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A 2 1/2 story log structure of German Blockbau construction built c. 1830 by Christian Turck. The house is built of squared cedar logs. It is of salt-box profile and has a true cantilevered shed roof or hood built across the entire front porch. The log walls are heavily chinked with clay and rye straw and are pargetted with lime plaster. Some of the floor timbers are of ash and oak.

The plan of the house is a typical central hall type with two rooms on either side. A heavy summer beam spans the house longitudinally at all floor levels and the transverse beams are fitted in with mortise and tenon connections.

The <u>Blockbau</u> construction mentioned above is described by Perrin as "a massive timber technique in which logs were hewn, shaped, and laid horizontally one upon the other, notched and joined at the ends to form a solid wall."1

Because the Turck house was in near ruinous condition and in clear danger of demolition, had been subject to vandalism and would be subject to more damage at any time, and because it could not be moved as a single unit or in sections, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin acquired it and scientifically disassembled it, with all parts and pieces carefully identified and numbered so that it could be moved, reassembled and restored in a permanent location, and put to proper adaptive use. It is currently in storage.

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^{1.} Perrin, R. W. E., The Architecture of Wisconsin, 6.

⁽All above description is adapted from the Perrin publications listed in the bibliography, Part 9.)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Christian Turck house is entirely architectural, with definite ethnic associations. Perrin states, "Broadly speaking, Eastern Germany under perceptibly Slavic influence developed a strong tradition of Blockbau..." A few such houses were built in Wisconsin and these were located in areas settled by German immigrants to whom such construction was familiar. Aside from the Turck house it is doubtful that other good examples of this type of construction are any longer to be found in Wisconsin, if indeed there are any other survivals at all, and fortunately the Turck house is an excellent Blockbau example. Perrin best states its case when he says, "Because it is such a rare specimen, Christian Turck's old house definitely merits preservation."²

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Perrin, Richard W. E., <u>Historic Wisconsin Buildings</u>, Milwaukee Public Museum, 1962, 8-14.

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TURCK (CHRISTIAN) HOUSE

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Location given is the original site of the house. Its location in storage is:

W. 148, N 12751 Pleasant View Drive Germantown Wisconsin 53022 Code: 55. Washington County, Code: 131.

The storage location is approximately two miles from the original site. Original site is given for nominating purposes because a definitive relocation site for reassembly, restoration, etc., cannot yet be determined.

10. Coordinates given are those of the original site of the house.



