. This room has two outside doors to the east and west, also two original windows to the east and west, while in 1937 a window was added on the north. The floors in this room are quarter sawed oak.

Upstairs are two bedrooms floored in poplar. The west room, with the original built-in cabinet, gained closet space, besides the small original, in 1970 along with the other bedroom. The upstairs hall was converted into a bath in 1937 and was completely renovated in 1971, using the original materials, chair rail, wall pegs and flooring.

During the 1969 remodeling, the roof of the old kitchen was removed and a third bedroom, bath and closet were added. Materials were selected to blend with the old.

Woodwork is carefully detailed throughout the house. Paint was applied in the early years. All rooms have three four inch width board ceilings, chair rails with wood paneling below and above three rooms and the hall have plaster, all others have wide boards. Sturdy mission type doors throughout have survived from the home's first days.



8 SIGNIFICANCE

9-15-83

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

no (with arrow pointing to Education)
no - per (with arrow pointing to Engineering)
300511
09/14/83
criteria A + C

SPECIFIC DATES **1828-1840** BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John D. Kinzer purchased homestead land from the Indianapolis Land Office, January 1, 1828, and on April 1, 1829, Andrew Jackson signed the deed in Washington, it was then sent to Indiana. The present property owners hold this sheepskin deed.

Mr. Kinzer carved this wilderness into productive land and a cabin home for his 1830 marriage. The cabin stands today as the oldest cabin in Clay Township of Hamilton County.

The county elections of 1836 shows Mr. Kinzer was commissioner of Delaware Township, one of the few existing townships. This property witnessed some of the early county government and planning.

Down the rise from the home site, an abundant spring flows and was frequented by neighboring Indians, many arrowheads have been found as evidence. Pioneers often sought a spring when finding a location for their home.

About twenty feet from the cabin, stands the sturdy two story second home, carved in the 1840's from the rich lands the early settlers had cultivated. This home marks the growth and rich heritage of independence and fortitude of the first settlers.

These two structures are a rare intact example of the evolution of one man's needs, desires, and ability in providing shelter for his family in Indiana. They clearly show the evolution of one farmstead from a log cabin pioneer environment to one that indicates a measure of status and prosperity.



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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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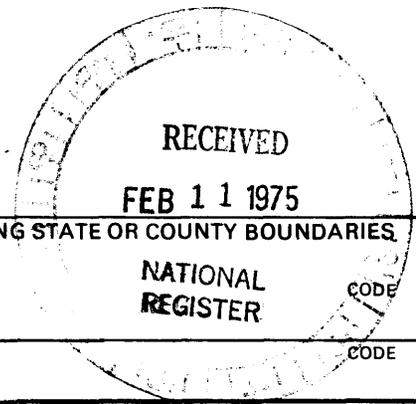
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION



LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Jack L. Fehrenbach
 ORGANIZATION

January 20, 1975
 DATE

STREET & NUMBER

R. R. #1, Box 188, State Road #234
 CITY OR TOWN

317-846-7036
 TELEPHONE

STATE

Carmel

Indiana

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE February 3, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 9/5/75
ATTEST:	DATE SEP 5 1975
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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On January 1, 1828 John D. Kinzer purchased homestead land from the Indianapolis Land Office. Like scores of others, he had come to cultivate the scarcely populated Indiana wilderness. About a year after the purchase, Mr. Kinzer received a deed to the land signed by Andrew Jackson in Washington.

A small 18' x 20' cabin, which is still standing in good condition, made of hand hewn poplar logs was erected. This cabin has the distinction of being the oldest in Clay Township of Hamilton County. The following years Mr. Kinzer and his bride became parents of seven children and owners of a productive farm. In 1836 Mr. Kinzer became commissioner of Delaware Township consequently he played a major role in the country's early planning and governmental organization.

Late in the 1840's a much larger, wooden frame house was constructed in the Federal Style. The house was built from the many hardwoods on the property with a fieldstone base. Handblown glass was used which was still somewhat of a luxury in the 1840's in rural Indiana. This house is a good example of rural Federal Style architecture, carefully built with many refinements but using local materials.

The Kinzer property represents the adventurous spirit of Indiana's early settlers who came here because of the availability of cheap land. With that land, Mr. Kinzer and many like him was able to live a very comfortable life as a result of the independence and fortitude of the early settlers.

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