

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Christopher Apple House

and/or common Apple Farm House

2. Location

street & number 11663 Pendleton Pike not for publication

city, town Oaklandon vicinity of 11th congressional district

state Indiana code 018 county Marion code 097

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name James J. and Maria G. Komann

street & number 11663 Pendleton Pike

city, town Oaklandon vicinity of Indiana state 46236

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marion County Recorder

street & number City-County Building

city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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

The Christopher Apple House is located on a 1½ acre site enhanced by three very old Austrian pine trees. The two-story brick house is in a simple Federal style, although the gable trim and wide entablature are drawn from the Greek Revival. The facade is four bays across, with the simple entrance in the second bay from the right. A 1½ story rear section appears to have been added to the house, although the materials and trim suggest that it was built shortly after the original construction. Two windows and two doors appear on the southwest side of this addition.

The house exhibits a rubble limestone lower foundation, cut limestone upper foundation, cut limestone thresholds, six over six window sash, wooden lintels, and pegged shutters. In 1973 an early slate roof in a diamond pattern was removed and replaced with slate-colored asbestos shingles. White aluminum gutters were also installed at that time, the original gutters having been removed some time before.

The present house and site were originally part of a large farm that was deeded to Christopher Apple through a land grant by President Andrew Jackson in 1832. The house faced the Pendleton gravel road, now Highway 67, with three barns opposite the house. Southwest of the house were a summer kitchen, smokehouse, milkhouse, and a hen house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1859

Builder/Architect Christopher Apple

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The primary significance of the Christopher Apple House lies in its being a well-preserved example of a mid-nineteenth-century Indiana farmhouse built in classic Federal style. Historically, the house represents the rise of a farmer who achieved social and financial success as Indiana progressed from a frontier to an expanded market economy.

In 1837, 30-year-old Christopher Apple, his wife, and three children moved from Ohio to Indiana, settling on 80 acres of farmland in Lawrence Township, Marion County. He built a two-story house of hewed logs on the site. Later, he purchased an additional 180 acres of land. Apple became a highly successful and prosperous farmer who served his community, primarily, as an elder in the local Christian Church.

Construction of the current Christopher Apple House in 1859 represented in the most positive way his financial and social prominence. While of classic Federal design, the house is built of locally produced materials. The limestone for the foundation came from the nearby quarries. Christopher Apple, himself, made the bricks on the site. He drove a yoke of oxen repeatedly through a mudhole to give the mud a smooth texture and baked the hand-molded bricks in an improvised outdoor kiln. The present excellent condition of the house attests to the quality inherent in the original materials and workmanship.

Christopher Apple's son, John W. Apple, also compiled an outstanding record in the local community. Born in 1841 in the hewn-log house originally on the site under consideration, he became extremely interested in education and religion. John attended district school, a subscription school, and Northwestern Christian University, now Butler University. He taught in central Indiana for many years, earning a reputation as a fine educator. He was ordained a minister of the Christian Church in 1868 and remained active in church affairs until his death. He also helped organize the Independent Order of Good Templars dedicated to suppressing saloons and the liquor traffic.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Commemorative Biographical Record of Prominent and Representative Men of Indianapolis and Vicinity, J. H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1908.
2. Obituary of Freeman Apple, Indianapolis Sunday Star, December 5, 1948.
3. Obituary of John W. Apple, Indianapolis Star, April 26, 1923.

10. Geographical Data **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property 1½
 Quadrangle name Cumberland **UTM NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 1 in Mills and Hauser Subdivision, an addition in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 28, pages 241, 242, and 243. Also, part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 17 North, Range 5 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Marion County, Indiana, more particularly

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James J. Komann, Owner

organization _____ date April 11, 1977

street & number 11663 Pendleton Pike telephone 823-4855

city or town Indianapolis state Indiana 46236

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature] date 7-8-80

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>9/17/80</u>
Attest: <u>W. Ray Luce</u> Chief of Registration	date <u>9/8/80</u>

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Verbal Boundary Description

described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the South line of said quarter 577.3 feet West of the Southeast corner of said quarter; then deflecting right 91 degrees 17 minutes along a northerly course 353.2 feet to the centerline of Pendleton Pike, said line is also parallel to the East line of said quarter; thence in a Southwesterly direction along the center of Pendleton Pike 272.4 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction 224.8 feet to a point on the South line of said Quarter Section 650.3 feet West of the said East line; thence East along the said south line 73 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less.