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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

Packard-Doubler House

AND/OR COMMON

Elaine Doubler House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7634 Riverview Road

CITY, TOWN

Independence

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY

Cuyahoga

CODE

035

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Elaine M. Doubler ✓

STREET & NUMBER

7634 Riverview Road

CITY, TOWN

Independence

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cuyahoga County Administration Building

STREET & NUMBER

1219 Ontario

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Ohio Historic Inventory

DATE

5/76

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Center

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Ohio

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Packard-Doubler House is situated on a winding semi-rural road on the western rim of the Cuyahoga River Valley. It is a traditional brick farmhouse with Greek Revival overtones. The main block is a simple one-and-one-half-story rectangle with a six-bay facade. It has a gable roof, a low stone foundation with basement, and interior end chimneys. The house is of brick bearing-wall construction. The brick is laid in common bond. Windows are double-hung, with 2/2 lights, and have dressed stone sills and lintels. There are two small rectangular windows in the rear wall, one of which has been boarded up. The house is distinguished by a brick dentil cornice that follows the rake of the gable and is continuous on both the front and rear of the house. Bricks for the house reputedly were made on the site.¹

There are two front entrances to the house, one admitting to what is now the dining room, and one to what is now the living room. There is also a bedroom at the rear of the ground floor level. Upstairs, there are three bedrooms and a hall. Interior moldings and doors, which are extremely simple, appear to be original.

A one-story wood frame kitchen with clapboard siding was added on the north side of the house c. 1890. A woodshed attached at the rear of the kitchen encloses a stairway to the basement; a smaller shed attached to the main block encloses a bulkhead entrance to the basement. Bungalow-style wooden porches were added to the front of the main block and to the kitchen in 1924; the porches feature clustered supports with trellises and exposed rafters with shaped ends. The house was painted white in 1931, and the shutters were removed. A window in the south elevation has been bricked in.

Although not part of this nomination, there is a barn near the road just north of the house. It was built by France Doubler in 1901. There is also a garage on the property. A huge black walnut tree frames the front of the house, which is surrounded by farm land now lying fallow.

¹Interview with Elaine M. Doubler, Independence, Ohio, 29 March 1978.

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 checked="" 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 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 1864

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Packard-Doubler House is a small traditional brick farmhouse with Greek Revival overtones. It was built in 1864 by John Packard, a farmer, who sold it just four years later to France X. Doubler. The house has been in the Doubler Family ever since.

The Packard-Doubler House is significant for its association with the history of Independence, a predominantly rural community until recent times. It is one of the few brick farmhouses in the Cuyahoga Valley, and its brick dentil cornice is especially unusual.

History

John Packard was the son of Isaac and Hildah Packard. All three were natives of Massachusetts.¹ It is not known exactly when they settled in Independence township. In 1847, John Packard purchased fifty acres of land in Lot #36. By 1860, census records show that Packard had married and that he had a young son. He is listed as a farmer.² The tax duplicate shows that he built the present brick house in 1864, although the 1858 map of Cuyahoga County indicates that there was an earlier house on the property. In 1868, Packard sold the property (by now consisting of sixty acres) to France X. Doubler.³ Packard moved elsewhere in the township. He served for two years (1871-1872) as a township trustee, and died in 1899; his wife, Sarah, died in 1905.⁴ Little else is known about the Packards, although several Packard descendents still reside in nearby Brecksville.

France X. Doubler (1845-1928) was one of four children of Albert and

¹Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1850, Cuyahoga County, Independence, p. 262.

²Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1860, Cuyahoga County, Independence, p. 668.

³Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 152, pp. 556-557.

⁴Crisfield Johnson, History of Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Cleveland: D. W. Ensign & Co., 1879), p. 462; and The Western Reserve Historical Society, comp., "Cuyahoga County Cemetery Inscriptions," 2 vols. (Typescript, 1934), 1:197.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Northfield

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 4,4,9,5,2,0 4,5,1,7,8,2,6,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of the lot identified by Cuyahoga County permanent parcel number 564-29-3. It is approximately 160 by 235 feet in size.

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

Carol Poh Miller, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION

under contract with the Ohio Historic

DATE

Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society

12 June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1260 Granger Avenue

TELEPHONE

216/226-8236

CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE 12/8/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2.9.79

ATTEST:

DATE 3.8.79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Catherine Doubler, who emigrated from the Alsace-Lorraine region of Germany to Cleveland sometime during the early 1840s.⁵ The Doubler family lived near Superior Avenue at E. 6th Street, where France Doubler was born. Prior to 1850, the family moved to Brecksville, where they purchased the seventy-nine-acre John Schlund farm on Fitzwater Road.

France Doubler married Mary Vaughan, a Brecksville resident who was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, about 1867. They purchased the Packard farm in 1868. Doubler farmed the land, sowing mostly grain crops. He built the frame addition on the house in 1890, and built the large barn near the road in 1901. Two of the Doublers' nine children, Thomas M. ("Dan") and Fred, purchased the farm in 1910. France continued to reside there until his death in 1928. Mary died in 1916. Dan and Fred Doubler farmed the land together. Dan married Elaine Mann in 1921, and they lived in the family home. Fred married and built a new house across the road. Dan Doubler died in 1968. Elaine Mann Doubler still lives in the house today, although almost all of the original Doubler farm has been sold. Farming continued until 1961; the land today lies fallow.

The Packard-Doubler House has a great deal of historical and architectural integrity. The house is surrounded by large, open fields, and this section of Riverview Road still has a rural character (there is extensive suburban development further to the south). The house looks out over the Cuyahoga River and the Ohio and Erie Canal to the east; in winter, with the foliage gone, the historic Wilson Feed Mill (1851) can be seen. With few exceptions, the house retains its architectural integrity, both inside and out. It tells the story of Independence when it was still largely an agricultural community.

⁵Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1850, Cuyahoga County, Brecksville, p. 268; and Interview with Elaine M. Doubler, Independence, Ohio, 29 March 1978. The history of the Doubler Family that follows is based largely on this interview.