

# **Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review**



**March 23, 2020**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Held Via Teleconference**

# Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Agenda

Teleconference Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/733897704?pwd=V0tVWG5CZVd3WnRHbjk2VXJQRmREdz09>

## REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2020

5:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes  
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  - a) February 24, 2020
- 3) Old Business – Board Discussion
  - a) Work Plan items or other business PAGE 6
- 4) New Business:
  - A. **2002-REZ-05 Stafford Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay Rezone**  
One (1) approximately 1.66+/- acre parcel in Section 24 of Bloomington Township at 5598 E Ward LN.  
**Zoned SR/ECO3.**
  - B. **CLG Annual Report – Due April 30, 2020**
- 5) Other Member Updates or Items
- 6) Adjournment

### NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined

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# **Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Minutes -*draft***

## **REGULAR MEETING North Showers Building 501 N. Morton Street, Room 224 Bloomington, IN 47404 Monday, February 24, 2019**

Attendees: Danielle Bachant-Bell, Debby Reed, Doug Wilson, Duncan Campbell, Devin Blankenship, Donn Hall, Amanda Richardson  
Absent: Polly Root Sturgeon, Don Maxwell  
Staff: Tammy Behrman  
Public: n/a

### **1) Call to Order 5:32pm**

### **2) Approval of Meeting Minutes a) January 27, 2020**

Bachant-Bell: Comments or changes?  
Campbell: move to approve  
Blankenship: second  
**Approved unanimously**

### **3) Old Business – Board Discussion a) Preserving Historic Places conference – scholarship considerations**

Bachant-Bell: Duncan will take one and Danielle one scholarship. Tammy is going to CAMP for 1 day.

Devin: How is location determined? Might be willing to pull my sister in so we could do a more southern location with rural context in an upcoming year.

### **b) Work Plan items or other business**

Bachant-Bell: Item 4 has all of the dates. The symposium booth will be run by Susan Salmon Snider. Has anyone volunteered to help with the display and opportunity to be there? Tammy, what can HP take from Planning budget for the display?

Devin and Amanda might be volunteering to help with display / table. The display board needs glue and there are some other items.

Drystone Wall lecture and workshop: it will likely be filled up (\$400 fee) after the Limestone Festival. The Lecture will be the public event.

Campbell: where will the lecture be? Unknown.

Bachant-Bell: Should be downtown location if possible. Maybe ask if BHPC would want to co-sponsor.

Blankenship: Maybe library? City Hall has better parking.

Campbell: Will inquire about lecturer for the Drystone Workshop.

Blankenship: Who will help at the workshop? Do you need volunteers?

Bachant-Bell: Nancy Hiller had done it before and got lunch for everyone. The Morris' might want a port-o-jon for the event. Two instructors and the public. Morris' might handle it fine. We are just throwing in a Friday lecture.

Bachant-Bell: Alexander Memorial- Mary Elfman / Jon Summerlot are planning to table at the festival.

[Discussion on the SCOPE & DAR Grant]

ACTION: activate website

Bachant-Bell: Promote the website. Launch the site and Polly had ideas. Mailings? Which requires money.

Reed: HT Ernest Rollins, rack cards, how to get to various schools, welcome center and Buskirk-Chumley

Richardson: Can we have a social media event? Who Admins? Devin and Danielle (Jackie Scanlan) 'Monroe County Historic Preservation Board' is Facebook page.

Instagram is an option, but Danielle would not

Richardson: HootSuite is an app that would update to all social media site.

[Discussion on Social Media options]

[Discussion on funding/budget options and why we partner with other entities]

[Advertising brainstorm: Bloomingtonian, BeSquare, Limestone Post, Indiana Public Media]

Blankenship: Limestone wants an article from me anyways. I'll work on that.

[Side discussion on promoting field trip to Mathers Museum, also the education curriculum outreach]

Campbell: Use our Partners that are on the website and they can do their own promotion and social media.

Reed: Fear that teachers will not get them and want them in the hands of the educators.

Wilson: Usually there is a professional development time and this might be where to plug the curriculum.

Blankenship: Use the school websites to determine the numbers of teachers and drop off the cards.

**Devin: I can distribute to Marlin, Arlington, Harmony, Project School**

**Wilson: RBB schools and Seven Oaks**

**Richardson: Rogers-Binford, Childs, Lakeview**

**Maxwell: St Charles**

Campbell: Limestone Wall Survey is not ready yet.

Blankenship: Question about the Limestone Park and what is our roll in it? Trent Deckard said his concern was that it was a PCB site. Personal feeling is that Sanders Quarry had approached City about it and it was not chosen. Even though it is partially filled it in might be a good location.

Reed: We sent letters of support for the grants. I think it is moving forward.

Behrman: Find out what is status on two grants for quarry purchase.

Bachant-Bell: Not sure what our role is yet in that project and have not been approached.



Reed: We have collected historical items for exhibits. It is so important to have this Limestone Heritage Center. Not sure if you are aware but there are only eight dimensional quarries left out of around 70 sites. It is a special time to start this project because it won't be here forever. Would live if it would be a Limestone Heritage Center rather than just quarries since there is so much to the industry. Should capture all of the industry.

Bachant-Bell: Does this board want to play a role in this project?

Blankenship: We should support it and also the potential to look at other sites with other historic context. Also, if the site is so close to the city could it be annexed?

[Discussion on what the plans will be for this land]

Bachant-Bell: I'll contact them (Julie Thomas) to get us on their radar for updates / inclusion.

Blankenship: Signage update- hoping to do more with this soon.

Blankenship: Also, Open House for the Fields property in Sanders soon. An award for the Covered Bridge was recently issued.

Bachant-Bell: Want a reminder sent to owners of HP properties. Look at what City sends out perhaps. Maybe look at Landmarks. Debby is a property owner so she can have some input. BRI does one for the covenant properties.

Reed: Duke Energy came through recently and camped out for 4 months. What recourse do designated properties have?

[Discussion on utility companies] Maybe this could be in the notice letter to the thirteen properties with designation. Concern over what assistance the HP Board could actually offer.

#### **4) New Business: - none**

#### **5) Other Member Updates or Items**

Behrman: Fields HP Overlay rezone update and procedure clarification

Behrman: Upcoming petition(s)

ACTION: When is CLG education info needed and what is the timeline for reporting?

#### **6) Adjournment: 7:28pm**

#### **NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2020**

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## **2020 Work Plan**

### **Monroe County Historic Preservation Board**

#### **Project Priorities: Outreach and Preservation**

- 1) ~~Complete transfer of Limestone Heritage Project website to County website (Jan.)~~
  - a) Complete promotional launch of the Limestone Heritage Project website (June)
  - c) Follow-up later in the year with second wave of promotion (Fall)
  - d) Continually update website with new information as it is available (Ongoing)
  - e) Connect with Partners on information to link to (Ongoing)
- 2) Initiate survey of drystone walls/fences in Monroe County
  - a) Work on list of action steps needed to prep for launch of survey (Jan. – June)
  - b) Conduct survey (June – Dec.)
  - c) Discuss/pursue local designations of some walls (Ongoing)
- 3) Initiate installation of additional Community and Site Signage
  - a) Pursue Community Signage as long as funding is provided (Ongoing)
  - b) Pursue interpretive signage for the new historic covered bridge (May)
- 4) Additional initiatives:      Limestone Festival, June 6  
   Dry Stone Wall Lecture and Workshop, June 12-14  
   Alexander Memorial, ongoing in 2020

#### **Project Priorities: Procedure**

- 1) Develop annual notice procedure to owners of designated properties (Jan. - Mar.)
- 2) Discuss necessary revisions to Planning Department procedures with regard to HP Board (Jan.- Mar.)
- 3) Discuss separation from Planning with dedicated staff (Apr. -Jun.)

#### **Board Education Priorities**

- 1) Attend the Preserving Historic Places Conference (April)
- 2) Attend CAMP held just prior to the preservation conference (April)
- 3) Attend lectures on topics of historical and preservation interest in Bloomington or elsewhere
- 4) Read books and other literature approved by DHPA's CLG coordinator
- 5) Hold our own educational sessions/workshops presented by a board member or other qualified individual

**MONROE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD****April 20, 2020**

**PLANNER** Tammy Behrman  
**CASE NUMBER** 2002-REZ-05, Stafford HP Overlay Rezone  
**PETITIONER** Philip B and Linda L Stafford  
**ADDRESS** 5598 E Ward Lane  
**REQUEST** Application for the Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay for the Entire Parcel  
**ACRES** 1.66 +/-  
**ZONE** Suburban Residential (SR); ECO Area 3  
**TOWNSHIP** Bloomington  
**SECTION** 2&4  
**COMP PLAN**  
**DESIGNATION:** Farm and Forest

**EXHIBITS**

1. Petitioner Letter
2. Petitioner Site Plan
3. History Documentation submitted by the petitioners
4. Petitioner Photos including Monroe County 1989 Interim Report Description – Outstanding
5. SHAARD IHSSI County Survey Description – Notable
6. Barn Restoration Project submitted by Petitioner

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff is withholding a recommendation until the April 20, 2020 Historic Preservation Board Meeting.**

This Historic Preservation Overlay designation will preserve historic or architecturally worthy structures that represent 1.) an association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of County history 2.) distinctive characteristics of construction, and 3.) an example of a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. The structures to be considered are as follows: residential double-pen home constructed in 1840 (addition in 1990), spring/well house remnants, transverse 3-bay barn constructed between 1890-1900, and corn crib (date unknown) and were recognized as Outstanding (O) in the Monroe County Interim Report and Contributing (C) in the 2014 IHSSI county survey.

**PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Canceled.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Historic Preservation Board of Review to meet April 20, 2020.

**SUMMARY**

The petition site is 1.66+/- acre parcel located in Bloomington Township and maintains frontage along E Ward Lane (Local Road) and E State Road 45 (Major Collector). The site is zoned Suburban Residential (SR) under Chapter 802 of the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance and the Environmental Constraints Overlay Area 3 (ECO3) under Chapter 825. The petitioner is requesting to rezone the site to add it to the Historic Preservation Overlay (Primary) District. HP Overlay is defined as follows:

**Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay District.** The character of the Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay District is defined as areas which contain (Primary) or which surround (Secondary) areas which contain buildings, structures or places in which historic events occurred or having special public value because of notable architectural or other features relating to the general, archeological, economic, social, political, architectural, industrial or cultural history of Monroe County, Indiana, of such significance as to warrant conservation or preservation, and which, by virtue of the foregoing, have been designated as an Historic Districts by the Monroe County Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

The site contains the following structure(s):

1. Residential double-pen home constructed in 1840 (addition in 1990)
2. Transverse 3-bay barn constructed between 1890-1900
3. Corn crib (date unknown)
4. Spring/well house remnants

The most recent Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) County Survey for Monroe County is made available via the State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD). The 2015 IHSSI survey ranks the Commercial Building as **Contributing (C)**.

Notable: The “N” rating means that the property did not quite merit an “outstanding” rating but still is above average in its importance. Further research may reveal that the property is eligible for National Register listing. -Contributing: The “C” rating means that the property met the basic inventory criterion of being pre-1970, but that it is not important enough to stand on its own as individually “outstanding” or “notable”. Such resources are important to the destiny or continuity of an area’s historic fabric. “Contributing” properties may appear in the National Register if they are part of a historic district but do not usually qualify individually.

The Monroe County Interim Report of 1989, which provides an inventory of all historic sites and structures in the county, assessed structures in terms of their historical significance, architectural merit, environment, and integrity. As a result of this assessment, the structures were placed in one of four rating categories. The Ward House was given a rating of **Outstanding (O)**. It appears the 1990 addition may have impacted the 2015 IHSSI ranking score.

The Historic Preservation Overlay does not negate the underlying Suburban Residential (SR) zoning district. Properties within the HP Overlay are subject to the regulations for both the zoning district and the HP Overlay. If there is conflict between the requirements of the zoning district and the requirements of the Historic District, the more restrictive requirements apply. It is important to note that the Historic Preservation Overlay regulations are concerned with exterior appearance and preservation of historic features, and not with other zoning or land use requirements.

## **BACKGROUND**

The barn is currently under relocation and renovation under Improvement Location Permit #19-RA-130 that was issued by the Planning Department on August 9, 2019 for the purpose of interior remodel of converting the structure into a studio. Should the Historic Preservation Overlay be added to the property the petitioner will apply for the Historic Adaptive Reuse that is a Conditional Use in order to convert the barn into a short-term rental or Tourist Home, which is currently not permitted under the SR zoning district.

### LOCATION MAP

The parcel is located at 5598 E Ward Lane in Section 24 of Bloomington Township. It formerly had the address of 5598 E State Road 45 before improvements were made to the Indiana Railroad and State highway.



## **ZONING MAP**

The site is zoned Suburban Residential (SR). The adjacent properties to the north and south are zoned the same. The site is within the Environmental Constraints Overlay Area 3 (ECO3) for Lake Monroe. Other adjacent properties are zone Conservation Residential (CR) The use is currently single family residential and the surrounding properties are also single family residential or vacant.

The petitioner desires to use the barn for short term rental / tourist home in addition to having their personal residence. This Tourist Home use is only permitted in AG/RR, CR, and FR zones. A rezone to one of these zones was not possible due to lot size. Additionally, each lot is allowed one primary use. Should the petitioner obtain the rezone and historic adaptive reuse for the barn use conversion then would essentially have two primary uses under the umbrella of conditional use.



## SITE CONDITIONS



The site contains a residence, barn, corn crib and one other shed. There is no FEMA Floodplain on the site or visible karst features. The property gains access by E Ward Lane, which is designated as a local road. It also maintains frontage on E State Road 45 designated as a Major Collector in the County Thoroughfare Plan. The Indiana Railroad runs along the eastern property line. The Highway and the Railroad were reconfigured around 2000 taking property from the petition site in the form of right of way. The barn was left very close to the new road. It is currently being relocated to meet property line setbacks.



## LOCAL HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

See Exhibit 3

## SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Pictometry view facing north of the commercial structure in March 2017.



Figure 2. Pictometry view of petitioner site from March 2019.





Figure 3. Facing west, pictometry view from March 2019.



Figure 4. Facing east, pictometry view from March 2019.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

### Farm and Forest

Much of Monroe County is still covered by hardwood forests, in no small part because of the presence of the Hoosier National Forest, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Army Corps of Engineers properties, and Griffy Nature Preserve. Much of the low lying floodplains and relatively flat uplands have been farmed for well over 100 years. These areas are sparsely populated and offer very low density residential opportunities because of both adjoining Vulnerable Lands and the lack of infrastructure necessary for additional residential density. This category encompasses approximately 148,000 acres including about 40,000 acres of our best agricultural property located primarily in the Bean-Blossom bottoms and western uplands of Richland Township and Indian Creek Township. It includes private holdings within the state and federal forests. Farm and Forest Residential also includes the environmentally sensitive watersheds of Monroe Reservoir, Lake Lemon, and Lake Griffy and several other large vulnerable natural features in Monroe County. There are approximately 78,000 acres of watershed area in this portion of the Farm and Forest Residential category. These natural features provide a low density residential option while protecting the lakes and the water supply resources of the County. The Farm and Forest areas comprise most of the Vulnerable Land in Monroe County. A low residential density is necessary in order to protect associated and adjoining Vulnerable Lands and to sustain particular “quality of life” and “lifestyle” opportunities for the long-term in a sparsely populated, scenic setting. With a few exceptions like The Pointe development on Monroe Reservoir, these areas do not have sanitary sewer services and have limited access on narrow, winding roadways. Those portions not already used for agriculture are usually heavily forested and have rugged topography. They offer unique and sustainable residential opportunities that cannot be replaced.



### **CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGNATION as provided by petitioner**

To be identified as historic or architecturally worthy, a building, structure or place must possess one or more of the following significant attributes:

1. *an association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of County history;*  
**See Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as provided by petitioner.**
2. *an association with the lives of persons significant in the County's past;*  
**Not applicable**
3. *the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;*  
**See Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as provided by petitioner.**
4. *an example of the work of a master;*  
**Not applicable**
5. *high artistic values;*  
**Not applicable**
6. *an example of a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or*  
**See Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as provided by petitioner.**
7. *capability of yielding information important in prehistory or history.*  
**Not applicable**

### **FINDINGS OF FACT - REZONE as provided by staff**

According to Section 831-3. Standards for Amendments of the Zoning Ordinance: In preparing and considering proposals to amend the text or maps of this Zoning Ordinance, the Plan Commission and the Board of County Commissioners shall pay reasonable regard to:

#### **(A) The Comprehensive Plan;**

##### **Findings:**

- The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan designates the property as Farm and Forest;
- The rezone request is to change the zone district for the petition site from Suburban Residential (SR) to Suburban Residential (SR) with the Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay (Primary) District;
- The Historic Preservation Overlay affects the preservation of the current structures, not the preservation of the current zoning or land use of the property;
- The Historic Preservation Overlay designation will not alter the character of the property;
- The Comprehensive Plan includes a strategy to protect existing historically important sites in the County;

#### **(B) Current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district;**

##### **Findings:**

- The petition site is zoned Suburban Residential (SR);
- The site contains one (1) residential double-pen home constructed in 1840 (addition in 1990), spring/well house remnants, transverse 3-bay barn constructed between 1890-1900, and corn

- crib (date unknown);
- The site is adjacent to residential and agriculture uses;

**(C) The most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted;**

**Findings:**

- The Historic Preservation Overlay can assist in preserving historic or architecturally worthy structures that represent 1.) an association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of County history 2.) distinctive characteristics of construction, and 3.) an example of a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

**(D) The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and**

**Findings:**

- Recent studies of historic districts throughout the country demonstrate that local historic district designation and review provisions not only protect an area's historic character – they often add value to individual properties and to the community as a whole;
- Values may vary significantly dependent upon future planning and zoning in the area;
- Local historic designated properties may be eligible for a Conditional Historic Adaptive Reuse;

**(E) Responsible development and growth.**

**Findings:**

- Access to the site will continue to be derived from E Ward Lane;
- E Ward Lane is classified as a Local Road;
- The property maintains frontage on E State Road 45 and is classified as a Major Collector and used to be how the site derived access prior to the reconfiguration of the railroad and highway;
- The site does not contain FEMA Floodplain;
- There are no apparent karst features on the site;
- The Historic Preservation Overlay affects the preservation of the current structures, not the preservation of the current zoning or land use of the property;
- There is a new septic system to accommodate the studio within the future remodeled barn (Permit #22002) bringing the total number of septic systems on the site to two;



**EXHIBIT 1: Petitioner Letter**

PHILIP B. STAFFORD

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Feb. 24, 2020

Monroe County Plan Commission  
Larry J. Wilson, Planning Director

501 N. Morton St., ste. 224

Bloomington, IN 47408

Dear Monroe County Plan Commission

Larry J. Wilson, Planning Director:

We write to request historic designation for our property at 5598 East Ward Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408. The Ward House and associated buildings and exterior structures date to, at the earliest, 1840, on land purchased from the federal government by Abraham Buskirk in 1818. In the attached portfolio we provide narrative and photographic descriptions of the property and its history, documenting what we feel are the primary designation criteria:

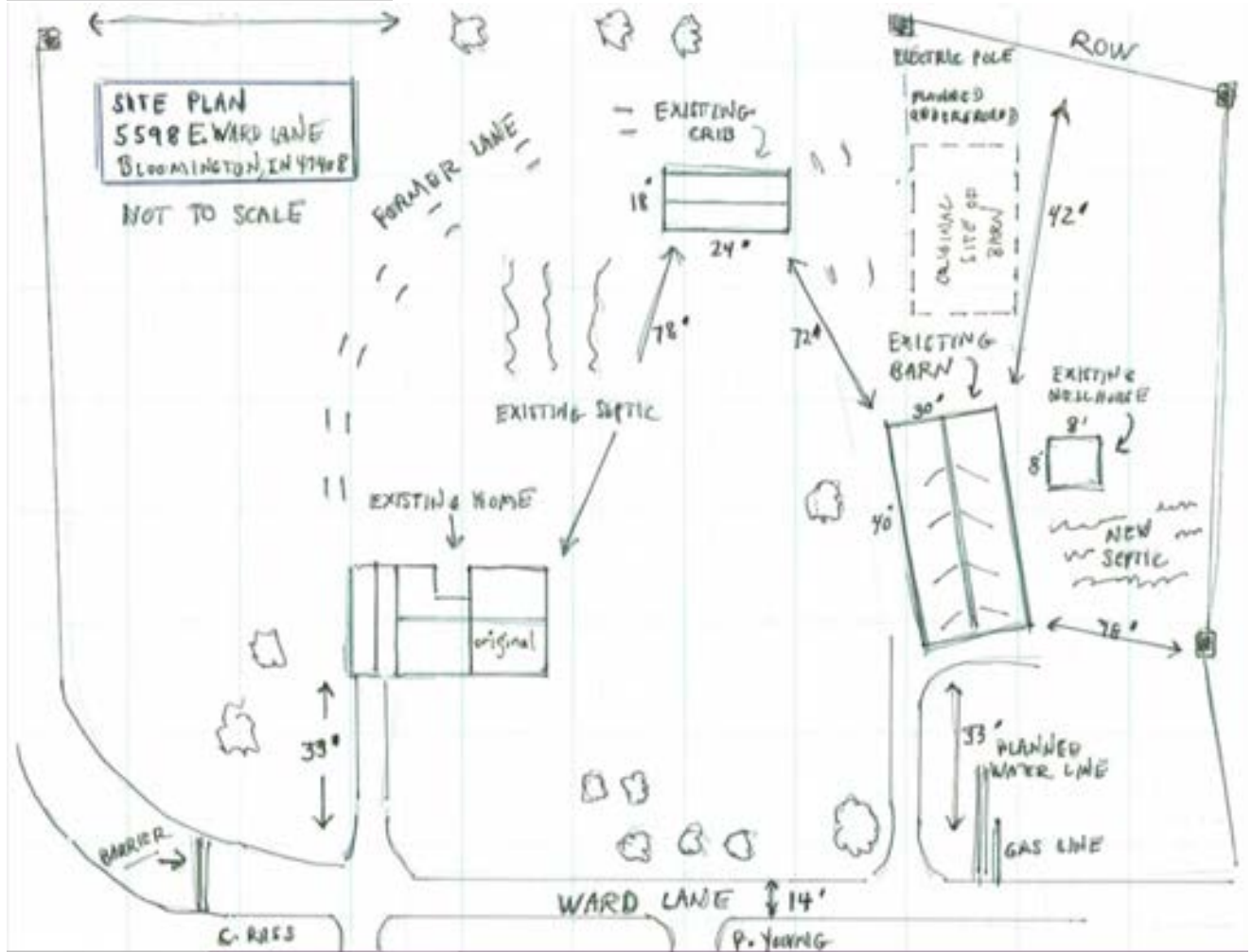
1. An association with the lives of persons significant in the County's past
2. The distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction
3. An example of a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction

Sincerely,

Philip B. and Linda Stafford  
Owners



**EXHIBIT 2: Petitioner Site Plan**



### **EXHIBIT 3: History Documentation submitted by the petitioners**

## **The Ward House, circa 1840**

Monroe County, Indiana

The Ward house is a two-story brick double pen with gable end chimneys. This vernacular house style evolved from earlier log house designs seen in the upland south in the early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Noted Indiana University folklorist Henry Glassie, a friend of the owners, has dated the house to circa 1840. While early double pen houses dot Monroe County, this two-story version is very unusual. The Flemish bond brick pattern on the front façade (presenting a “fancy front”) had passed from usage by 1850 in southern Indiana, according to Glassie. Brick on the sides of the house were laid in English or common bond. (The Wylie house presents the same configuration of patterns.) Also unusual for the time is the pointellation of the brick under the front soffit. The bricks were likely made on site, and one can see occasional burn marks on random bricks. In the original structure, two rooms down, two up, the walls are solid brick, seven inches deep and plaster was applied directly to the interior surface of the brick, providing deep window shelves, though admitting a fair amount of moisture. During the blizzard of 1978 (one month after our move-in), snow was literally forcing its way into the front room through leaks in the brick, windows, and doors. The original house has a half-basement, hand dug and built with dry laid stone. The north end of the original structure is crawl space.

While common lore sometimes accounts for the two front doors of double pen houses as being reserved for separate use by gender, the likely explanation is more practical. Earlier log cabins were often constructed with an initial single pen, with door. As the family grew, another pen would be added to the side, an interior door cut into the new pen and a second exterior door added for practicality. Later, more formal Federal style houses had a single front door with a central hall. Glassie refers to this house as a “welcoming” house, since there is no hall or foyer in which the visitor is delayed or “approved” for entry into the private quarters, as seen in later Victorian houses. Two front doors have engendered confusion among visitors, however, who usually don’t know where to knock. One day, a passer-by stopped to inquire whether one side of the house might be for rent, thinking it was a “duplex.” In Irish tradition, the west room of the house would be used as a more formal parlor, a repository for family photos and treasures. It had special significance as fairies would only pass on the west side of the house.

This narrative begins with Rufus and Clementine Ward, as they purchased the property and house in 1855 and the current owners (Phil and Linda Stafford) purchased the house and 3 acres in 1978 from Haidee Ward Franzmann (age 86), the granddaughter of Rufus and Clementine.

The property abstract dates to February 10, 1818, (United States to Abraham Buskirk). During



subsequent years prior to the Ward purchase, the property, was owned by, respectively, the west half, Seth and Nancy Goodwin (1824-1831); the east half Thomas and Miriam Heady (1824-1825); the east half to Frederick Fleener (1825-1855) to Rufus Ward: the northeast corner of Section 24, in Township 9 North of Range 1 West containing 160 acres more or less. Three intervening owners purchased all or portions of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 9, Range 1 West. Rufus restored the entire quarter section with his purchase, including an additional 43 acres on the north end of the southeast quarter, totaling 203 acres more or less.

Rufus was a son of an early Monroe County resident, Granville Ward, who relocated to Monroe County from Wythe County, VA. in 1817, one year after Indiana became a state. Granville is noted in Blanchard's History of Monroe County (1884) as one of the earliest settlers to Monroe County. He owned property in Section 35 and purchased lots in the original town of Bloomington in 1818. He served on the first petit jury convened in 1818 to hear the case of a stolen long rifle. In the first meeting of the Monroe County Commissioner's Board in 1818, in which the town of Bloomington was laid out, Granville Ward was appointed Inspector of Elections for Bloomington Township. In the Stiner letter\*, he is referred to as settling 3 miles west of town. Family lore recounts his hearing wolves around the house in the winter. Granville's son Rufus was born in Wythe County, VA in 1812. Rufus took training in medicine and set up practice in Gosport, later moving his family to Johnson County. He returned in 1855 to purchase the current property as discussed above. The Stiner letter refers to the neighborhood along the road as Briar Ridge.

In 1836 Rufus married Clementine Delforetta Jet Deborah Mershon (1816-1898), daughter of Sarah (Sally Mershon) and James Jefferson Alexander (the founder of Fleenersburg, later, Unionville), according to Joseph Helon Young (1998). James was the son of Agnes Brewster and William James Alexander. Agnes was one of the three notable Brewster sisters (Elinor, Jannette and Agnes), very early residents of Monroe County who had gained a reputation for valor in the Revolutionary War when, as young girls, they provided continuous food supplies to nearby soldiers. Hence, Clementine was the granddaughter of Agnes Brewster. The sister of Agnes (Elinor) married David Maxwell, meaning that the founder of Indiana University was the husband of Clementine's second cousin. Hoagy Carmichael is another descendant of Agnes. Only the descendants of the three sisters may be buried in the Dunn Cemetery. This confirms that Clementine was the second cousin of Jane Irvin (daughter of Jennette Brewster, the second of the three sisters). Upon Jane's death, (1865, Dunn Cemetery) therefore, Clementine married her second cousin's husband, Austin Seward. Clementine is listed in the First Presbyterian Church records as Austin's wife in 1870, two years prior to his death. Jane Irvin Seward had died in 1865. Austin and Clementine married in 1867. She outlived Austin (1799-1872) and married once more, to James D. Alexander.

Clementine's mother, Sarah (Sally) Mershon was the daughter of Abraham Mershon and Sarah

Bull. Sarah's brother (Clementine's uncle) was Cornelius Mershon, cited often as a prominent "slave catcher" in pre-Civil War Monroe County. This presents some interesting questions regarding family conflicts during the slavery era as the Alexanders were noted to relocate from Wythe County, Virginia precisely due to their anti-slavery sentiments. While Clementine's uncle was pro-slavery, to the extreme, Clementine's political inclinations seem indefinite. Clementine's sister Sarah married Paris Dunning, a noted politician and Governor of Indiana who, while not a full blown abolitionist, took anti-slavery positions while in office. Austin Seward himself, was known to be sympathetic to the Union and anti-slavery causes. Other family documents, in fact, cite Clementine's surname as Machon, not Mershon, and one wonders if that change was made to distance herself from her uncle's reputation. While it is impossible to know for a fact, I was told by an elderly resident of the neighborhood that the Ward House was suggested to be a stop on the Underground Railroad. This is affirmed nowhere in historical records, but it would be true that the house, on the Unionville Pike, would have been passed by former slaves assisted north via Morgantown, Indiana. The proximity of the house to downtown Bloomington (approximately 4 miles) would suggest that it was not a likely stop being only about an hour traveling in a wagon.

Rufus, the country doctor, was said to have a frail constitution. "Rufus Ward was light in complexion, with blue eyes. So neat was he and so careful that his hair was always well combed that the one impression of him left after his early death in the mind of his very small son Albert was of a tall man standing in front of the mirror combing his hair." Because of his heart disorder, his wife Clementine would accompany him on house calls in their buggy. "While driving thus one day in 1861 he fell back against her shoulder and expired." (quotes from a 1941 letter to Haidee (Ward) Franzmann from her cousin Ina Stiner, see attachment).

As mentioned, Rufus' widow Clementine later married Austin Seward, a notable Bloomington foundry owner who had gained prominence in the region. It was reported by H.R. Duncan that men would come from 100 miles away to purchase a Seward foundry axe. His foundry became a large operation, producing rifles, plows, axes, pans, stoves and, during the war, a brass cannon created by the donations of brass from local households, even women with brass hoops. Seward was commissioned to cast the bronze fish that tops the dome of the Monroe County Courthouse. In Baynard Hall's recollection of life in early Bloomington (see Hall, Carmony and Viola, 1966) and the founding of the Indiana Seminary, Seward gets positive review as the figure called Vulcanus Allheart. Following Seward's death, Clementine again remarried, to James D. Alexander and, upon becoming widowed a third time, passed her property to son Thomas and his wife in exchange for a life estate (see attached abstract). Rufus' daughter, Nancy (1856-1905), married Ira Stout, the grandson of Godfrey Daniel Stout, builder of the Maple Grove Road "Stout House", the oldest house in Monroe County. Godfrey Daniel was a close associate of William Henry Harrison and may have been involved in the construction of Harrison's Grouseland House in Vincennes (Wikipedia).

Rufus' son Thomas Jefferson Ward (1854-1918) and his wife Lucretia Adaline "Addie" Cox Ward, lived on in the house to their old age, cared for by their daughter Haidee (1891-1979). Thomas Jefferson Ward is buried at Little Union churchyard in Unionville. Addie's cousin, John B. Cox (1830-unknown), son of William (1803-73), was the prime suspect in the 1861 grisly mass murder of his wife and several of his children, as recorded by Pop Hall (1924:122). Addie died in 1933 and is buried with Thomas. Haidee married John Franzmann, in this house, ca. 1927. John was a Monroe County resident who served in WWI.

The physical character of the house was changing over the later years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early years of the 20<sup>th</sup>., with the addition of the front porch and the elimination of transoms, replacement of wood window sills and lintels with limestone, the addition of rooms to the rear – a one story "L". True "modernization", as it was called, began with the young marrieds Haidee and John. This included indoor plumbing, electrification, and hot water heat. The first electrical power was provided by the "Delco", an internal combustion generator/battery combination housed in an addition on the rear of the house, as can be seen in the attached historic photo. (for more information on the system: <https://www.farmcollector.com/farm-shows/delco-light-plant-zmlz13janzbea.>) Old newspapers wrapping the hot water plumbing are dated 1927.

During the earlier years of their marriage, both fireplaces were upgraded, one with a limestone mantel (which we removed) and light colored brick. Fortunately, the original mantel in the west room was retained. It is highly crafted and an exact duplicate of the fireplace mantel at the Woodburn house in downtown Bloomington, dated 1829 and now owned by Indiana University. I have to think the same hired craftsman built both mantels. Tommy Ward, (1934-2011) a great nephew of Haidee, recalled his father helping John Franzmann build a new stairway on the back wall of the east room in the mid-nineteen thirties. Wide board poplar floors, still extant in the "west room", were replaced in the north room with the narrow tongue and groove oak flooring that was popular towards mid-century. Attractive, plain gum baseboards and door molding replaced or covered existing trim. In the southwest room and upstairs, the original wide poplar trim (8 inches) with a beautiful bead on the door frames remains. In 1893, Clementine transferred the property to her son, Thomas J., with a life estate provision. In 1905, a portion of the property was sold to the Indianapolis Southern Railway (now the Indiana Railroad) and, in 1918 the property fell to Haidee Franzmann and her husband John, with the continued life estate responsibility for Lucretia (Addie Cox), who died in 1933, presumably in the house discussed here.

Since 1978, the house has been a constant passion and a constant occupation as well. Having been well cared for, and never remodeled with paneling, etc., the work has all been pleasing. Over the years we have filled the house with antiques, though our tastes have evolved from Victorian to early country. We cherish the cherry corner cupboard that Haidee left with the house, not merely because a hot water pipe ran through the back. I think she felt it belongs there. Should we ever leave the house, the cupboard will stay. On the underside of the shelves, one can still see the black soot marks left by burning candles.

Aside from minor maintenance and cosmetic changes, including painting and stenciling, (Linda's skill) our first major project occurred in 1990, when we hired local restoration group Golden Hands Construction for an addition. We removed the roof from the one story portion of the house and a back porch, replacing this with an upper bedroom and two bathrooms, including our first shower and washer/dryer. Carrying the claw foot tub from its original downstairs bathroom to the new second story was quite a lift. Deciding we did not want two different heating systems and did want to condition the air, we removed radiators in favor of a central system. The brick for the second story addition was salvaged from the old Spencer, Indiana jailhouse. (Linda taught school in Spencer and we joked that we didn't want to find her students' names carved into the brick.) During this period we also replaced most of the knob and tube wiring in the house. All of the doors we have added in the addition were found in the barns. An upstairs closet door matches the original back door in the southwest room and still retains claw marks from a farm dog, trying to come in from the cold, I suspect. At this time we discovered that the stairway was not originally on the back wall, for a hidden window well sits in that exact location. Before re-walling the window, I inserted a metal band aid box with information about the project so future archaeologists will know what happened there.

Over the years we have continued to add to the flower gardens. Some of Haidee's irises and peonies remain. We dismantled a crumbling outdoor barbeque around 1980 and constructed a garden shed around 1990, re-constructed in 2018. Approximately 1995, desiring a greater degree of indoor storage for an accumulating antique collection, I altered the original corn crib, creating a continuous internal floor and a cozy, enclosed front porch. I added multi-paned windows for light on the north and south sides, purchased from an estate sale of an early home on the outskirts of Madison, Indiana.

In 2008 we began a second addition on the north side of the house, originally planned as a mother-in-law suite. I provided the design for the latest addition to Mark Longacre (Longacre Construction) and Mark then worked from his own measured drawing to create the current space. This enabled us to include a garage with an accessible entrance into the house and, in planning for old age, a roll-in shower and accessible water closet.

The exterior surrounds of the house were changed in 1995 with the demolition of the Highway 45 Bridge (a timbered structure erected at the time of the construction of the Illinois Central Railway into Bloomington in 1906, Bridge # 142, notable site 25029 in the 1989 Historic Sites and Structures Inventory). Oldtimers in the Unionville area have fond memories of the camel-back surface of the bridge. The highway was originally called the Unionville Pike, connecting Morgantown with Bloomington through Fleenersburg, (platted in 1847) later named Unionville in 1855. In 1995 the pavement for Highway 45 was re-established on the south side of the property, crossing the tracks at grade level just below the large barn. A total of .8 acres were purchased from the property owners at that time by the State of Indiana.

The house has been referred to as the "old brick" by old timers in the area and I have been told

that a very similar house stood, perhaps the Cox house, on the site of the later Rosie Smith house above the Danny Smith park. I have been told a commercial orchard existed south east of the property along the east side of the highway. In 1978, with our move-in, the house at the corner of Highway 45 and Russell Road was occupied by an elderly Baptist Minister Roscoe Boston and his wife Gladys. (This may be incorrect as Rev. Boston's death certificate list 3998 N. Russell Road, about one mile west.)

Fulfilling a long time ambition to preserve the 1890 timber framed barn, we contracted once again with Longacre Construction to craft a plan for its restoration. The very close proximity to the (very, very loud) train crossing led us to relocate the barn to a new foundation and slab approximately 40 feet closer to the Ward Lane pavement (the old highway 45, renamed Ward Lane at the suggestion of the home owners).

The barn is a transverse, three bay structure with four bents constructed in mortise and tenon fashion with wooden pegs or trunnels. Removal of the front façade siding revealed considerable rot and insect damage on the first bent. The 1890 approximate date was suggested by barn expert Danielle Bachant-Ball, based on the fact that the original roof, still obvious, is wood shingle. The timbers were milled, not hewn. Later barns, while still constructed with timber frame, were more likely to have metal roofs, according to Bachant-Ball.

Other elements of historic interest on the site include the limestone capped cesspool, still in use (now connected to the septic system), glass insulators on our walnut tree (a remnant of barn lighting), and a cement fish pond decorated with geodes (which doesn't hold water, despite my attempts to correct). A limestone wellhouse near the barn encloses the now rusty electric pump (another future restoration project). Haidee Ward Franzmann attached to city water the year before our purchase in 1978. With the first addition described above, we filled the back porch cistern, though the early electrified water heater remains in place in the basement. The original structure of the 1840 house sat over a crawlspace on the north end and a dug basement on the south end. The original basement shows hand hewn beams, now sistered for support, needed due to powder post beetle damage, and insulation, completed in 2010 (see photos).

Also of interest, off property, is a spring, improved with stonework and a metal pipe, just below the house and across the railroad. One must assume it served the original residents. Near the spring are the remains of a concrete structure, perhaps a WPA sluice, that appear to have served a small lake. (See photos and map)

The house was featured in the magazine Early Homes in 2011. Due to what we assume was the 2010 addition to the house, it was recategorized from Outstanding to Contributing in the most recent Inventory of History Sites and Structures, much to our disappointment. Despite this revision, we feel the property nevertheless meets the standards as an historic property due to

its compliance with at least 3 of the conditions of appropriateness:

1. An association with the lives of persons significant in the County's past
2. The distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction
3. An example of a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction

Research: Philip B. Stafford, Ph.D. (property owner) February, 2020

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# The Ward House

Philip B. and Linda Stafford

March 2020

Abstract of property begins  
with 1818 sale to Abraham  
Buskirk

United States  
to  
Abraham Buskirk

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Certificate of Entry  
Dated February 10, 1818  
The Northeast quarter of Section  
24, Township 9, Range 1 West

United States  
to

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Patent not of record  
The Northeast quarter of Section  
24, Township 9, Range 1 West

Abraham Buskirk,  
Miriam, his wife  
to  
Seth Goodwin

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Warranty deed to grantee, his  
heirs and assigns.  
Dated July 15, 1824  
Acknowledged  
Recorded  
Deed Record A, page 214  
Consideration \$150.00  
The West half of the Northeast  
quarter of Section 24, Township 9  
Range 1 West.

Seth Goodwin, Nancy,  
his wife  
to  
Frederick Flesner

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Warranty deed to grantee, his  
heirs and assigns.  
Consideration \$150.00  
Dated May 14, 1831  
Acknowledged  
Recorded  
Deed Record C, page 255  
The West half of the Northeast  
quarter of Section 24, Township 9  
Range 1 West.

Abraham Buskirk, and  
wife, Miriam  
to  
Thomas Heady

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Warranty deed to grantee, his  
heirs and assigns.  
Dated July 15, 1824  
Acknowledged  
Recorded  
Deed Record A, page 301  
Consideration \$150.00  
The East half of the Northeast  
quarter of Section 24, Township  
9 Range 1 West.

Thomas Heady, his wife,  
Rebecca  
to  
Frederick Flesner

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Warranty deed to grantee his  
heirs and assigns.  
Dated February 22, 1825  
Acknowledged  
Recorded  
Deed Record B, page 16



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The West half of the Northeast quarter of Section E4, Township 9 Range 1 West.

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Frederick Fleener and  
Elizabeth Fleener, his wife  
to  
Rufus Ward

Warranty deed  
Consideration: \$500.00  
Dated September 6, 1885  
Acknowledged September 6, 1885  
before a justice of the peace  
Recorded September 10, 1885  
Deed Record 2, page 26 and 27  
The Northeast quarter of Section E4 in Township 9 North of Range 1 West containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres more or less. Also 45 acres off of the North end of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section E4, same township and range as aforesaid.

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In the Matter of the Estate  
of Rufus Ward, deceased  
James J. Alexander, Administrator

Monroe Common Pleas Court  
December Term, 1885

Administrator files final report. Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for distribution.

Comes now the heirs of Rufus Ward, deceased, and make proof of heirship.

Clementine Ward, widow of deceased, entitled to \$16.83 as widow of deceased.

Sarah Ann Ruble, Elizabeth Peterson, James Ward, William Ward, John Ward, Alice Ward, Nancy L. Ward, Thomas Ward, Albert Ward and Rufus Ward are each entitled to \$8.00 as heirs of Rufus Ward.

Order Book B, page 91

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Clementine Ward

Monroe Circuit Court  
October Term, 1886

vs:

Sarah A. Ruble  
Martin Ruble, et al.

Petitioner makes proof of publication of notice to defendants, Sarah A. Ruble, Martin Ruble, Elizabeth M. Peterson, Peter Peterson, each and all other defendants are infants. Morton C. Hunter appointed Guardian ad litem and files answer.

Cause submitted that the lands described in said petition "the undivided 1/8 of the Northeast quarter of Section E4, Township 9 North Range 1 West."

Petitioner is owner of the undivided 1/8 in value. Defendants, other than Martin Ruble and Peter Peterson, are the owners of an undivided 5/8 in value.

That they have the lands set off by metes and bounds. Partition ordered Eliza Able, Hugh Martin, Albert Parks are appointed commissioners.

Order Book 10, page 17.

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Clementine Ward

Monroe Circuit Court  
April Term, 1867

vs.

Marah Noble, et al  
Heirs of Rufus Ward

Report of Commissioners, part of the Northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 9, Range 1 West, beginning at a beech tree, 24 inches in diameter, and marked with three nails on the North, three on the South, and three on West sides of said tree, standing on the second principal meridian, and Southeast corner of said Northeast quarter running thence North 5 degrees West 85 poles, to a stake witness three black oak 10 inches in diameter North 70 degrees West 40 links distant; thence South 85 degrees West 160 poles to a stake witness sugar, 20 inches in diameter South 55 degrees East 39 links distant. Thence South 5 degrees, East 85 poles, to a stake standing at the corner of said section 34 marked C. South 34 witness tree beech 24 inches in diameter. South 57 1/2 degrees West, 124 links distant beech 24 inches in diameter South 57 1/2 degrees East 127 links, thence North 85 degrees West 160 poles, to beginning the full and equal 1/3 in value of the real estate set off to Clementine Ward.

November 13, 1866

Report approved

Order Book 10, page 108

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A copy of the record of partition noted at No. 10, was certified to the Recorder by the Clerk of the Monroe Circuit Court, and spread of Record in Record K, page 324.

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Austin Seward

Married August 1, 1867

Marriage Record 4, page 356

to

Clementine D. J. H. Ward

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James D. Alexander

Married October 14, 1873

Marriage Record 4, page 363

to

Clementine Seward

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Clementine Alexander,  
Rufus Ward, Sirenta  
Ward, J. D. Ward,  
Hannie Stout, Ira  
Stout, Albert S. Ward,  
Elizabeth Ward, William  
Ward, S. A. Ward, John M.  
Ward, Peter Peterson,  
Elizabeth H. Peterson,

Warranty Deed  
Consideration: That said Thomas  
J. Ward in payment for the real  
estate hereinafter described is to  
support and care for the said  
Clementine Alexander for and during  
her natural life, pay all her  
expenses including for medical  
treatment and to furnish a decent

Dorcas, Frances Ann  
b. 2, 1890

buried at her death  
 Dated October 1, 1899  
 Acknowledged October 24, 1899  
 before J. J. by Clementine Alexander  
 Sarah Ward, Rufus Ward, James O.  
 Ward, before J. J. before  
 Acknowledged March 17, 1901 before  
 William T. Blair, H. P. by Hattie L.  
 B. Blair and Ida Stout  
 Acknowledged June 1, 1898 before J. H.  
 Bennett, J. T. of Mary Co. Va. by  
 Albert S. Ward and Elizabeth O. Ward  
 Acknowledged December 4, 1899 before  
 J. J. before J. T. of Wahoo Co.  
 Nevada by J. J. before  
 Acknowledged January 10, 1904 before  
 John H. Taylor, H. P. of Idaho Co.,  
 Idaho by Peter Peterson, Elizabeth  
 Peterson, A. E. Freeman, Geo. Free-  
 man.  
 Acknowledged March 11, 1899, before T.  
 Gilkrell, H. P. by William Ward and  
 David Ward  
 Recorded November 28, 1899  
 and Record 31, page 223 to Ed

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INTERVIEW  
Thomas J. Ward  
and Lauretta A. his wife  
to

Warrenton Dead  
Dated February 4, 1905  
Acknowledged February 4, 1905  
Recorded March 17, 1905  
Dead Record 42, 43, 44  
A trail of lead in the southwest  
corner of the Northwest quarter and the  
west side of 50 feet, Township 9 North Range  
10 West or 50 feet 00 inch side of the  
1000, said center line is located and

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Currently Dead  
 Dated October 20, 1908  
 Acknowledged October 20, 1908  
 Recorded February 19, 1909  
 Dead Record 40, page 20

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West Record 55, page 99  
East of the Southeast corner of the  
Northeast corner of Section 24,  
Township 9 North Range 1 East.

Township 6 North Range 1 West.  
 1. Located between the East half East and the Northeast corner of the East Section. Thence start 200 feet thence South 88 feet to the center of the Section. Thence follow the line thence in a northerly direction being 1/4 acre more or less.

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Recently Dead  
 Civilian 1800.00  
 Died September 2, 1918  
 Acknowledged October 25, 1918  
 by Austin Ward and Little. His wife  
 before James T. V. Hill, N.P.  
 Acknowledged October 8, 1918 by  
 Lizzie Rogers and Roy Rogers before  
 Carlton N. Rentall of Los Angeles Co.,  
 California, a J.P.  
 Acknowledged October 25, 1918 by  
 Walter P. Johnson and John M. Truss-  
 midd before Charles T. Stoccombe, a J.P.  
 Recorded October 25, 1918  
 Dead Record 20, page 485

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Said Section 24 and marked "Q.S. 24" witness tree beech 24 inches in diameter, South 22 and 23 1/2 degrees West, 124 links, witness beech 24 inches in diameter, South 27 1/2 degrees East 127 links; thence North 22 degrees East, 100 poles to the place of beginning.

Except the right of way of the Indianapolis Southern Railway across said described real estate.

All also except one-eighth acre, more or less in the Northeast corner of said described lands heretofore conveyed to James G. Ward. The land conveyed herein being 72 acres more or less.

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Lewis A. Ward, widow

to

Lewis Rogers, Mattie  
Widow of said Lewis  
Rogers

Currently Dead  
Consideration: \$1.00  
Dated October 22, 1918  
Acknowledged October 22, 1918 before  
Charles V. Simmons, J.P.  
Recorded November 22, 1918.  
Deed Record 66, page 491-2

Section 24 of Township 2 North of Range 1 East, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a beech tree about 24 inches in diameter, marked with 2 heads on the North, 2 on the South, 2 on the East and 2 on the West respectively. Said beech tree standing on the Second Principal Meridian line, and Southeast corner of said Northeast quarter, town and range as aforesaid; running thence North 2 degrees East, 25 poles to a stake witness tree - black ash tree, 10 inches in diameter, North 72 degrees East, 40 links distance; thence South 22 degrees East, 100 poles to a stake - witness sugar tree 20 inches in diameter, South 22 degrees East 25 links distance; thence South 2 degrees East 25 poles to a stake standing at the center of said Section 24 and marked "Q.S. 24" witness beech tree 24 inches in diameter South 20 1/2 degrees East, 124 links; witness beech tree 24 inches in diameter South 27 1/2 degrees East 127 links; thence North 22 degrees East 100 poles to the place of beginning.

Except the right of way of the Indianapolis Southern Railway Company across said described real estate, and also:

Except one-eighth acre, more or less, in the Northeast corner of said described lands heretofore conveyed to James G. Ward. Containing 72 acres more or less. The grantor herein expressly retains a life estate in all the lands herein conveyed.

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Lewis Rogers and Roy Rogers,  
husband; Mattie Millermond and  
Clarence Millermond, her husband

to

Maldee Pennington and  
John H. Pennington

Currently Dead  
Consideration: \$4000.00  
Dated July 31, 1922  
Acknowledged August 4, 1922 by  
Lewis Rogers and Roy Rogers before  
E. W. Marshall, Jr., J.P. of Los  
Angeles Co., California  
Acknowledged August 18, 1922 by  
Mattie Millermond and Clarence  
Millermond before James W. Blair, J.P.  
Recorded September 29, 1922  
Deed Record 72, page 592

All our right, title and interest in and to a part of the Northeast quarter of Section 24 of Township 2 North of Range 1 East, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a beech tree about 24 inches in diameter, marked with 2 heads on the North, 2 on the South, 2 on the East and 2 on the West, respectively said beech tree standing on the Second Principal Meridian line, and Southeast corner

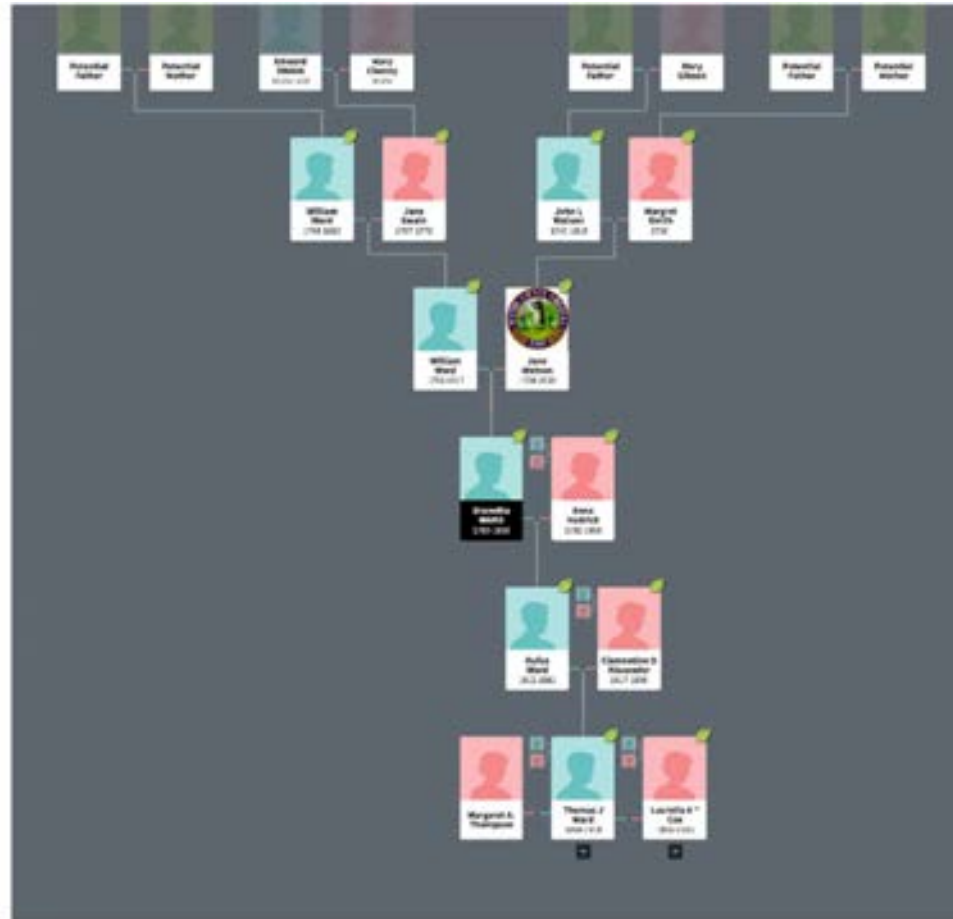
# The Families

Clementine Alexander, wife of Rufus Ward, was granddaughter of Agnes Brewster

Notables circled and found in narrative.

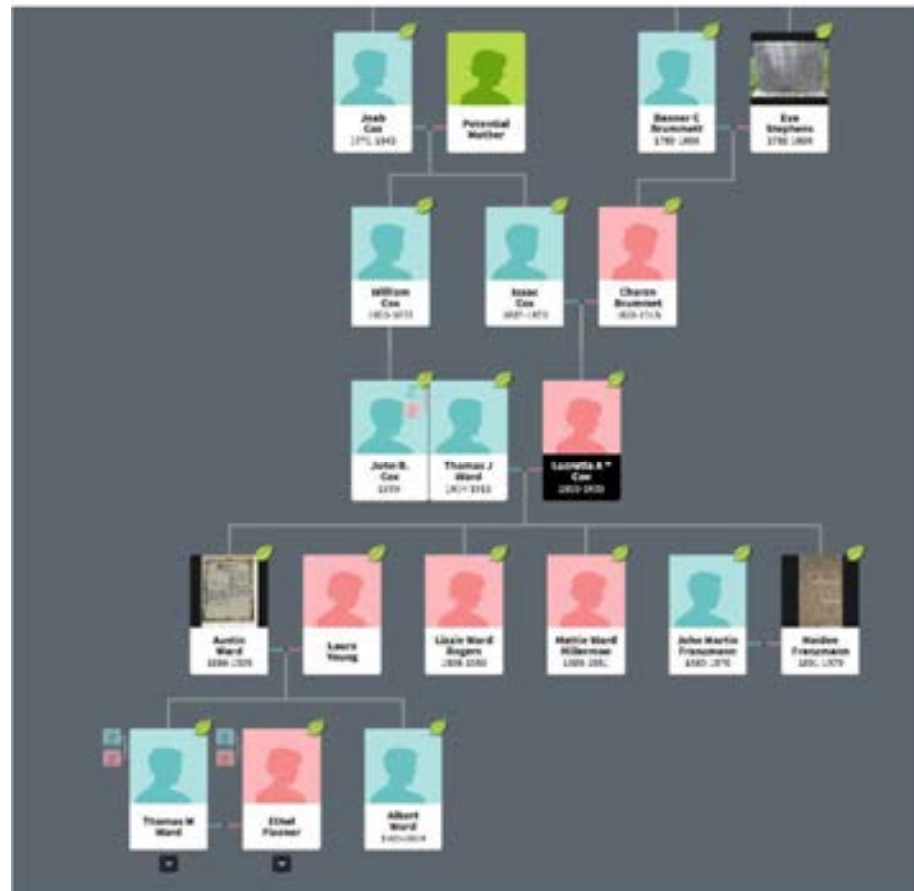


Rufus Ward, husband of  
Clementine Alexander, was son  
of Granville Ward





Lucretia (Addie) Cox was spouse of Thomas Jefferson Ward and cousin to John B. Cox, notable in attached narrative.



and that a copy of said advertisement be transmitted  
papers towit – to the Western Sun of Vincennes, Louisville  
America, Western Eagle of Madison, and the Liberty Hall of  
known on the day of the sale.

Ordered also that vote of thanks be made Public of this board  
eminent services rendered this county by the Hon. John Penick,  
and Col. Samuel Burcham, in designating and fixing on a plan for  
county which they performed under great difficulties, much to th

The third page from the Board of Commissioners' Record book, which contains  
the minutes from the first meetings of the Board in 1818. *Courtesy of the Monroe  
County History Center Archive.*

*...appointed Inspector of Elections for the present year.*  
An Motion Ordered That James Patton be appointed Inspector of Elections for Indian Creek Township for the present year.  
An Motion Ordered That John Butler be appointed Inspector of Elections for Washington Township for the present year.  
An Motion Ordered That Granville Ward be appointed Inspector of Elections for Washington Township for the present year.  
An Motion Ordered That Elections be held in the different Townships in Monroe County on the 1st day of May next for the purpose of electing three Justices of the Peace for each Township. The Elections be held at the following places in each Township to wit: at David Rogers in the Town of Bloomington for the Township of Bloomington, at the New Creek Township at the Dwelling Room of Thomas Graham, for the Township of ~~Indian Creek~~ Indian Creek at the John Berry, for the Township of Washington at the Room of ~~John Berry~~ John Berry.  
Petition of William Ward & others against to have war bounded and a lease in open Court praying for a lease bearing from the County seat to South Ferry on Salt Creek & thence to Lawrence County line in a direction to South Ferry on the distressed ferry of White River thence upon the banks ordered that William Jackson John Scott & William Berry be appointed to view & lay off said lease against to be after being first sworn against to law & to report thereon at the next session of the Board of Supervisors, & that the said view be made at the County seat on the 1st day of May next or soon before to do any other business in relation to the

Granville Ward (1783-1830)  
relocates from Wythe County,  
Virginia to Monroe County, IN

On motion ordered that John Storm be appointed Inspector of Elections for Clear Creek township for the present year.

On motion ordered that James Trotter be appointed Inspector of Elections for Indian Creek township for the present year.

On motion ordered that John Cutler be appointed Inspector of Elections for Bean Blossom township for the present year.

On motion ordered that Granville Ward be appointed Inspector of Elections for Bloomington township for the present year.

On motion ordered that Elections be held in the different townships in Monroe county on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April next year for the purpose of Electing 2 Justices of the peace for each township the elections be held at the following places in each township to wit - at David Rogers in the town of Bloomington for the township of Bloomington, for Clear Creek township at the dwelling house of Thomas Grahams, for the township of Indian Creek at the dwelling house of John Berry, for the township of Bean Blossom at the house of Coleman Puetts.

On motion the Board on petition of William Hardin and others agreeable to law was handed into and read in open court praying for a road leading from the County Seat to Scotts Ferry on Salt Creek, and thence to Lawrence County line, in a direction to Sparks Ferry on the driftwood fork of White River, Whereupon the court ordered that William Jackson, Esq., John Scott and William Craig be appointed to view and lay off said road agreeable to law after being first sworn agreeable to law and to report thereon at the next session of the board of commissioners, and that the said viewers to meet at the county seat on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next in order to proceed to discharge their duties as above directed.

On motion the board order the Town of Bloomington be laid off by the Agent of this County according to the following directions to wit - Each side of the Public Square is to be measured 276 feet, lots are to be 66 feet in front and 132 back, streets to be 82 1/2 feet and the alleys 12 feet and the streets to cross at right angles and to run parallel with the sectional lines and the number of lots to be laid off, to be left discretionary with the Agent, and that he make return to the next session of the board of commissioners which is to meet in May next and that a copy hereof be delivered to the Agent aforesaid

On motion ordered that all the Public Square shall be 66 front.

On motion of Michael Buskirk ordered that Benjamin Parks agent of this county be directed to advertise the lots (in the town of Bloomington) for sale on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June next and that a copy of said advertisement be transmitted to the Editor of the following papers to wit - to the Western Sun of Vincennes, Louisville Correspondent, Argus of Western America, Western Eagle of Madison, and the Liberty Bell of Cincinnati, terms to be made known on the day of the sale.

Ordered also that vote of thanks be made Public of this board of commissioners for the eminent services rendered this county by the Hon. John Peck, Jonathan Jones, David Fouts and Col. Samuel Burdham, in designating and laying on a plan for the seat of justice for said county which they performed under great difficulties, much to the satisfaction of this board.





Oldest section in  
Rose Hill cemetery.  
Several Wards and  
Alexanders buried  
here.



Anna Hedrick Ward ,1792-1860, of Wythe County, VA. Wife of Granville Ward (m. 1809), with Granville in Monroe County by 1818.







Memorial to the Brewster sisters at  
Dunn Cemetery





Agness Brewster,  
wife of James  
Alexander,  
grandmother to  
Clementine Ward



James Alexander, son of Agness Brewster, mother of Clementine Ward, buried at Dunn cemetery





Sarah Mershon Alexander,  
mother of Clementine Ward,  
buried at Dunn Cemetery

ber of families moved to the present site of the hamlet of (new) Unionville which was established when the railroad built a station about three miles west of the old site of Unionville.

**Alexander First Merchant.**

It is probable that J. J. Alexander

was the first merchant, as he opened a store worth about \$900 in 1836, and soon did a good business. Late in the forties, James Carter opened a store and continued the business for a number of years. C. C. Fleener opened a store about the same time.

F. R. Miller engaged in business at

the place about 1852, and thus the business life of the place went on, usually one or two merchantile establishments, a blacksmith shop, post office, carpenter shop or two, along with about a dozen families composing the population of the village.

James Jefferson Alexander, son of James Alexander and Agness Brewster, father of Clementine Ward.



Cornelius Mershon, uncle to Clementine Deborah Alexander Ward. Mershon was infamous as a slave catcher.





Rufus Ward is a property owner represented on the 1856 map of Monroe County. Slide shows boundary of Bloomington and Benton Townships northeast of the city . Properties of JJ Alexander and Isaac Cox are contiguous.



Upon the death of his wife, Jane Irvin, Clementine Ward married Austin Seward. Dunn Cemetery



Jane Irvin, first wife of Austin Seward.





Clementine Ward. Rose Hill  
cemetery



**SCHEDULE L.—Free Inhabitants in** Bloomington Township No. 132 **in the County of** Monroe **State**  
**of** Indiana **enumerated by me, on the** 5th **day of** August **1850.** John M. Shaw Ass't Marshal. 601  
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1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Age.	Sex.	White, Black, or Mulatto.							
		The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.				Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
		David C. Hunter	7	M				Indiana				
116	116	Ann Ward	56	F			3000	Ind				
		Mary	35	F				Ind				
		Elizabeth	23	F				"				
		Jefferson	19	M		Farmer	500	"				
117	117	Joseph Lee	31	M			600					
		Margaret	32	F								
		Isabella	68	F								
118	118	Samuel Shorfy	40	M		Farmer	700					
		Ann M.	37	F								
		Sarah L.	12	F								
		Jacob F.	10	M								
		Heannah P.	6	F								

1850 Census

Widow of Granville Ward and three children remaining at home, address unknown, likely in the city.



Ward house in 1860

Rufus, Clementine and 8 children, ages 1-18

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and 8 children,  
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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Bloomington Township, in the County of Marion, State of Indiana  
 enumerated by me on the 7 day of June, 1880.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Ward

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Profession	Married	Single	Widow	Orphan	Deaf	Mute	Insane	Pauper	Indigent	Other
12.22	Blacklock B. H.	38	M	W	Farmer										
	— Ellen C.	36	F	W	Keeping House										
	— Charles W.	12	M	W	Double										
	— William H.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Samuel B. B.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Sarah - Mary	10	F	W	Do										
13.23	— Emily R. B.	10	F	W	Do										
	— Mary L.	10	F	W	Do										
	— Villa	10	F	W	Do										
14.24	— David	10	M	W	Do										
	— Demetrius J. B.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Samuel	10	M	W	Do										
	— Alfred	10	M	W	Do										
	— Anna	10	F	W	Do										
	— Charles	10	M	W	Do										
	— Lydia	10	F	W	Do										
15.25	— Alexander J. B.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Mary L.	10	F	W	Do										
	— Samuel C.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Annie A.	10	F	W	Do										
16.26	— William C. B.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Mary B.	10	F	W	Do										
	— Craig C.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Albert C.	10	M	W	Do										
17.27	— Mary Anne J.	10	F	W	Do										
	— Amanda	10	F	W	Do										
	— Charles C.	10	M	W	Do										
	— George C.	10	M	W	Do										
18.28	— David Thomas J.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Caroline	10	F	W	Do										
	— Della	10	F	W	Do										
19.29	— William W. B.	10	M	W	Do										
	— Elizabeth	10	F	W	Do										
	— Martha C.	10	F	W	Do										

The Ward house in 1880  
 Thomas, Addie and daughter Della, age 1. Della died in 1883.

LOCATION.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.  Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.  Indicate every person living on June 1, 1900. Dead children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.										NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person TEN YEARS OF AGE and over.		EDUCATION.					WHETHER OF AGE.	
Dist.	House Number.	Age years, in the order of birth.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family.			Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.	Age at last birthday.	Whether deaf, dumb, or blind.	Whether insane.	Whether pauper.	Whether alien.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Registration of name by the United States.	Naturalization.	Occupation.	Months not employed.	Attended school the number of years.	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Over 21 or not.	Over 18 or not.	Place of birth.	Number of years which.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
51				Hazel	Daughter	M. F.	Aug 1873	6				Indiana	Indiana						At School		6									
52				Ella	Daughter	M. F.	Mar 1876	4				Indiana	Indiana																	
53				(no name)	Daughter	M. F.	July 1877	1				Indiana	Indiana																	
54				(no name)	Daughter	M. F.	Sept 1877	3				Indiana	Indiana																	
55	102	105		Myro. Jasper	Head	M. M.	Aug 1840	59	31			Indiana	Kentucky						Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes			46			
56				June	Wife	M. F.	Oct 1831	68	31	3	3	Indiana	Indiana									yes	yes	yes						
57				J. McCoy	Son	M. M.	Sept 1870	16	8			Indiana	Indiana						Farmer laborer	0		yes	yes	yes						
58	103	106		Baugh. Mary	Head	M. M.	Oct 1872	26	4			Indiana	Illinois						Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes			47			
59				John	Wife	M. F.	Oct 1875	24	2	2	2	Indiana	Indiana									yes	yes	yes						
60				Thomas	Son	M. M.	Dec 1877	1	8			Indiana	Indiana																	
61				Mary	Son	M. M.	Feb 1878	2	8			Indiana	Indiana																	
62				Butcher. James	Head	M. M.	July 1872	28	1			Illinois	Indiana						Farmer laborer	0		yes	yes	yes						
63	104	107		Alexander. William	Head	M. M.	Jan 1833	67	33			Indiana	Kentucky						Farmer	1		yes	yes	yes			48			
64				Elizabeth	Wife	M. F.	Feb 1871	28	35	1	1	Indiana	Virginia									yes	yes	yes						
65	105	108		Baugh. Alfred	Head	M. M.	June 1876	23	4			Indiana	Illinois						Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes						
66				John	Wife	M. F.	Aug 1874	25	4	1	1	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana								yes	yes	yes						
67				Myrtle	Daughter	M. F.	July 1877	2	8			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana																
68	106	109		Gray. Andy	Head	M. M.	Feb 1835	65	26			Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky					Farmer			yes	yes	yes			49			
69				Deborah L.	Wife	M. F.	Aug 1833	66	26	10	6	Indiana	Indiana	Virginia								yes	yes	yes						
70				Samuel E.	Son	M. M.	Sept 1876	23	8			Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana					Farmer laborer	0		yes	yes	yes						
71	107	110		Byars. George	Head	M. M.	Sept 1836	63	8			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee					Farmer	2		yes	yes	yes			50			
72				Anne Andy	Wife	M. F.	Nov 1873	26	0			Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky					Farmer laborer	3		yes	yes	yes						
73				Lollie	Wife	M. F.	May 1873	27	0	0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Tennessee								yes	yes	yes						
74	108	111		Belcher. Martha	Head	M. M.	Oct 1829	70	26	44		Indiana	Virginia	Kentucky					Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes			51			
75				Elizabeth	Wife	M. F.	Aug 1826	73	26	44	5	4	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky							yes	yes	yes						
76	108	112		Ward. Thomas	Head	M. M.	Mar 1839	60	23			Indiana	Virginia	Kentucky					Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes			52			
77				Lucille	Wife	M. F.	Apr 1863	36	23	5	4	Indiana	Tennessee	Indiana								yes	yes	yes						
78				Annie	Son	M. M.	Mar 1879	16	8			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana					Farmer laborer	0		yes	yes	yes						
79				Lizzie	Daughter	M. F.	June 1876	13	8			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana					At School			6	yes	yes	yes					
80				William	Daughter	M. F.	Sept 1877	1	8			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana					At School			6	yes	yes	yes					
81				Haidee	Daughter	M. F.	Oct 1878	1	8			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana					At School			6								

Ward House in 1900  
Thomas  
Jefferson Ward,  
Addie Cox  
Ward and 4  
children,  
including  
Haidee, age 8



STATE Indiana  
COUNTY Monroe

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Bloomington Township

NAME OF INSTITUTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910-POPULATION

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 25 DAY OF April, 1910.

41 SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 2  
ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 126

WARD OF CITY

Antennum & Rawlinson Eng

LOCATION.		NAME		RELATION.		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.					NATIVITY.			COLOR.		OCCUPATION.		REMARKS.		HOUSEHOLD.	
Household		of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910, was in this family.		Relationship of this person to the head of the family.		Race, color, sex, age, marital status, whether single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated, and whether ever married.					Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the state or territory. If of foreign birth, give the country.			Whether able to speak English, or if not, give language spoken.		Trade or profession, or, as specified kind of work done by this person, as secretary, postmaster, farmer, etc.		Whether an employer, or whether employed, or working on his own account.		Whether a head of household, or whether a member of a household.	
1		2		3		4					5			6		7		8		9	
66		Belton George		Head		M W 36 M 3					Indiana										
		Jennie		Wife		F W 20 M 3					Indiana										
		Alva		Son		M W 3 S					Indiana										
67		Fidler Henry C.		Head		M W 51 M 29					Indiana										
		Mary		Wife		F W 47 M 29					Indiana										
		John		Son		M W 24 S					Indiana										
		Henry L.		Son		M W 10 S					Indiana										
68		Murray Matt C.		Head		M W 25 M 2					Indiana										
		Maud		Wife		F W 24 M 2					Indiana										
		Hoyt		Son		M W 18 S					Indiana										
		Harold		Son		M W 15 S					Indiana										
69		Ward Thomas J.		Head		M W 36 M 34					Indiana										
		Lynette A.		Wife		F W 39 M 39					Indiana										
		Addie		Daughter		F W 18 S					Indiana										
		Eleanor		Daughter		F W 15 S					Indiana										
		Ward		Grand Son		M W 5 S					Indiana										
		Thomas		Grand Son		M W 2 S					Indiana										
70		Bough Frank		Head		M W 28 M 9					Indiana										
		Lida		Wife		F W 27 M 9					Indiana										
		Francis		Daughter		F W 7 S					Indiana										
		Fern		Daughter		F W 5 S					Indiana										
		Mabel A.		Daughter		F W 1 S					Indiana										
71		Richardson Cecil		Head		M W 20 S					Indiana										
		Charles William		Son		M W 18 M 16					Indiana										

1910 Census

Ward house with  
Thomas Jefferson Ward,  
Lucretia (Addie), one  
daughter, hired man,  
two grandsons.

1930 Census  
Ward house included  
John and Haidee (Ward)  
Franzmann, mother  
Lucretia (Addie) and  
Thomas and Ethel Ward  
(niece and nephew of  
Haidee)



Ward House  
John and Haidee Ward  
Franzmann only

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## OLD UNIONVILLE SCENE OF HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN 1861—WHOLE FAMILY BUTCHERED

Monroe County Shocked by Terrible Crime—Believed Act of Mad Man—History of Early Days of Village—New Unionville Result of Railroad.

One forenoon in September, 1861, (old) Unionville and Benton township inhabitants were shocked by one of the most tragic incidents ever taking place in Monroe county, Indiana. The whole community was horrified when people heard of the awful crime that had been committed in the Cox home.

Neighbors found on that fateful day, when they entered the premises of a man named John B. Cox, that a whole family had been terribly butchered, seemingly in cold blood.

### Horrible Scene.

Within the house a shocking scene met the startled eyes of the first neighbor who made the discovery of the awful murder. Mrs. Cox lay upon a bed with her throat slashed from ear to ear, while the husband and father of the family, John B. Cox, was found laying unconscious in his own blood on the porch of the house, weakened from the loss of blood from several deep cuts and severe bruises about his neck and head.

Upon another bed near the mother was found a little girl of ten years, whose throat was horribly mangled. She was still breathing, but had lost consciousness. Upon the floor near the bed on which this girl was found, another younger girl was found dead

with her head half severed from the body.

A trundle-bed was found to hold two smaller children, a girl who was severely cut about the neck but not mortally wounded, and a boy of about ten, who was unconscious from the loss of blood from severe cuts inflicted on his person.

This little boy, it seems, was not a member of the Cox family. He was considerably scratched and bruised, and evidence showed plainly that the little fellow had put up a terrible fight for his life, as the bedding was torn and scattered over the room.

A baby, the youngest child of the Cox family, was found to be the only member of the household that was unhurt, and this caused not a little comment and wonder at the time.

### Large Crowd Gathers.

Soon the word of the ghastly murder became spread throughout the community, and an enormous crowd gathered at the scene of the crime to view the horrible sight.

It seems that Mr. Cox had been having trouble with his neighbors, who were immediately arrested upon suspicion of having had a hand in the terrible crime, and they were taken to Bloomington for safe keeping. Later, these men were tried in the county

court and acquitted of the charges.

The dead and wounded were removed to the residence of William Cox, near the scene of the tragedy. As soon as John B. Cox regained consciousness he stated that several men had attacked the family during the night, and had knocked him senseless, after which he knew nothing until the shouts of the neighbors had aroused him, the next morning.

### Cox Believed Off Mentally.

It was believed, later, by many people, that John B. Cox, who was at times afflicted mentally, had committed the horrible deeds during a fit of temporary insanity.

Cox disappeared from the community soon after the trials of his neighbors, and one Bloomington man who came home from the Civil war on furlough, stated that John B. Cox had reported for roll call in his company one morning with other recruits, but when recognized the man disappeared and it was believed that he went into the Confederate lines. This was the last time he was ever heard of by Monroe county people.

Many people in the community insisted on taking the matter as the act of an insane man, and the case terminated with this view. The wounded children connected with this tragedy have all recovered and lived to the present time, growing into useful and upright citizens.

Old Unionville was the only village in Benton township, Monroe county until the Indianapolis Southern (now the Illinois Central) railroad was built, about 1904-1905, when a num-

Lucretia (Addie) Cox Ward was the cousin of John B. Cox, cited in this Pop Hall article on the murder of the Cox family.



# The House

# Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory Interim Report 1989



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1864. It  
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n the 1870s



ring the height  
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cal style. To  
exterior walls,  
usual choice in  
stone columns  
the old Bowles  
Hotel in

se, 4705 North  
Tudor Revival.

- 023 C **Marlin Farmhouse**, 4865 North Old State Road 37; Double-pen, c.1860; Vernacular/Construction (055)



**Bethel Church (25024)** Unlike most country churches, the Bethel Church retains much of its original appearance. The clapboard siding, gable returns, original windows and the belfry contribute to its historic integrity.



**Hinkle-Stancomb Farm (25025)** The near-original appearance of this vernacular frame farmhouse is remarkable.

- 034 O **Bethel Church**, 2609 Bethel Lane; Carpenter-builder, c.1875; Vernacular/Construction, Religion (055)

- 025 N **Hinkle-Stancomb Farm**, 2710 Bethel Lane; I-house, Greek Revival, c.1870; Vernacular/Construction, Architecture (055)

- 026 N **House**, 3291 Bethel Lane; Bungalow, c.1925; Architecture (639)

- 027 C **Fleener School**, 4220 Bethel Lane; Functional, c.1930; Education (639)

- 028 N **House**, 4737 Bethel Lane; Hall-and-parlor, c.1875; Vernacular/Construction (639)

- 029 N **Bridge No. 142**, East State Road 45 and Illinois Central Railroad; Wood Trestle, c.1916; Engineering, Transportation (639)



**Ward House (25030)** It is thought that when Rufus Ward bought this property in 1855 the two-story brick house had already been built. While its form is thoroughly vernacular, the Flemish bond brickwork on the facade reveals a certain sophistication on the part of the builder. The stone lintels and sills and the front porch are twentieth century additions. The hewn frame barn and crib are also of historic interest.

- 030 O **Ward House**, 5598 East State Road 45; Double-pen, two story, c.1840; Vernacular/Construction, Exploration/Settlement, Agriculture (639)

- 031 N **House**, 5320 East State Road 4; Double-pen/Greek Revival, c.1875; Vernacular/Construction (639)

- 032 C **House**, 5111 East State Road 4; Pyramid Cottage, c.1910; Vernacular/Construction (639)

- 033 C **House**, 3950 Kinser Pike; Bungalow, c.1928; Architecture (055)

- 034 C **Barn**, Acuff Road; Transverse, c.1875; Vernacular/Construction, Agriculture (055)



**Daniel Stout House (25035)** In appreciation of his service to Governor William Henry Harrison, President James Monroe awarded a grant of land in Monroe County to the Virginian, Daniel Stout, in 1818. In 1828, Stout built a fine two-story house using limestone from the quarry below the site. Today the house, with its hand-cut 24 inch thick solid stone walls, is the oldest standing house in the county and the one built of stone until the 1860s.

- 035 O **Daniel Stout House**, 3655 N Maple Grove Road; Hall-and-parlor, two story, 1828; Vernacular/Construction, Exploration/Settlement, Social History, Agriculture; NR, H (055)







Note Flemish bond brickwork on the front of the house. Fancier and more labor intensive than English or common bond on the sides. In Flemish, each course has alternating “headers and stretchers”. In the latter (right side of the photo) 5 to 6 courses of stretchers only, then a course of headers. Folklorist Henry Glassie reports that Flemish dies out in this area around 1850.

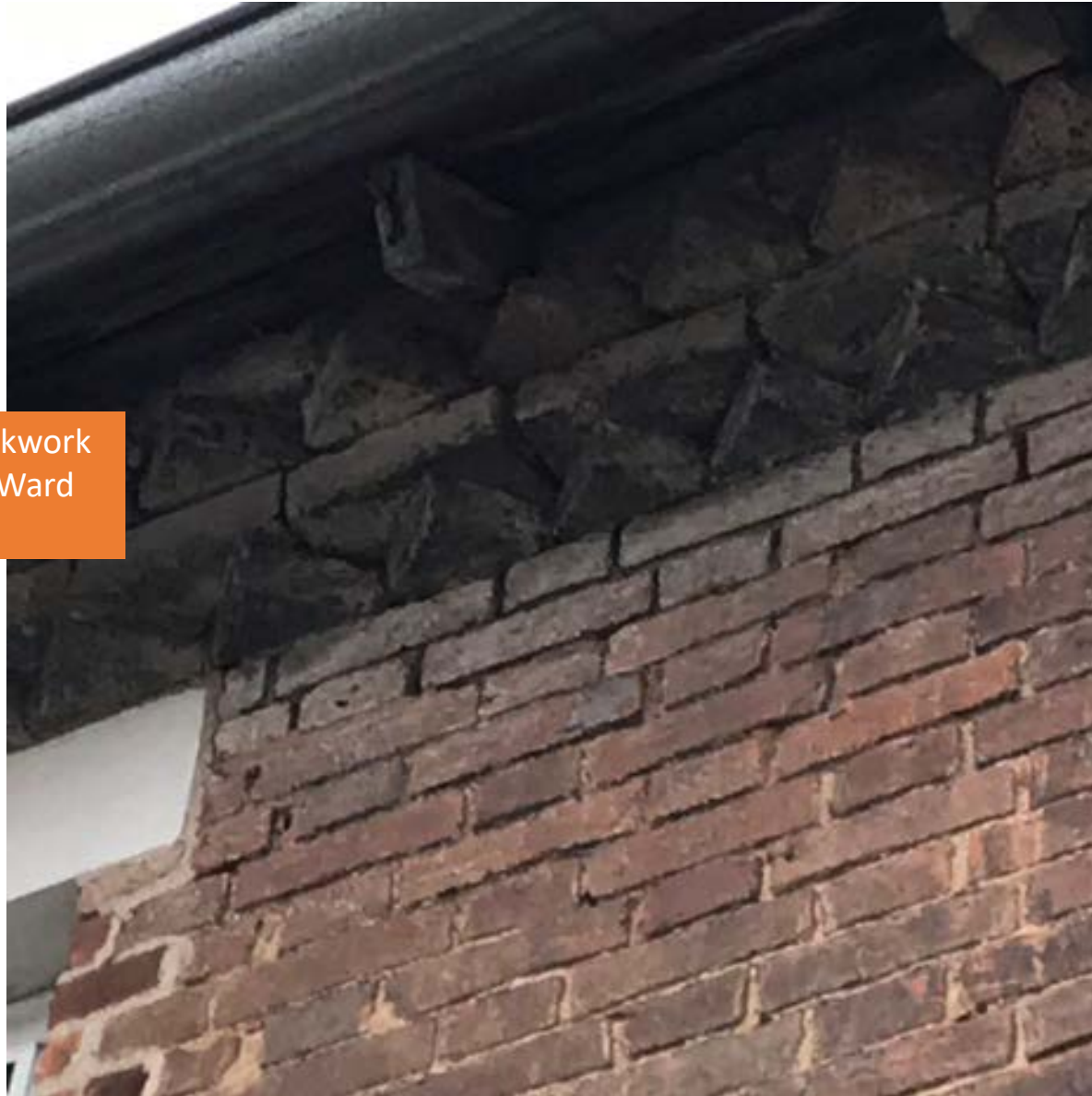




The 1835 Wylie House, home of IU's first president, displays the same pattern – Flemish bond on the front, English on the sides.



Pointellated brickwork  
on front side of Ward  
house.





Albert Ward admitted about 1988 that he had carved his initials into the south side of the house at around age 10.



TM carved his initials near Albert's on the south side of the house. TM remains unidentified.

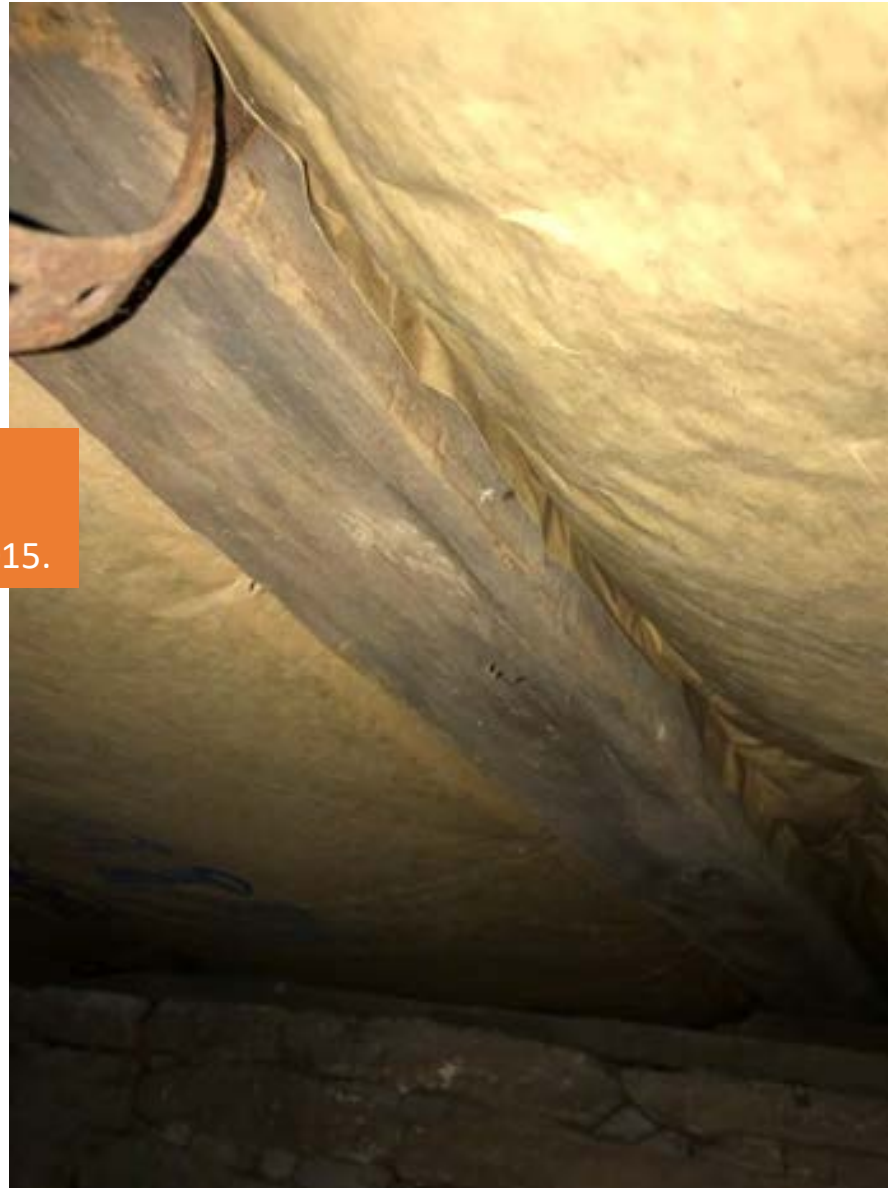




Albert Ward, in 1988, told of the time his grandfather (Thomas Jefferson Ward) lost control of his shotgun (about 1912) while trying to shoo swallows from the chimney. The mortar repairs are still evident, if a little primitive.



Basement ceiling joists are handhewn. Sistered for support and insulated in 2015.







Hand dug, dry stone basement on south end of original house, with passage to crawl space on north side.



Where the first few courses of brick lay upon the wall of the basement.







The door from the original basement opens to the newer section but looks original.



A mysterious hole penetrates the original south wall into the newer section of the basement.



Water penetration necessitated mortar on portions of the basement, as here, under the hearth.





Original water heater



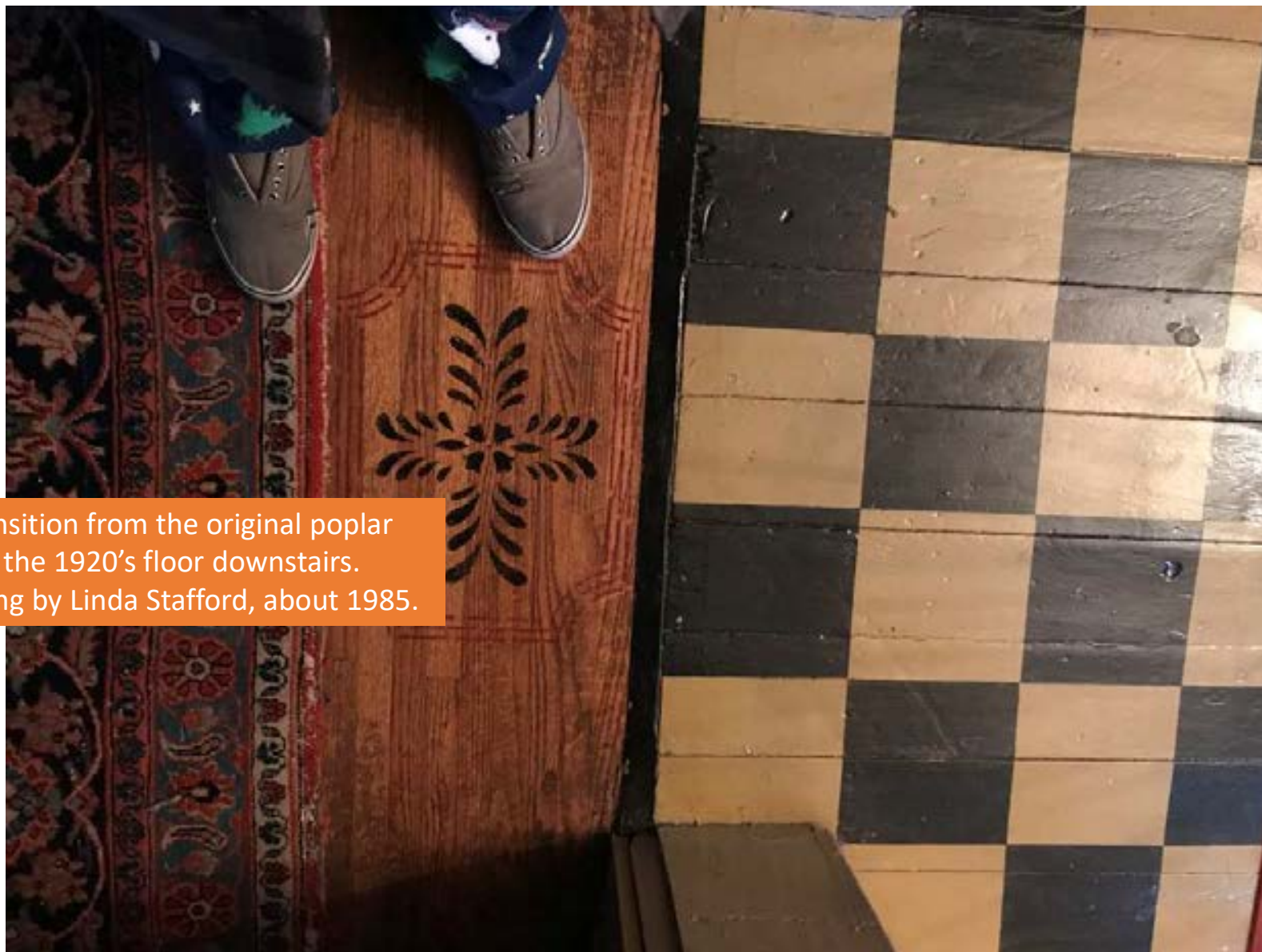
Water from the rounded cistern, flowed into the water heater.





Original coal chute has been enclosed.





The transition from the original poplar floor to the 1920's floor downstairs. Stenciling by Linda Stafford, about 1985.

Beadwork around original door in southwest room.



Original exterior door on south east side. Duplicate found in barn and used in 1989 addition upstairs.

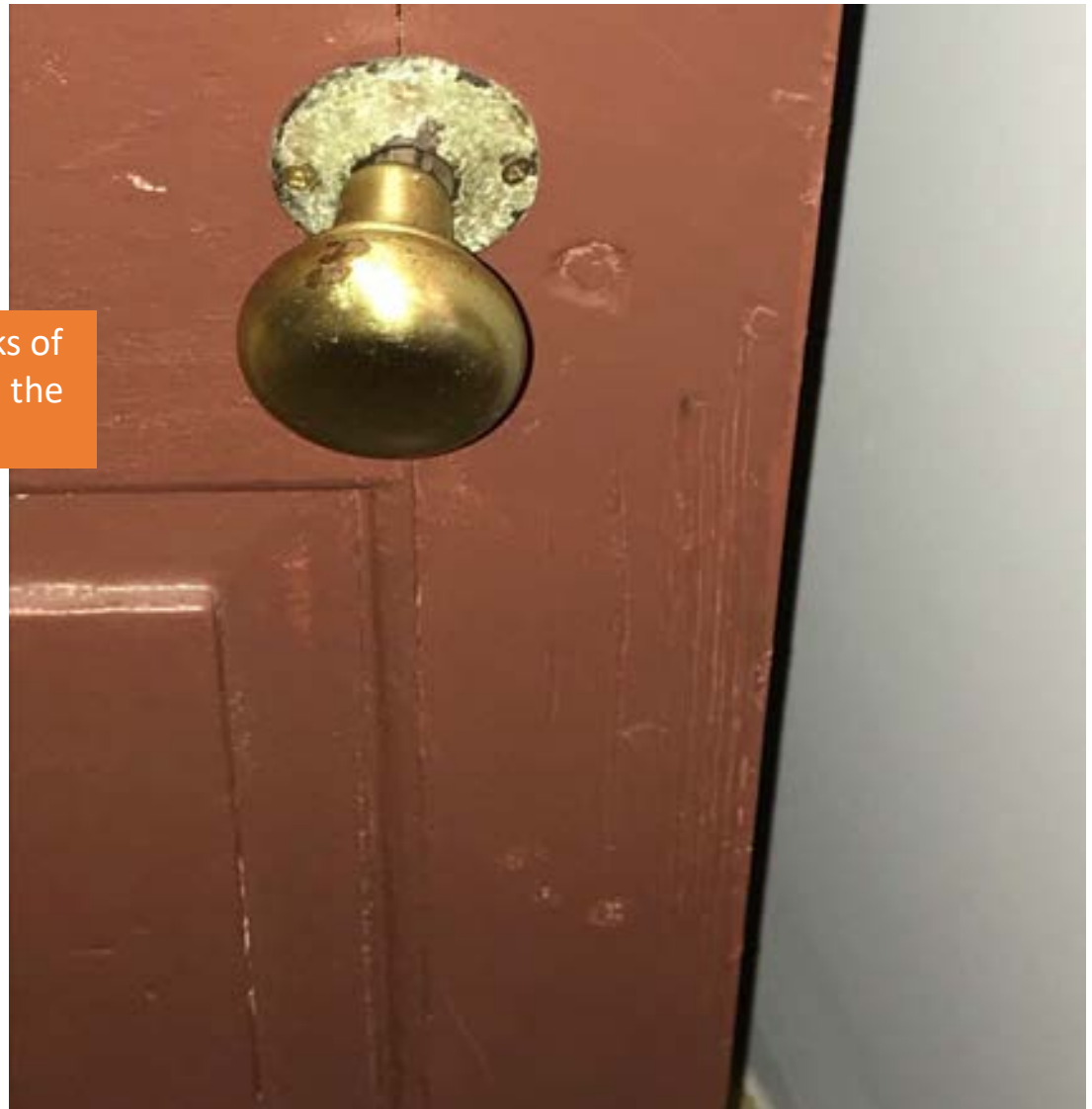




Original door found in barn and  
reinstalled in 1989 addition.



Reinstalled door retains claw marks of an early farm dog trying to escape the cold or catch a bite of scrap.



Original exterior door on  
northeast exit. Beadwork  
covered with later installation  
of interior woodwork in 1920's.



Brickwork not original,  
though original mantel was  
reinstalled, ca 1930's.







Ward mantel nearly identical to the parlor mantel in Woodburn House, ca 1830. Built by same craftsman?

Ward house mantel



Woodburn House mantel



Ward House mantel





Woodburn House mantel



Ward House mantel



Woodburn House mantel



# Exterior Structures





Aerial photo (1930's?) shows roof of "Delco" addition on east side, timbered bridge over Highway 45, outhouse, barbeque, corn crib and barn with shingled roof, shed addition and wellhouse.

Approximately 100 yards below house  
on east side, an early spring was cleared  
for domestic use.





A metal pipe was forced into the spring to provide a tap.



Approximately 25 yards below the spring are the remains of what appears to be sluice. Research needed to confirm WPA construction.









Bathtub sized fish pond likely built by John Franzmann remains unrepaired. Surrounded by limestone slabs and decorative geodes.



Wellhouse/Pumphouse sits  
below barn on south side.  
Rusty electric pump remains.  
Served the house until 1977.





Flat ledge on east side perhaps served to provide the platform for the outhouse.







The limestone lid to the brick lined cesspool below. Still in use though connected to septic field.





Until the 2010 addition, this gravel driveway on the east side of the house could still be used.



The mobile mail carrier used this box until the late sixties or seventies.





This gate led to a ramp over the railroad tracks, enabling a connection to the fields on the east side of the house. Pavement is new highway, constructed in 1995.



Concrete fence posts date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> C. and were often made by the farmer from his own molds, according to <https://jcharles00.wordpress.com/2016/09/05/concrete-fence-posts/>





Downtrodden utility pole along the railroad right of way, east side of house.





Insulators on the walnut tree  
carried electricity from the Delco to  
a couple of bare light bulbs in the  
barn, along knob and tube wiring.



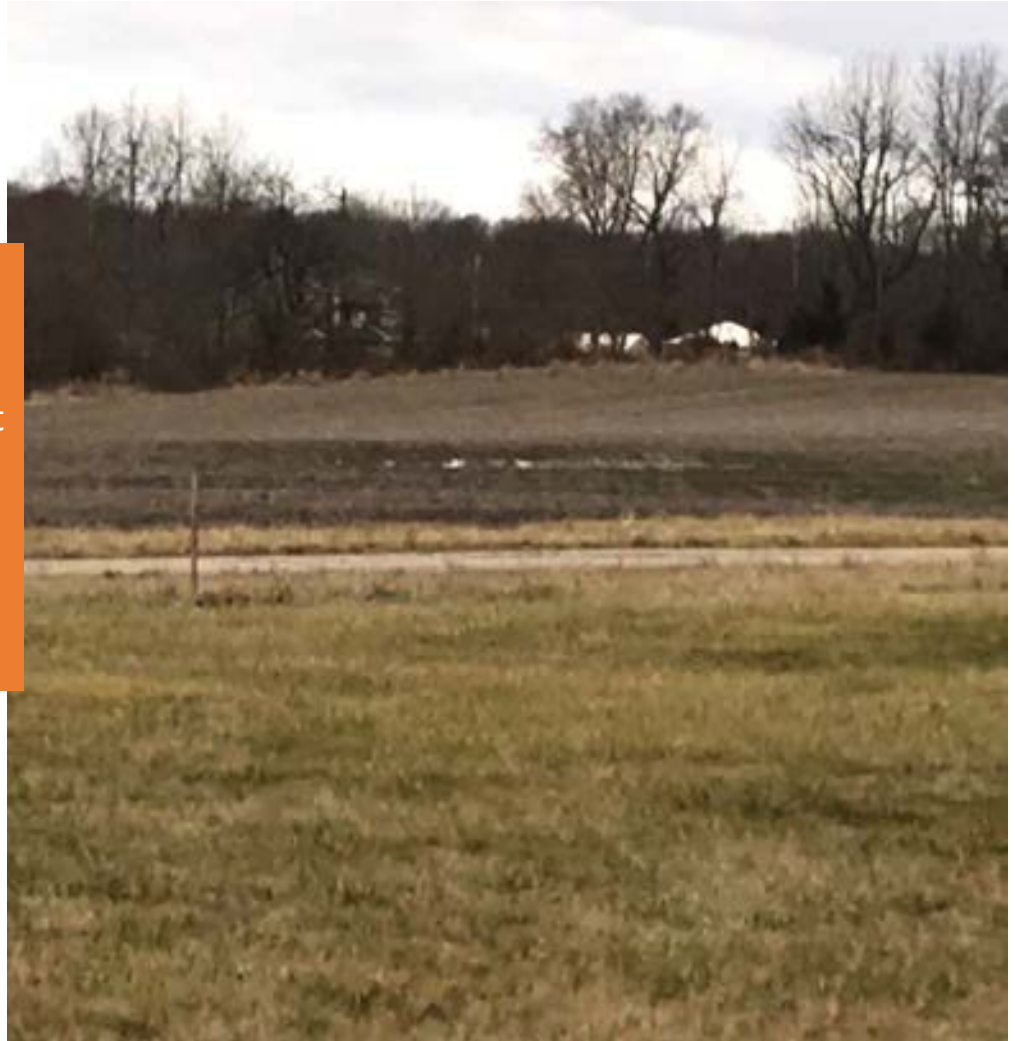
Some poor photos of the timbered bridge over the Indiana Railroad tracks, 1906. (originally Indianapolis Southern Railway)



Abby Stafford, ca 1994



West field shows pooled water common most of the year. We were told by Albert Ward there was an artesian well near this spot where drivers by would fill their radiators. Albert reported his mother Laura Young Ward died from typhus bacteria in the well. (1909) (unverified)





Potting shed, constructed ca 1990, reframed ca 2014.





# The house begins to change

Unknown date  
Few trees on south side  
No evergreens



Haidee, Laura Lou Russ,  
Tommy or Lowell Ward  
Fourth person unknown  
Date: ca 1945?





Approx. 1980



Approximately 2010



December 2019  
Note evidence of transom





Note original windows  
replaced and limestone  
lintels added



# First Barn stabilization 1979

Transverse 3-bay barn (4 bents)  
with hay hood.  
Hay door enclosed, windows  
added to west side approximately  
1980.  
Second galvanized roof added  
1980.  
Middle photo shows red paint  
Photo shows south side after  
removal of shed addition.  
Dated approximately 1890-1900  
by Danielle Bachant Ball.





# Golden Hands addition 1990

Photo shows back porch, sunroom addition and eastside L. Note barbeque. Approx. 1980

Back porch cistern appliance still intact. Water can be diverted to cistern or ground. Approx. 1979.

Cistern appliance removed, pre-addition back windows intact. Note without limestone lintels. 4 pane on left, multi-pane on right.



Left: limestone steps from porch, approx. 1979  
Right: Limestone walk, approx. 1988.



Sunroom and porch room removed, approx. 1989. Note smaller, 8 paned window above L.



Back addition employed  
same footprint as original.  
Golden Hands Construction





Roof of one story L  
removed, replaced with  
second story. Original  
chimneys re-tucked



Second story brick addition,  
brick obtained from First  
Saturday Lumber, came from  
razed Spencer, IN jailhouse.



Job completed, 1990.



# The Crib



Corn crib. Elevated piers. Metal roof. Date unknown.



Owner enclosed crib,  
approximately 2000,  
retaining outline of original  
drive through, adding  
reclaimed windows.



North side, enclosed porch  
added with second  
window.



# Phase Three: 2010 - present



Rear evergreen removed in preparation for second addition, 2010.



One tree removed, a second  
re-located.



Longacre Construction









Addition includes one car garage with attic storage and large living area, shower, bath, rear screened porch. Reclaimed historic cupola rebuilt by Aaron McDaniel.











Present day



## IHSSI (County Survey)



Survey Number: 105-639-20156

Rating: Contributing

Historic Name: Ward Farmstead

Year Dataset Compiled: 2014

National Register File  
Number: -

### Survey County

County	Legal Township(s)	Quad Name(s)
Monroe	Bloomington	Unionville

Address: 5598 E Ward Ln

City: -

Location Notes: -

### Coordinates

Easting

North

545904

4339299

Common Name: -

Category: Building

Visible?: ☐Historic District?: ☐

Historic District Name: -

Ownership: private

**Use: Present**Residence: ☒Commercial: ☐Vacant: ☐Other: ☐Other: ☐**Use: Past**Residence: ☒Commercial: ☐Vacant: ☐Other: ☒

Describe: Agriculture

Other: ☐**Surveys/Legal Protections**National Register: ☐State Register: ☐Hoosier Homestead: ☐National Historic  
Landmark: ☐Local Designation: ☐Protective  
Covenants: ☐Other: ☐Areas of Significance: AGRICULTURE,  
ARCHITECTURE,  
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT,  
SOCIAL HISTORY

Other Significance: -

Endangered: No

Explanation: -

Number of  
Contributing 3  
Resources:Number of  
Non-  
contributing 2  
Resources:

Environment: Rural

Bibliography: -

**Structure Type**Bridge: ☐Cemetery: ☐Other: ☒

Time Period(s): c. 1840

Condition: Good

Year Demolished: -

Integrity: Severely Altered

Date Moved: -

Alterations: -

Style: -

Type/Vernacular: Double pen,  
I-house

Architect/Builder	Architectural Firm	Affiliation
-	-	-

Replacement

Windows: ☐Roof: ☒

Other: ☒Description: porch

Additions

Siding: ☐Wings: ☒

Other: ☐

Removals: -

Stories

1: ☐1 1/2: ☐2: ☒2 1/2: ☐

Other: ☐

Plan

Rectangular: ☒Polygonal: ☐

L: ☐T: ☐X: ☐U: ☐

Irregular: ☐Other: ☐

Depth

Single-Pile: ☒Double-Pile: ☐

Irregular/Massed: ☐Other: ☐

Number of Bays: -

Foundation: UNKNOWN

Foundation Description: -

Walls Description: -

Other Walls: -

Roof

Side-Gable: ☒Front-Gable: ☐Cross-Gable: ☐

Hip: ☐Pyramidal: ☐Mansard: ☐

Other: ☐

Material: METAL: Steel

Features: -



**Porches**Front: ☒Side: ☐Back: ☐

Notes: Replaced partial-span porch is a 20th century addition

**Openings:**

Six-over-six wood sash windows with limestone sills and lintels throughout. Two front doors, each with limestone lintel.

**Interior:**

-

**Outbuildings:**

Shed,  
Transverse-frame barn,  
Workshop,  
Other

Description: Wood fence

Notes: Hand-hewn frame barn has wood siding and steel roof with six-pane and four-pane windows. Workshop is a severely modified corn crib with metal siding and roof. Small shed has wood siding and metal roof.

**Statement of Significance:** It is thought that when Rufus Ward bought the property in 1855 the house had already been built. Its form is thoroughly vernacular; the Flemish Bond brickwork on the front facade reveals a certain amount of sophistication on the part of the builder. The limestone lintels and sills, as well as the front porch, are 20th century additions.

**Architectural Description:** The front facade is symmetrical and features four openings on each level. Above are four evenly-spaced six-over-six wood sash windows. Below, two central doors and a window on each end. The front facade features Flemish Bond brickwork while the side elevations and ell were constructed in Common Bond.

House has a historic ell with a later addition to the southeast. Another large addition has been added to the north with a secondary entrance and a garage. The garage has a pair of wood hinged doors, vinyl siding and a metal roof.

# The Barn Restoration Project



Ward-Franzmann Property ca 1940





# The 1890 Ward Barn in 2020: Strengths



































































# The 1890 Ward Barn in 2020: Weaknesses





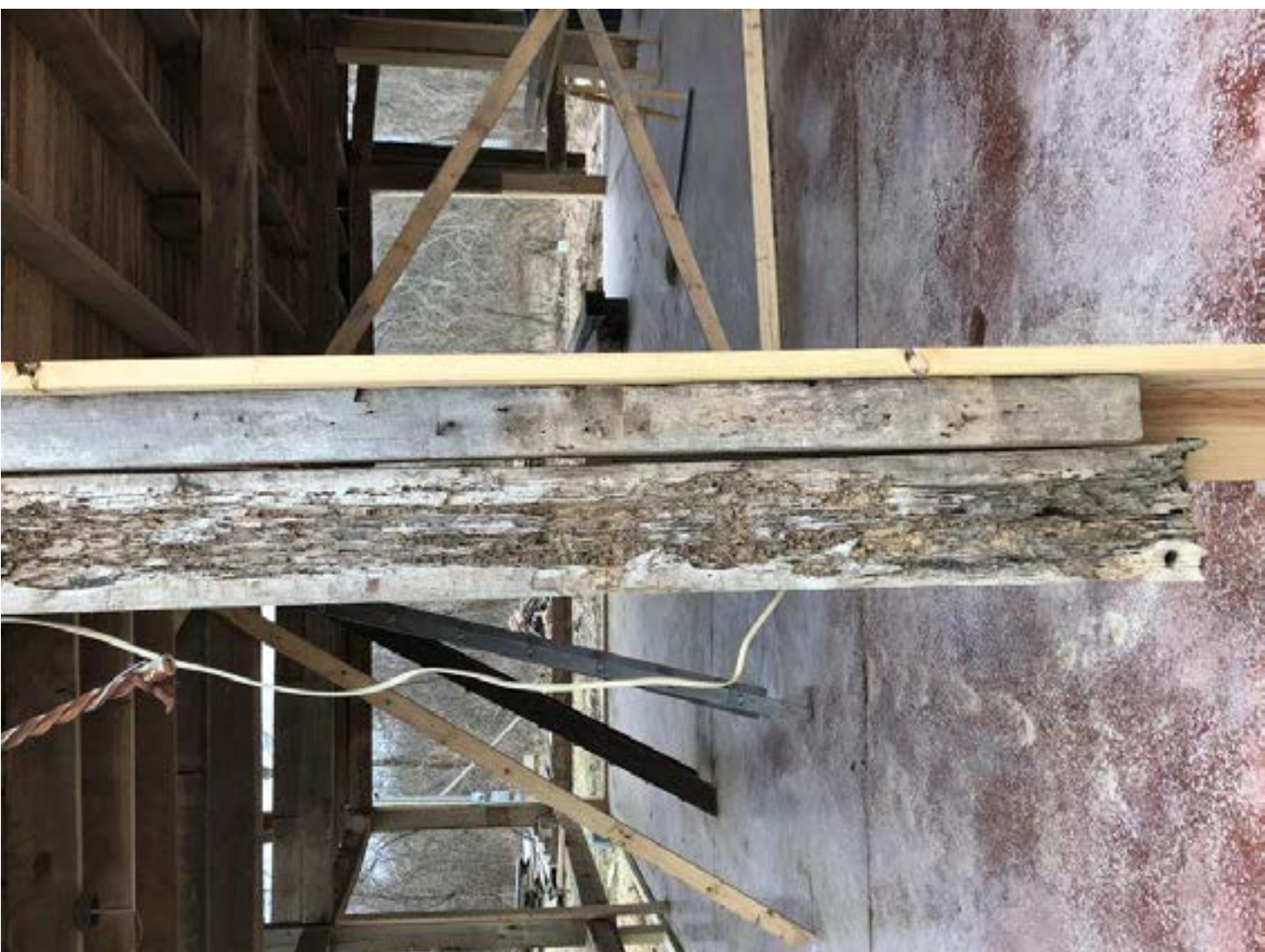














































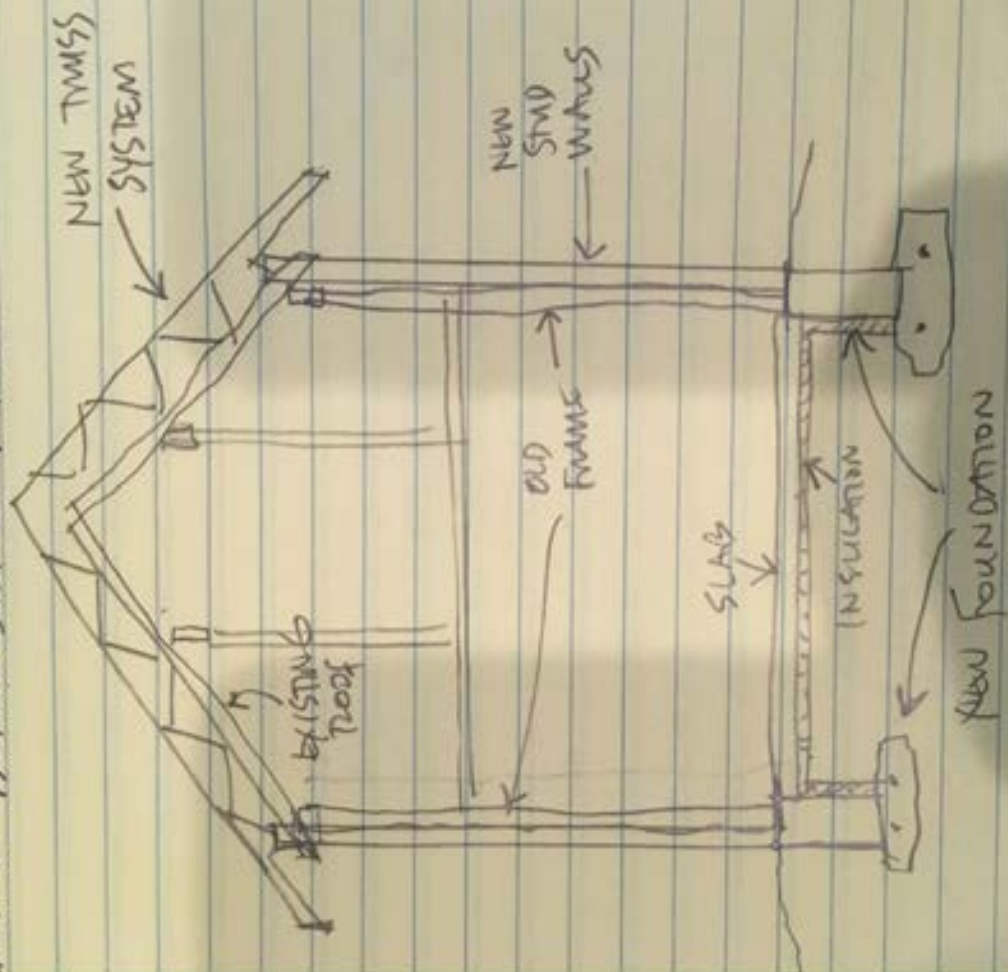
Stabilizing the Barn  
Mark Longacre  
Construction

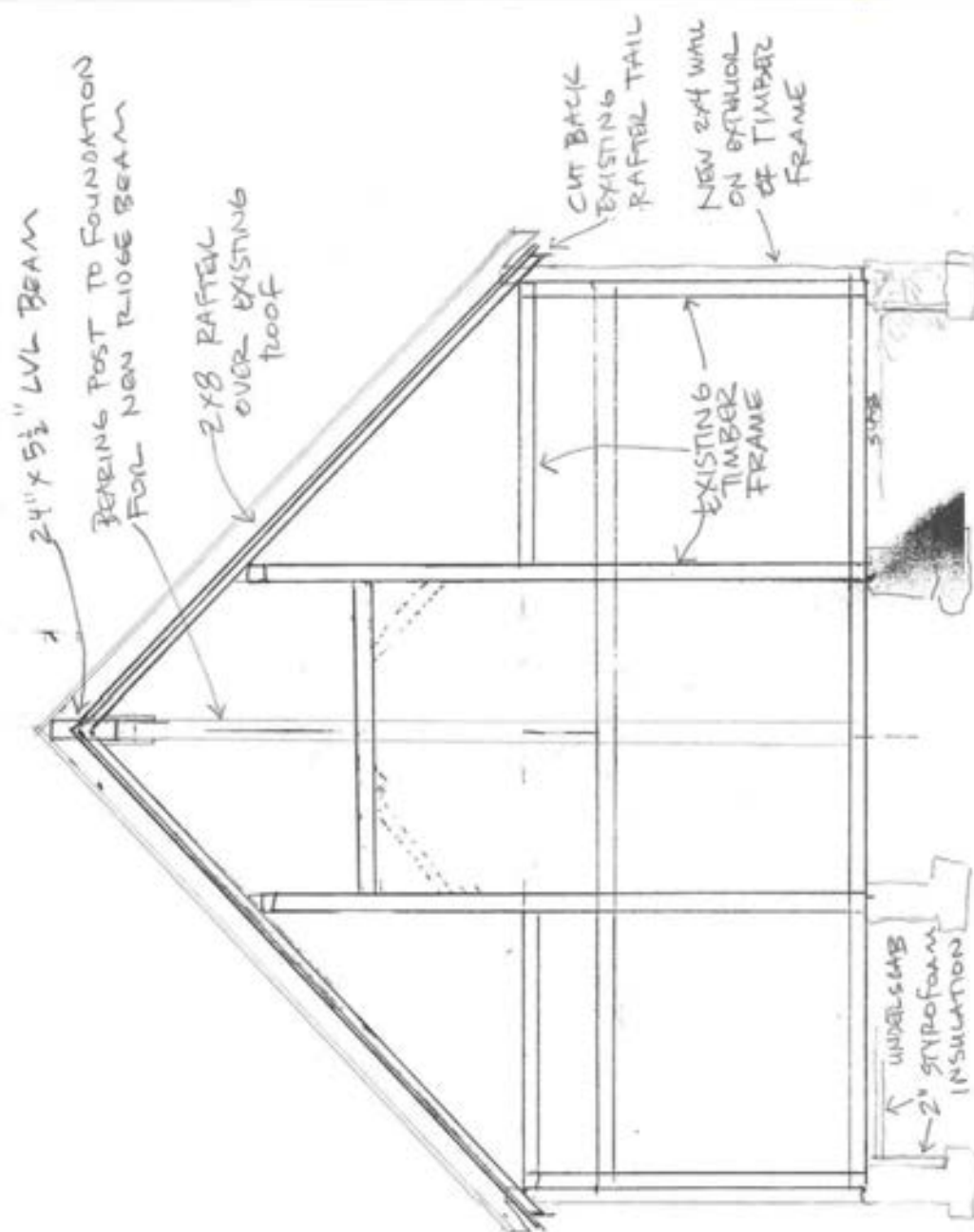




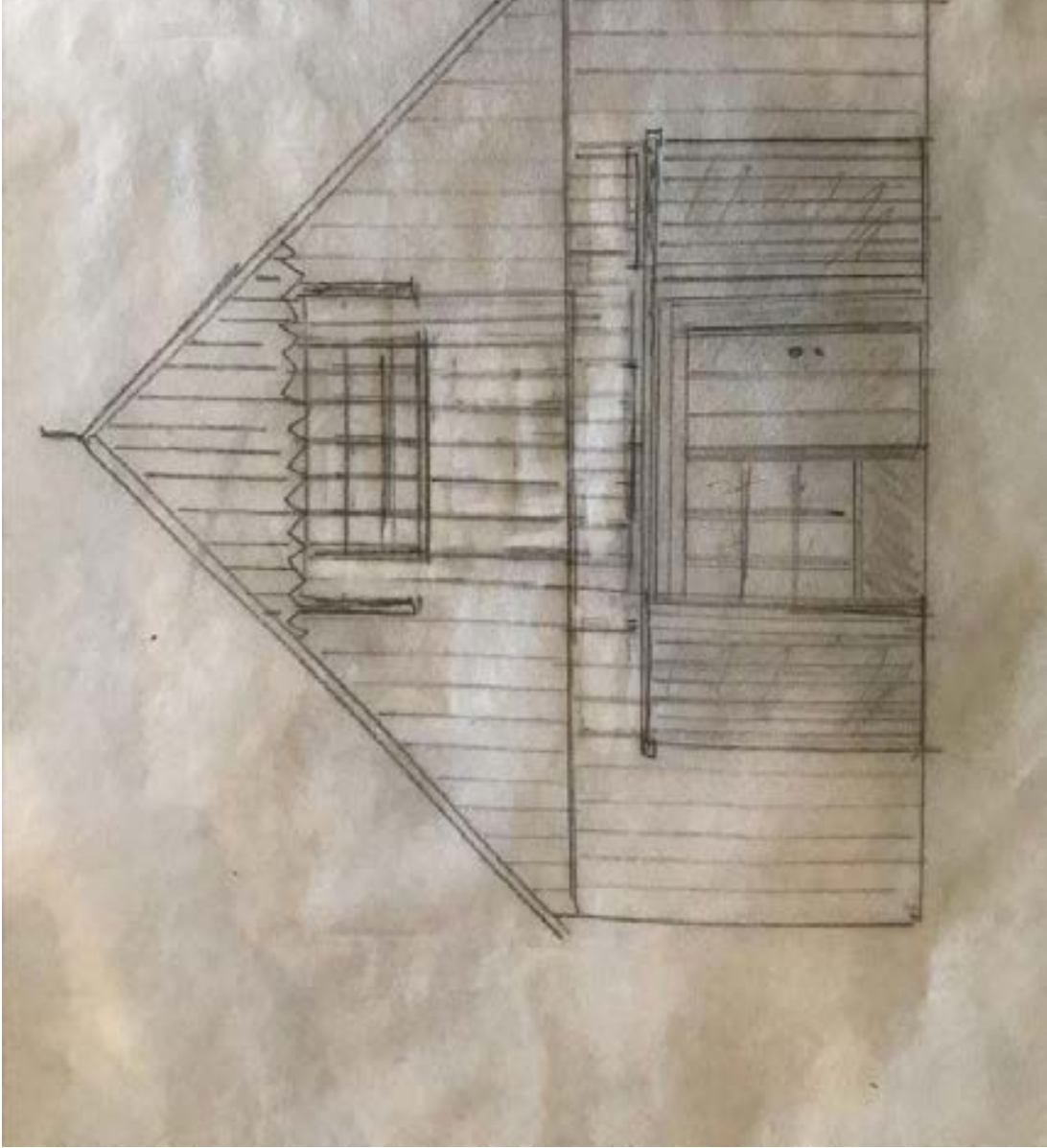
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BEFORE SIDING REMOVAL !!





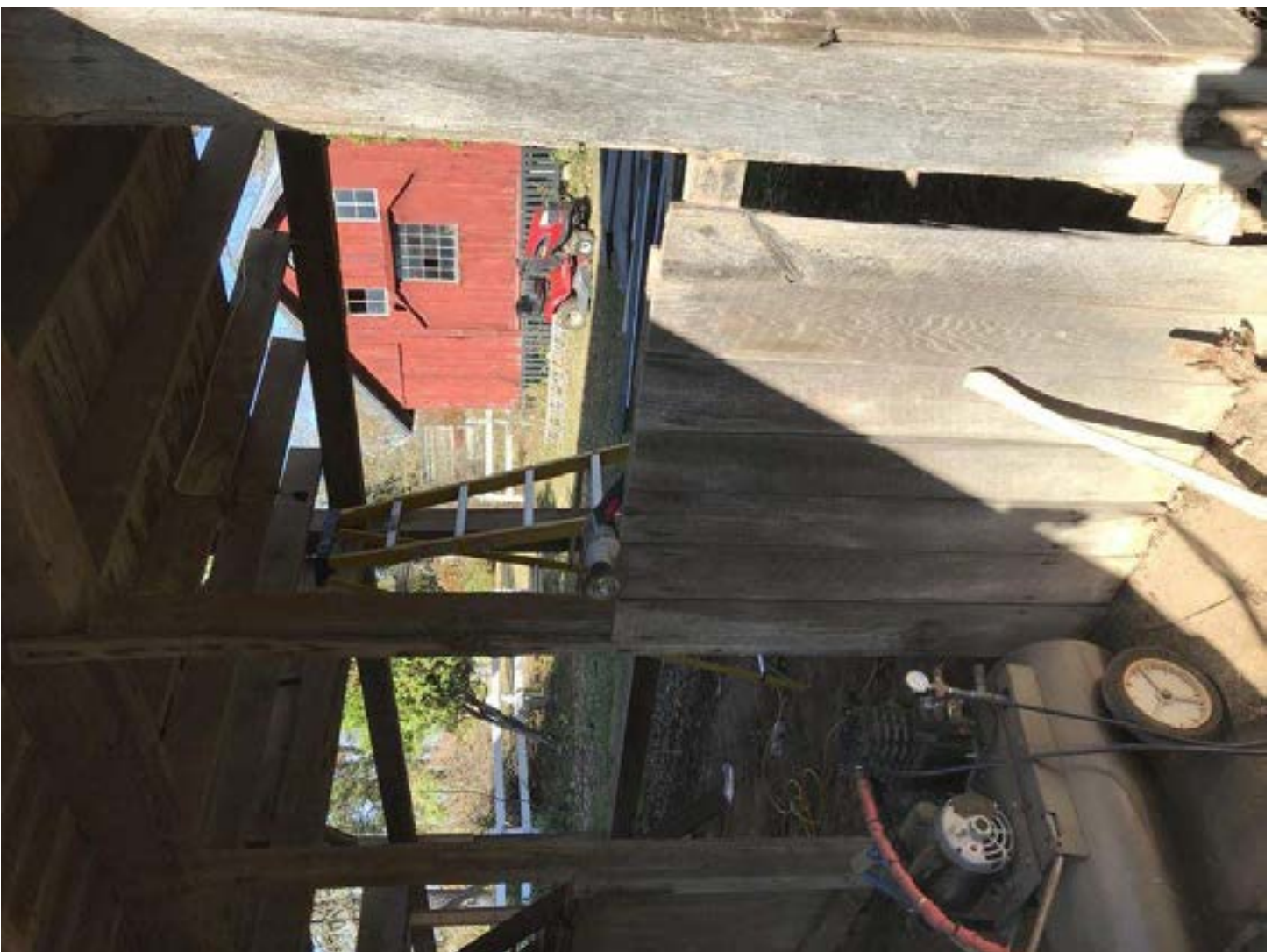
Initial schematic for  
adaptive re-use  
Owner rough sketch





















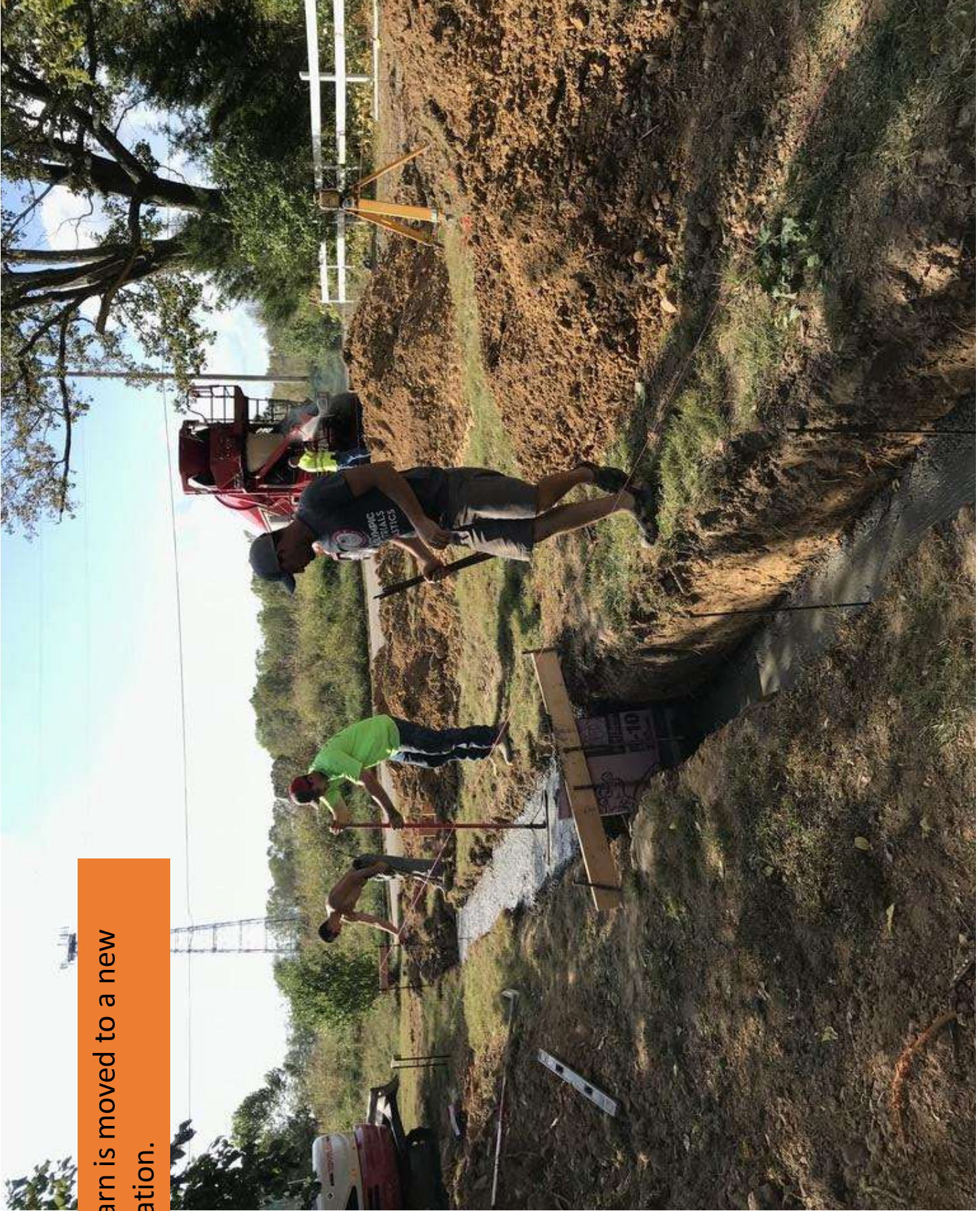








The Barn is moved to a new foundation.



































































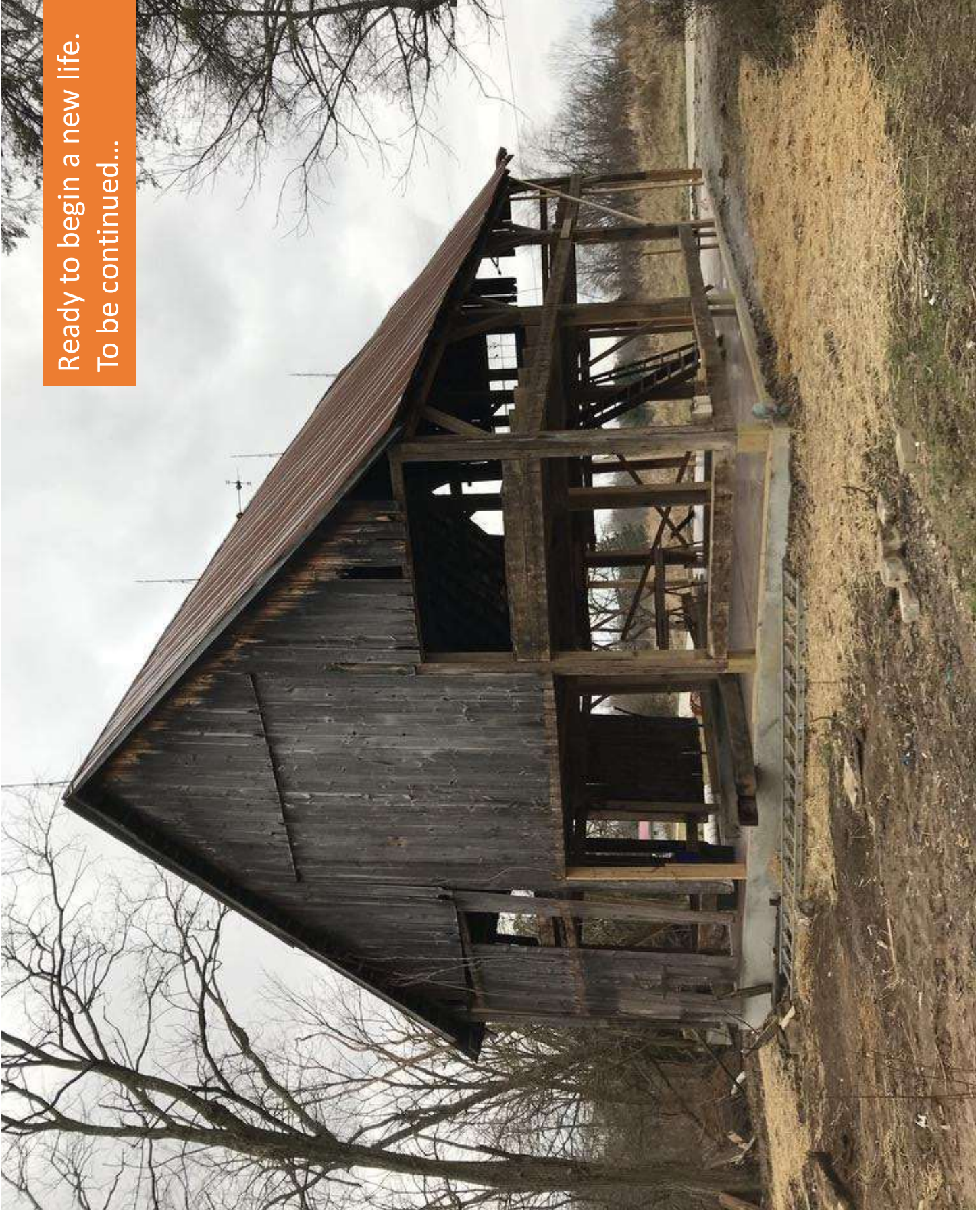








Ready to begin a new life.  
To be continued...



**PLEASE NOTE: Planning staff has begun the process of filling this report out. The 2017 Annual Report was utilized as a guide for filling out some of the basic components or taken from planning data and are already in 'regular font'. Items that are in Red Bold are directly taken from the 2017 report and will be used as guidance to update answers. Items that are in Green Highlight will be attached by staff. Item in Yellow Highlight will need some assistance formulating the response. Please be prepared to help answer these items. Deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>!!**

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
Indiana's Certified Local Government (CLG) Program**

**Community Name:** Monroe County

**Commission Name:** Historic Preservation Board of Review

**Reporting Period:** January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Please complete this Annual Report and submit it to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) **no later than April 30, 2020**. Please e-mail the completed report to Steve Kennedy, State CLG Coordinator at [skennedy@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:skennedy@dnr.IN.gov). Please direct any questions about this report to Steve Kennedy at 317-232-6981 or by e-mail.

**Instructions:** Please insert responses directly into this document where appropriate. Attach all supporting documentation to this form, create a single PDF, and submit it by e-mail to the address above by the deadline.

Please provide the contact information for the person completing this report.

Name / Title : Tammy Behrman, Senior Planner, Secretary of the Board of Review

Daytime Phone: (812) 349-2560

E-mail Address: [tbehrman@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:tbehrman@co.monroe.in.us)

**PART A: UPDATED INFORMATION**

**Item 1: Contact Information for the Commission's Primary Staff Person**

The National Park Service CLG webpage lists staff contact information for each CLG in the country, and requests that this information be verified and updated periodically. To assist the DHPA with this annual update exercise, please provide the following information for the primary staff person to the commission.

Name: Tammy Behrman

Title: Senior Planner

Agency Name: Monroe County Planning Department

Full Mailing Address: 501 N. Morton Street, Suite 224

Phone: (812) 349-2560

FAX: (812) 349-2967

E-mail: [tbehrman@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:tbehrman@co.monroe.in.us)



**Item 2: Chief Elected Local Official**

Name: Monroe County Commissioners

Title: Monroe County Commissioners

Full Mailing Address: 100 W. Kirkwood Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bloomington, IN 47404

**Item 3: Contact Information for Commission Chairperson (or Chairperson's Proxy)**

The DHPA normally directs many of its CLG-related e-mail communications to the commission's primary staff person AND chairperson (or another commission member).

Name of chairperson elected for 2020 : Danielle Bachant-Bell

E-mail address of chairperson\* for 2020 : [lordandbach@gmail.com](mailto:lordandbach@gmail.com)

\*ONLY if the chairperson does NOT have an active e-mail account, please provide the name and e-mail address of the vice chair or another commission member to receive e-mail communications from the DHPA.

Name of chairperson's proxy for 2020 : n/a

E-mail address of proxy for 2020 : n/a

**PART B: NARRATIVE RESPONSES****Item 4: Continuing Education Efforts**

Provide a list of the continuing education efforts or training events attended by commission members and staff during the review period. Please give the name, date, location, and a brief description of the event and clearly indicate which commission members, staff, and/or advisors attended each event. The goal is for a majority of commission members to attend one informational or educational meeting, training session, conference, or activity each year. Note: eligible events include those where the attendee is a “learner” as opposed to a “teacher, leader, facilitator, or presenter.” Please note that, in general, house tours or building tours do not qualify for continuing education credit.

(Please insert narrative response here.)

**Indiana Barn Foundation and National Barn Alliance****Bus Barn Tour and Annual Meeting**

**July 21-July 22, 2017, Hancock/Madison County and at Normandy Barn in Indianapolis, IN**

**Danielle Bachant-Bell, Duncan Campbell**

**2018 Preserving Historic Places****Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference**

**April 17-20, 2018 at Columbus, IN**

**Danielle Bachant-Bell, Duncan Campbell**

**Preservation Month – Rosemary P. Miller Lecture**

**Bringing 200 Years of Bloomington architectural heritage to life.**

**Special Presenter: Henry Glassie.**

**May 4, 2018 at Bloomington, IN**

**Duncan Campbell, Devin Blankenship, David Vanderstel, Phil Stafford, Jordan Yanke**

**Bloomington Restorations, Inc.****Annual Meeting**

**February 22, 2018 at Bloomington, IN**  
**Duncan Campbell, Devin Blankenship, Debby Reed**

**Item 5: Local Landmark Designation**

Provide a list of all properties designated as local landmarks within the commission's jurisdiction (if any) during the reporting period. If the landmark is an individual building, include the street address and building type (i.e., school, residence, commercial building, etc.). If the landmark is a district, indicate the type of district (i.e., commercial, courthouse square, residential, etc.), give the total number of contributing resources, and include a map as an attachment. If no local landmark designations were completed during the review period, indicate "None."

(Please insert narrative response here.)

**Saunders Store (Hays Grocery)**

**Historic Preservation Overlay District**

**6189 S Fairfax Road, Bloomington, IN 47401**

**Contributing Resources:**

- 1. Commercial Building, circa 1913**
- 2. Gas pumps and island**
- 3. Sign post base**







#### Item 6: National Register Activities

Provide a list of all the National Register applications for individual properties and/or districts that were received and reviewed by the commission (if any) during the review period. For each application, please give the date that it was received, the date that it was considered by the commission, a description of any local actions taken, and the date that it was approved by the commission to be forwarded to the DHPA (as may be applicable during the reporting period). If no National Register Applications were considered during the review period, indicate "None."  
(Please insert narrative response here.)

#### **National Register Nomination: Carter-Randall-Parker House**

**Date Received: January 24, 2017**

**Date considered by Board of Review: February 27, 2017**

**Description of actions taken: Approved by County Board of Commissioners by Ordinance #2017-07 on March 3, 2017**

**Date forwarded to DHPA: March 6, 2017**

#### **National Register Nomination: Milisen House**

**Date Received: January 24, 2017**

**Date considered by Board of Review: February 27, 2017**

**Description of actions taken: Approved by County Board of Commissioners by Ordinance #2017-07 on March 3, 2017**

**Date forwarded to DHPA: March 6, 2017**

**STAFF WILL COMPLETE following format above**

Tate-Tatum Farm National Registry Nomination (2018-fall)
Milisen House National Register Nomination

Please review your most recent city or county Interim Report publication and list below any potential districts that are identified but not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Also include any districts that may have been identified by the CLG and/or DHPA, if known, since publication of the Interim Report. For each identified district, please answer the following questions:

**Clear Creek Historic District, 105-115-36001-36056**

Is there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Sanders Historic District, 105-115-38001-38052**

Is there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Stanford Historic District, 105-607-41001-41021**

Is there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Victor Oolitic Stone Company Historic District, 105-115-46001-46010**

Is there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Smithville Historic District, 105-115-51001-51056**

Is there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

#### **Harrodsburg Historic District, 105-115-53001-53069**

Is there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

#### **Item 7: Local Survey Update**

Provide a detailed description of how the local survey data is kept up-to-date in terms of additions, deletions, designation changes, etc. Describe any on-going, systematic update efforts undertaken during the review period.

**As of September 2015, the IHSSI County Survey for Monroe County was made available in the SHAARD database. The Board and its staff are utilizing the SHAARD system to assist in local determinations for designation and for many other inquiries.**

#### **Item 8: Public Access and Participation**

Please indicate where (location name and street address) and when (days of the week and hours of operation) the public may inspect any commission-related documents in accordance with Indiana's Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5).

#### **Monroe County Planning Department**

**501 N. Morton Street, Suite 224**

**Bloomington, IN 47404**

**Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Many materials are available online:**

<http://www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Government/Infrastructure/PlanningDepartment/HistoricPreservation.aspx>

**or**

<https://www.co.monroe.in.us/departments/?structureid=159>

Please indicate how, where, and when commission meetings are publicized in advance, in accordance with Indiana's Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5).

**The meetings are published in the Herald Times and the Ellettsville Journal at the beginning of the year. A twelve-month schedule is also posted in the public lobby of two county government buildings, as constant notice for year round meetings. The Board's meeting**



packets are also posted on the County website one week before each meeting, and they remain on the website. A paper copy of the agenda is posted at the Planning Department at least 48 hours before meetings.

#### **Item 9: General Preservation Accomplishments**

Provide a list or summary of all preservation accomplishments sponsored or achieved by the commission during the review period. Examples include: Preservation Month and/or Archaeology Month activities, local heritage events and observances, locally hosted training events for the commission and/or the general public, plaque or marker installations, awards ceremonies, public outreach events, press releases and media events, brochures or publications produced, successful outcomes of particularly difficult or controversial COA applications, HPF grant-assisted projects completed, etc.

**This year's National Preservation Month – May 2018 – saw the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review partner with the Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission on several events. The events included the following:**

- Historic Architecture Photo Contest**
- Rosemary Miller Lecture Series with Henry Glassie**
- Indiana University Walking Tour with Jim Capshew**

**The Educational Outreach proposal in response to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, IN SHPO, and the Monroe County Commissioners was completed this year. The grant contract between INDOT and the County was signed in August 2016. The proposal included the development of an educational outreach initiative to highlight the limestone heritage of the Monroe County region. This project was spearheaded by the Board of Review partnering with twelve groups ranging from the Monroe County History Center to a curriculum-writing class at Ball State University in order to create a lasting, available resource. The multi-year, long range project has been completed as of May 2018 with the Monroe County Limestone Heritage Website going “live”. The website has been designed to accommodate teaching and learning resources, as well as links to other historical resources related to Limestone heritage. The link to the website is as follows: <http://www.monroecountylimestoneheritage.com/>**

**The Community Signage Project is an ongoing public-private initiative facilitated by the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board and supported by local citizens. Through this initiative, our historic rural communities have the opportunity to gain visibility and recognition with place name signage, which undergoes county approval and placement with materials purchased by community members. This past May, the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board was proud to host the dedication of signage for the Maple Grove Road Rural Historic District. This year also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the listing of the Maple Grove Road Rural Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.**

The Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review previously received financial assistance from the Monroe County Commissioners in a local historic preservation project to work to relocate a handmade limestone arch. Hack's Arch was formerly located on Vernal Pike, and it was required to be relocated due to I-69 construction. Thanks to the Board's work and assistance from the Parks Department over the past couple years, Hack's Arch was rededicated in April 2018. The rededication ceremony took place at 4140 W Vernal PIKE in Monroe County, meaning the arch found a new home just down the road from its original location.

## **PART C: STATISTICAL RESPONSES**

### **Item 10: Certificate of Approval Statistics**

Please account for all COA applications received so that the number reported for G equals the sum of the numbers reported for A through F. (Please check your math.)

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|----|---|------------|
| A. | Number of COA applications approved without conditions                        | : <b>2</b> |
| B. | Number of COA applications approved with conditions                           | :          |
| C. | Number of COA applications denied   | :          |
| D. | Number of COA applications withdrawn  | :          |
| E. | Number of COA applications tabled, NOT considered during the review period    | :          |
| F. | Other (please explain below if any)   | :          |
| G. | <u>Total number of all COA applications</u> received during the review period | : <b>3</b> |

Does the Commission routinely announce and/or publish these statistics in order to help demystify the process for the public?

- [ ] Yes            If yes, please describe how and when this is done.  
[ **X** ] No            If not, please consider adopting this practice within the current year.

### **Item 11: Other Commission Information**

Does the commission have organizational membership in the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC)?

- [ **X** ] Yes  
[ ] No            If no, please consider joining in the current year.

Check if applicable:

- [ ] Staff person has individual membership in NAPC  
[ ] One or more commission members have individual membership in NAPC

Does the commission hold an annual retreat or planning meeting for its members and staff to review accomplishments and lessons learned, identify and set new goals, and/or plan special events?

- [**X**] Yes            If yes, please give a brief description of it below.  
[ ] No            If no, please consider starting this practice in the current year.

**Staff and Board members discuss the previous years' accomplishments and lessons at a meeting in January. We also discuss new immediate goals and work program, along with more long-term goals and timelines.**

Does the commission have a mission statement?

- [**X**] Yes            If yes, please insert it below.  
[ ] No            If no, please consider adopting one in the current year.

**The Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review was established in 2001 to promote the educational, cultural, economic, aesthetic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of historic or architecturally worthy buildings, structures, sites, and neighborhoods that are significant at the local level.**



Does the commission have a Code of Ethics?

☐ Yes      If yes, please attach a copy of it to this report.

☒ No      If no, please consider adopting/adapting the Code of Ethics of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). Contact NAPC to learn more.

Does the commission have its own website that is separate and distinct from the municipality's main/general web page?

☒ Yes      List Web address here: <https://www.facebook.com/MCHPB>

☐ No

## **PART D: ATTACHMENTS**

### **Item 12: Letter of Commitment (this will need Danielle's signature-logistics to be determined)**

Provide a letter that:

- 1.) Is printed on the municipal government's letterhead;
- 2.) States the municipal government's commitment to fulfill the duties and responsibilities delegated to it in Section 4(A-G) of *Indiana's Certified Local Government Regulations* for purposes of protecting cultural resources;
- 3.) States the commission's commitment to providing for public access and participation in accordance with Indiana's Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5);
- 4.) States the commission's commitment to having a majority of its members attend at least one informational or educational meeting, training session, conference, or activity each year;
- 5.) States the municipal government's commitment to finding citizens with a demonstrated interest, competence, and/or knowledge of historic preservation whenever filling vacancies on the commission, including appointing professional members from the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, preservation planning, American studies, art history, cultural geography, archaeology, and/or cultural anthropology, to the extent that such individuals are available within the community;
- 6.) **Is signed by the chief elected official AND the current chairperson of the Commission.**

**[ATTACHED]**

### **Item 13: List of Commission Members**

Provide an up-to-date list that includes the following information:

- Commission Chair – name and term expiration date;
- Commission Members – name and term expiration date for each member;
- Commission Vacancies – give the number of vacant seats on the commission, if any;
- Advisory Members – list the name and organizational affiliation of each advisory member, if any.

**[ATTACHED]**

### **Item 14: Updates to Commission Documents**

If any NEW documents have been prepared (or older documents have been revised and updated) and adopted by the commission during the reporting period, please provide them as separate electronic attachments to this report:

- **Rules of Procedure or Bylaws;**
- Code of Conduct;
- Code of Ethics;
- District Design Guidelines;
- Any other pertinent documents related to the routine operation of the commission (please do not include copies of recent HPF Grant applications; we already have those on-file).

**[ATTACHED – Rules of Procedure]**

**Item 15: Commission Meeting Agendas, Staff Reports, and Meeting Minutes**

For the Commission meeting held in May during the reporting period, please attach the meeting agenda, staff report(s), and the meeting minutes. If a meeting was not held that month, please substitute the documents from the previous or following monthly commission meeting held. If more than one meeting was held in the month, submit documents for just one of the meetings during the month – not both.

**[ATTACHED: May 2019 Meeting Packet (Includes Meeting Agenda, Staff Report for Reference, and April Meeting Minutes as Agenda Item) and May 2019 Meeting Minutes]**