

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

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE FOR ZIMMERMAN

and/or common ZIMMERMAN HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 223 Heather Street _____ not for publication

city, town Manchester _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district One

state New Hampshire code 33 county Hillsborough code 011

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

4. Owner of Property

name Isadore & Lucille Zimmerman

street & number 223 Heather Street

city, town Manchester _____ vicinity of _____ state New Hampshire 0310

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds
Hillsborough County Courthouse

street & number 19 Temple Street

city, town Nashua _____ state New Hampshire 03060

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Planning Study has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1977 _____ federal _____ state _____ county local

depository for survey records Manchester Historic Association

city, town Manchester _____ state New Hampshire 03103

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 Zimmerman House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1951, is a superb example of refined "prairie style" architecture. Its one level sits on a "floating" concrete slab and is organized around a massive center L-shaped chimney. The tee roof plan shelters the two bedroom house and a two-car carport under a long low "floating" gable roof with deep overhangs.

Interior surfaces, mostly of Cypress, are as originally installed. Concrete floor finish is unaltered, built in furnishings, fabrics and detailing are original.

Maintenance has included the introduction of a hot air heating system through the northerly half of the building. This was required because of failure of the original forced hot water radiant system below the concrete slab floor finish.

Site condition has been maintained on a conscientious basis. Plantings and configuration including the mail box conform to original designs by Frank Lloyd Wright. Some site walls have developed significant cracking and are in need of repair.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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	1951	Builder/Architect	Frank Lloyd Wright
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Zimmerman House is one of the few examples of Frank Lloyd Wright's "Prairie Style" architecture in the Northeast. It is significant as a refined, mature prairie style building that clearly demonstrates most all of Wright's Prairie Style theories in a very small house, i.e. "floating" concrete slab construction, low "floating" roof, undulation and sequence of space, continuum of interior and exterior space. It is significant for the excellence of its detailing and the craftsmanship of its execution. It is significant for it is occupied by its original owner and has been meticulously maintained in its original condition as may be understood by the attached history provided by the owner.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Wright, Frank Lloyd, An American Architecture, N.Y., Bramhall House, 1955.
Stoner, William Allen, The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1974.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Manchester North, NH

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

City of Manchester, NH
Tax Assessor's Records: Map #221, Parcel #2.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Michael B. Ingram, President

organization Michael B. Ingram, Architect, AIA, PA. date February 2, 1978

street & number 864 Elm Street telephone (603) 669-5855

city or town Manchester state New Hampshire 03101

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 

Commissioner, Dept. Resources & Economic Development

title NH State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6-20-78

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register



date 10-18-79

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: 

date 10-18-79

Chief of Registration