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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Christopher Apple House

097-144-00053

and/or common Apple Farm House

2. Location

street & number 11663 Pendleton Pike

not for publication

city, town Oaklandon

vicinity of

congressional district

11th

state Indiana

code 018

county Marion

code 097

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 James J. and Maria G. Komann

street & number 11663 Pendleton Pike

city, town Oaklandon

vicinity of

state

Indiana

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

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.

THERE IS A BARN ON THE SITE,
PER SURVEY PCD 2/89

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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.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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 of nominated property 1½

Quadrangle name Cumberland

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
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state	code	county	code
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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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7-8-80

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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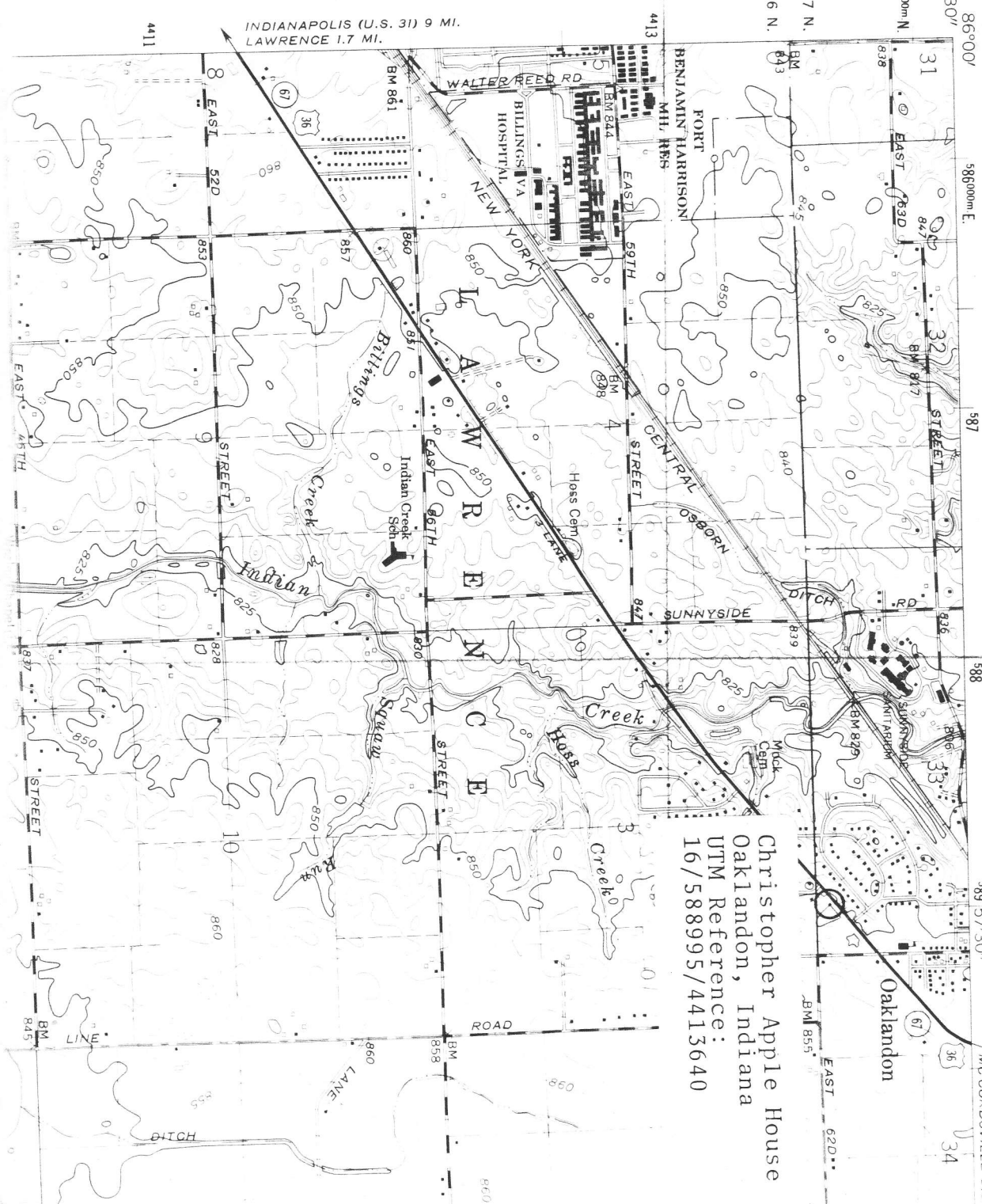
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INDIANAPOLIS (U.S. 31) 9 MI.
LAWRENCE 1.7 MI.



Christopher Apple House
Oaklandon, Indiana
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