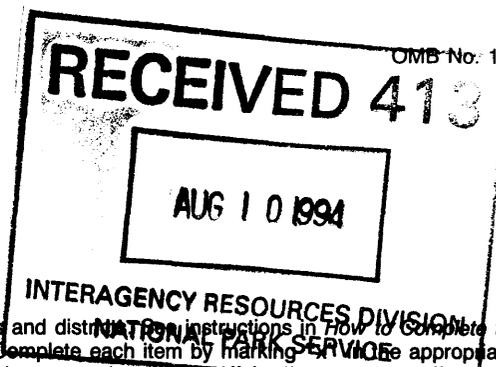


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. For instructions in how to complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Abbott-Holloway Farm

other names/site number 019-047-01010

2. Location

street & number Walnut and Riverview N/A not for publication

city or town Bethlehem N/A vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Clark code 019 zip code 47104

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Patrick R. Roberts

8/5/94

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action
Entered in the National Register 8-8-94

Abbott-Holloway Farm
Name of Property

Clark Co., IN
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
5	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
5	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
AGRICULTURE: agricultural outbuilding
COMMERCE: department store

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel
COMMERCE: restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Federal
OTHER: double pile
OTHER: transverse-frame barn

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls BRICK
WOOD: weatherboard
roof ASPHALT
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Abbott-Holloway House is located in Bethlehem Township in Clark County. It is situated on a five-acre property bounded by Walnut Street and the Ohio River. The house faces east and overlooks the river (photo 1). There are several large trees on the property. There are two sheds and a privy south of the house (photo 5). The date of these is unknown. There is a mid-19th century barn west of the house (photo 11).

Federal in style, the house is a two-story, double-pile, brick house with a central passage and a side gable roof (photo 1). There is a one story extension on the north side of the house (photos 3,14). The house has a field stone foundation. Windows in the main part of the house are double hung wood windows, with six lights in each sash (photo 2). Windows on the main facade are taller than those on the rear facade (photo 3). There are no windows on the north or south ends of the main part of the house. Windows on the extension are new, double hung, wood windows (left in photo 3).

The house has one exterior door on the main part of the east facade (photo 1) and two on the west facade (photo 3). The main entry, located in the center bay of east facade, has a paneled wood door, a transom and sidelights, and a limestone lintel. There is a stone stoop with two steps at this entry. Doors on the rear facade, located in the first and third bays from the south, are paneled wood with limestone lintels. There are two exterior doors on the extension: a set of french doors on the east side (photo 1), and a single, paneled wood and glass door on the north side (photo 4).

The house has twin end chimneys. there is a dentiled, brick cornice which extends across the top of the main and rear facades.

The interior of the house essentially retains its original configuration. There are two rooms on either side of a central hallway on both floors.

Five new bathrooms were added to the main part of the house, and one to the extension, as part of a rehabilitation project during the last 5 years. There is one bathroom in each of the bedrooms. These are small and do not detract significantly from the historic character of the house. Woodwork for the walls and doors of these bathrooms was fabricated to match the originals. There is also a new half bath under the stairway on the first floor. This space was existing. The door, visible in photo 7, is original.

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Nearly all the floors in the house are the original wood floors (photos 6-9). The exceptions to this are the floors in the original kitchen (in the southwest corner of the first floor), in the extension, and in the bathrooms. The kitchen floor has a new wood floor. The floor in the extension is plywood covered with carpet. The floors in the new bathrooms are ceramic tile floors.

Most of the woodwork for the house (photo 6-10) is original. A few pieces were replaced as part of the rehabilitation. These were fabricated to match the original. There is a wide, molded baseboard throughout the house. Windows and doors have elaborate surrounds. Openings in the main hallway and northeast parlor have architrave-like heads. Elsewhere in house, openings have pediment-like heads. There are four-panel, wood doors throughout the house.

The stairway is a simple, U-shaped stair with a plain, molded railing and plain spindles (photos 6,7). At the base of the railing, and at each turn, is a turned newel post.

There is a fireplace in each of the downstairs rooms, and in most of the upstairs bedrooms. The fireplaces in the dining room, first floor northwest bedroom, and parlor (photo 8) are identical. These have elaborate wood mantels. The fireplace in the kitchen is simpler with a new, plain wood mantel. The fireplaces in the upstairs bedrooms are similar (photo 10). The fireplace in the extension is large and also has a molded surround and mantel, which is less elaborate than the mantels in the main part of the house.

The house has a high degree of integrity, and is in excellent condition.

At the rear of the house is a barn which was constructed in the mid-19th century (photos 11,12). This is a transverse-frame barn of timber frame construction, with mortise-and-tenon joinery. The doors are hinged with iron strap hinges. The barn has been converted to guest rooms and a dining room. As part of this project, deteriorated siding and roofing was replaced with matching materials. New, small, square windows, and skylights were added on each side of the building. Door openings on the ends of the building are the same size and in the same location as the originals.

Inside the barn, the original structure was retained and left exposed. A dining room and kitchen were added on the first level, and guest rooms built in the side bays in the loft area. Care was taken to maintain the open feeling of the barn on the first level (photo 12).

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

Period of Significance

c. 1830

Significant Dates

c. 1830

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

Abbott-Holloway Farm

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 5.3

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 16 637560 4266500
Zone Easting Northing

3 16 637690 4266280
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Laura Thayer, Historic Preservation Consultant

organization N/A date January 20, 1994

street & number 422 1/2 Fifth Street telephone 812-378-0800

city or town Columbus state IN zip code 47201

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Chester and Jeanne Browne

street & number 5001 E./82nd St. telephone

city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46250

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The Abbott-Holloway House is significant for its association with the settlement and early commerce of Bethlehem, and as an outstanding example in Clark County of Federal style architecture. It was named one of the ten most significant buildings in Clark County by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in 1992.

Clark County was one of the first areas of Indiana to be settled. Many of the early settlers were former military men who served with George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War or at Fort Finney (the site of present day Jeffersonville) after the war. The first settlers arrived in the late 1770s. By the late 1790s, there was a steady stream of pioneers. Among them was Colonel John Armstrong, commandant at Fort Finney from 1786 to 1790. Armstrong had established one of the earliest settlements, Armstrong's Station, located on the Ohio River in present-day Charlestown Township.

The first settlers in the area which would become Bethlehem Township arrived in 1805. Armstrong owned a great deal of land in the township. Along with William Plaskett, Jonathon Clark, and others, he platted the town in 1812 and named it for his birthplace in Pennsylvania.

In the early days, the economy of Bethlehem was based on farming, shipping, and trade. There was a steamboat landing and a ferry across the Ohio River. With these advantages, the town was a point of entry for many Indiana settlers coming from the south. The first road to Bethlehem was the post road, established by the Congress in 1818. This road originated at Lexington in present-day Scott County, went through New Washington, and came into Bethlehem on Walnut Street. In 1833, the population was estimated at 300.

The land which contains the Abbott-Holloway House was purchased from the government in 1812 by Jonathon Clark. It was platted as part of the Town of Bethlehem. Many of the early land records of Clark County were destroyed in a 1937 flood, and the history of the land is not complete. It was acquired at some point by the Abbott family, who were among the early settlers of Clark County. It is believed that Asa Abbott built the house about 1830. Abbott had a store in the north extension of the house (photo 4). In 1835 Abbott was named postmaster. The post office would likely have been located in his store. He had extensive land holdings and was a farmer as well. He probably constructed the barn on the property (photo 11).

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In the 19th century, Bethlehem was a busy market town for area farmers, and a stopping point for river traffic. There were several stores and hotels. Among industries were a gristmill, a sawmill, and a canning factory. Most of these buildings which represent the early commerce of Bethlehem have been destroyed by fire or demolished. The Abbott-Holloway House is one of the few extant representations of early commerce. It is also one of the only remaining dwellings from the early settlement period, which extended from 1805 to about 1840. Only two other buildings from this period, both houses, were identified in the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory: the William Plaskett House (site 01047), and a house located on the river south of the Abbott-Holloway House (site 01011).

Abbott died in 1873. His only heir was his widowed daughter, Athenatia Abbott Ross. She met and married Fleming Holloway in Missouri in 1885. They returned to Indiana with several of his children and lived in the house. Fleming Holloway was a farmer. The Holloway family also owned the smaller house to the south (site 01011). At one time, there were several barns and other outbuildings associated with this house. Many of these were destroyed in a tornado in the twentieth century.

Athenatia died in 1899. In 1900, Fleming's son, Barnes Flavius Holloway, was married in the house. Fleming moved to a smaller house and turned his house over to his son and wife, Mary. Barnes Holloway lived in the house until 1939, when he sold it to Ira and Margaret Church. It was acquired in 1988 for use as a bed and breakfast.

The Abbott-Holloway House is an excellent example of Federal style architecture in Clark County. The Federal style is an extension of the more elaborate Georgian style, which was popular in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Houses of the Federal style tend to be simple. In Indiana, they were usually I-houses with low-pitched gable roofs, central doorways with transoms, and end chimneys. The Abbott-Holloway House received a rating of "outstanding" in the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. The settlement period of the Clark County, roughly 1800 to 1840, coincided with the popularity of the style. As such, there are many representations. Twenty-seven houses of the style were rated "outstanding" in the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. Among those most comparable to the Abbott-Holloway House in style and integrity are the George Lutz House (site 35041), and a house off Jenks road in Charlestown Township (site 35056).

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The Abbott-Holloway House is a two story, double-pile brick house with a central passage, a five-bay main facade, and a side gable roof (photo 12). Windows are double hung with six lights in each sash. The entry has a multi-light transom and sidelights. Among distinguishing features of the house are the cornice of brick dentils at the top of the main and rear facades, and the twin chimneys at each end. The Lutz House and the house off Jenks Road are both two-story, single-pile brick houses with a central passage, five-bay main facade, and a side gable roof. Both were constructed about 1830. Both houses have a double hung windows with six lights in each sash, entries with multi-light transoms, and single, end chimneys. The house off Jenks Road has a dentil course at the top of the main facade similar to that of the Abbott-Holloway House.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the south corner of Second and Walnut Streets; thence southwest along the southeast side of Second Street 371.25 feet; thence southeast approximately 627 feet to the northwest bank of the Ohio River; thence northeast along the north bank of said river approximately 371.25 feet to a point on the axis of the southwest side of Walnut Street; thence northwest approximately 627 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries are the historic boundaries of the property: the River, two of the original streets of Bethlehem, and the boundary of the property to the west.

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The following information is the same for all photographs, except as noted:

1. Abbott-Holloway House
2. Bethlehem, Indiana
3. Laura Thayer
4. September 1993
5. 422 1/2 Fifth Street
Columbus, IN 47201

Additional information for other photographs is:

Photo 1

6. camera facing southwest
7. 1 of 12

Photo 2

6. camera facing southwest
7. 2 of 12

Photo 3

6. camera facing southeast
7. 3 of 12

Photo 4

6. camera facing southeast
7. 4 of 12

Photo 5

6. camera facing northwest
7. 5 of 12

Photo 6

6. camera facing northeast
7. 6 of 12

Photo 7

6. camera facing northwest
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Photo 8

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Photo 9

6. camera facing southeast
7. 9 of 12

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- 6. camera facing southwest
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Photo 11

- 4. May 1994
- 6. camera facing southeast
- 7. 11 of 12

Photo 12

- 6. camera facing southeast and up
- 7. 12 of 12