# Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review



May 18, 2020 5:30 p.m.

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## Agenda

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, May 18, 2020 5:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
  - a) Approval of Meeting Minutes April 20, 2020

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- 2) Old Business Board Discussion
  - A. 2002-REZ-05 Stafford Historic Preservation (HP) Overlay Rezone PAGE 5

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 May 30, 2020 (extension requested)

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- 3) New Business: none
- 4) Other Member Updates or ItemsA) Work Plan items or other business

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5) Adjournment

## **NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined**

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## Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review

## Minutes –draft REGULAR MEETING

**Teleconference Link:** 

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## Bloomington, IN 47404 Monday, April 20, 2020

Attendees: Danielle Bachant-Bell, Debby Reed, Doug Wilson, Duncan Campbell, Don Maxwell,

Polly Root Sturgeon

Absent: Donn Hall, Devin Blankenship, Amanda Richardson

Staff: Tammy Behrman, Michelle Dayton from Tech Services to assist with Zoom meeting

Public: Phil Stafford

1) Call to Order 5:37pm \*This meeting was recorded.

## 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) February 24, 2020

Bachant-Bell: Comments or changes? Two items.

Campbell: move to approve

Maxwell: second

Approved unanimously 6-0

## 3) Old Business - Board Discussion

a) Work Plan items or other business

Bachant-Bell: Covid-19 policies are basically having all large gatherings canceled. Limestone Festival-canceled, Drystone Workshop -postponed (no date set yet). Many of our work items are postponed as well.

Behrman: Should I edit Limestone Heritage website to update schedule of events? Yes.

Bachant-Bell: Alexander Memorial had a funding issue that has been addressed and is still proceeding.

## 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.

Behrman: Presented the staff report. Edits were made to the staff report for accuracy.

Bachant-Bell: I know we have these differences in definitions for 'structures.' The report should reflect all the historic structures that were shown in the petitioner's pictures. It seems there are three buildings and roughly six contributing structures or objects such as the cess pool, gate, concrete fence post...

Campbell: It would be good to include the locations of these items on the site map.

[Discussion of wellhouse/pumphouse determination]

[Discussion of documenting non-contributing structures for clarity... like the potting shed]

Behrman: Staff will work with petitioner for more accurate map with compete inventory of historic structures.

Stafford: The barn restoration project is almost to a point where I will need some guidance on the exterior of the structure. We want it to be habitable and it will need more windows and other alterations. I want to work with the group so the Certificate of Accuracy can be obtained.

Campbell: Alter exterior as little as possible. I have some barn restoration books that you can borrow regarding the design considerations.

[Discussion regarding meeting schedule this petition will follow and the impact of Covid-19 policy for public meeting open door policy]

Campbell: Motion to continue the Stafford Rezone petition so a map identifying all structures can be reviewed by the Board.

Root Sturgeon: Second.

Approved 6-0.

B. **CLG Annual Report** – Due April 30, 2020; worked on the report with staff and the six members. Much progress was made but there were several sections incomplete and

Behrman: Staff can email Steve Kennedy with DNR to request an extension on the deadline currently set for April 30, 2020. Thirty 30 days should be enough to accommodate report details and signatures for letter.

Campbell: Motion to have staff email for the 30 day extension of the CLG report deadline.

Root Sturgeon: Second.

Approved 6-0.

5) Adjournment: 7:41pm

## **NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2020**

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## MONROE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD OF REVIEW May 18, 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 24

**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 Contributing
- 6. Barn Restoration Project submitted by Petitioner

## RECOMMENDATION

## Staff is withholding a recommendation until the May 18, 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 buildings to be considered are as follows: residential double-pen home constructed in 1840 (addition in 1990), transverse 3-bay barn constructed between 1890-1900, and corn crib (date unknown) and eight contributing structures. The petition site was 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 met April 20, 2020. A few edits were made to the staff report for accuracy. Discussion settled on including not only the three buildings on the petition site but also eight structures (contributing objects) on the site. The Board requested staff to work with the petitioner for an updated site plan identifying the additional historic structures for clearer documentation (following page). The Board voted 6-0 to continue this agenda item until the May 18, 2020 Historic Preservation Board of Review meeting with staff reporting to the Plan Commission the Board's recommendation the following day at the May 19, 2020 Plan Commission meeting.

## **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 Buildings:

- 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)

## The site contains the following Structures (contributing objects);

- A. Wellhouse / Pumphouse
- B. Brick-lined Cess Pool
- C. Glass insulators /utility pole
- D. Historic gravel driveway
- E. Field gate
- F. Concrete fence posts
- G. Cement fish pond
- H. Mailbox post (mailbox in storage)

## The site contains the following non-contributing building:

- Potting shed; 1990 (12'x12')
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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



## **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 Contraints Overlay Area 3 (ECO3) for Lake Monroe. Other adjacent properties are zone Conservation Residential (CR) The use is currenly 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 <u>one or more</u> 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.

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** 

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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** 

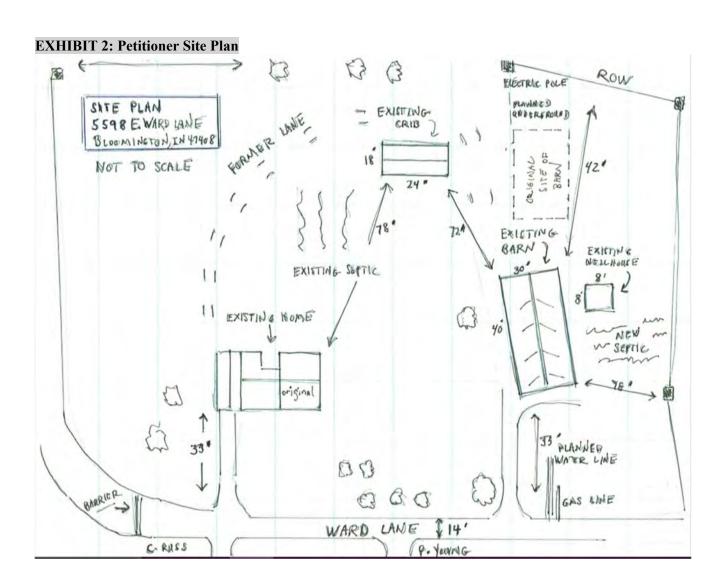
Larry J. Wilson, Planning Director:

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 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 become 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: <a href="https://www.farmcollector.com/farm-shows/delco-light-">https://www.farmcollector.com/farm-shows/delco-light-</a> 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 camelback 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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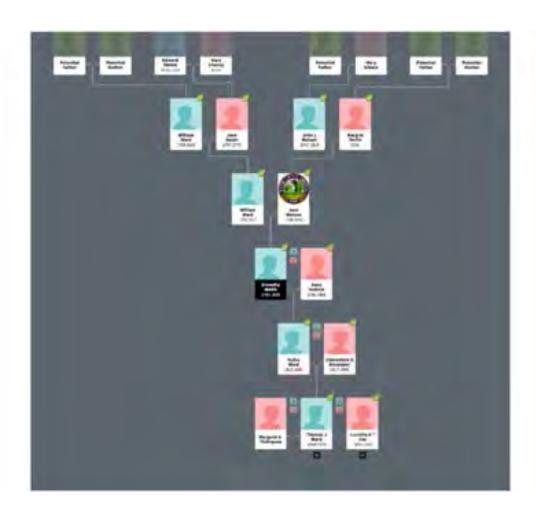


Clementine Alexander, wife of Rufus Ward, was granddaughter of Agnes Brewster

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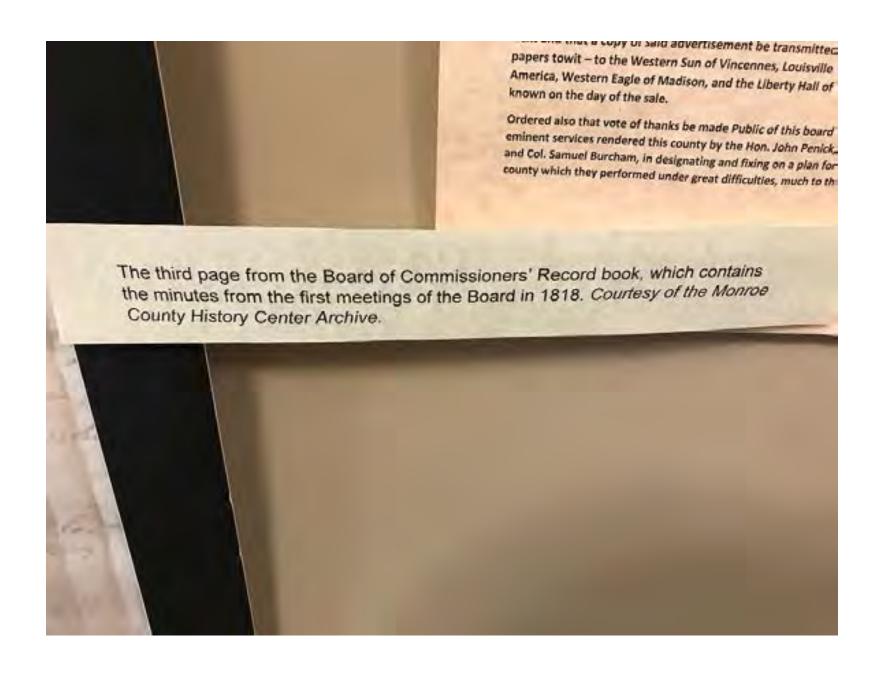


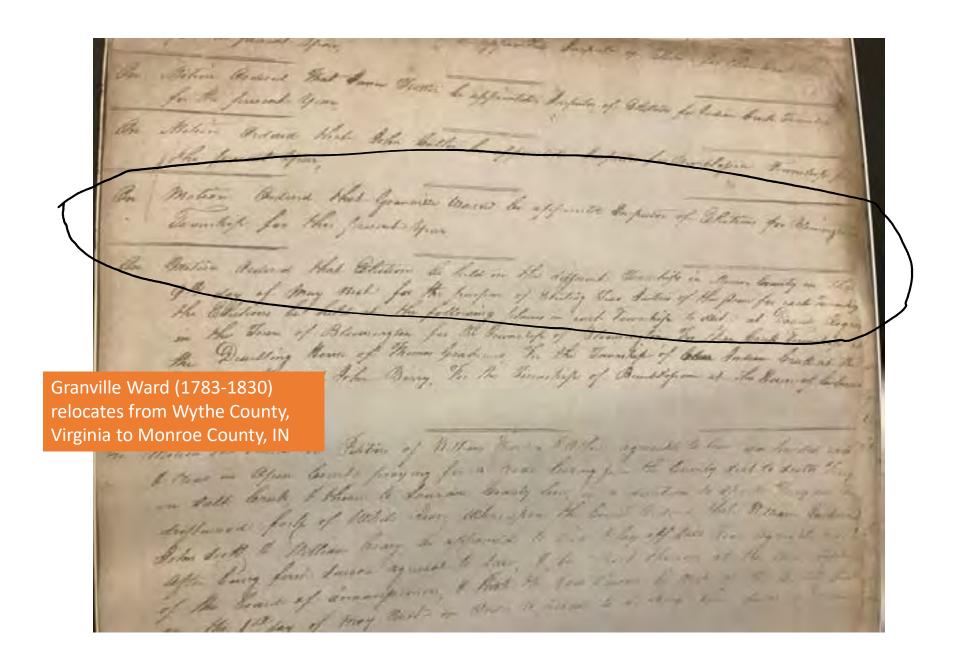
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Lucretia (Addie) Cox was spouse of Thomas Jefferson Ward and cousin to John B. Cox, notable in attached narrative.







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Memorial to the Brewster sisters at Dunn Cemetery





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



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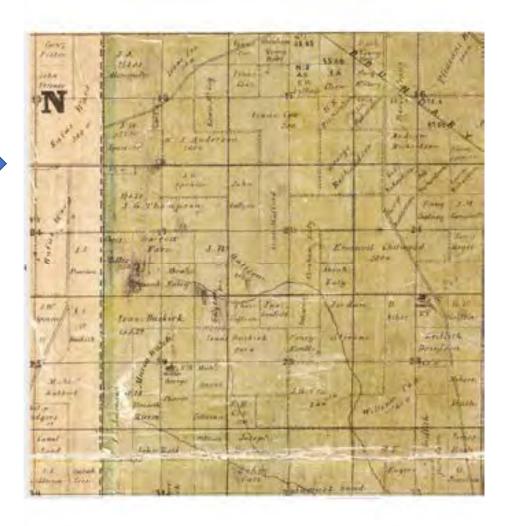
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Cornelius Mershon, uncle to Clementine Deborah Alexander Ward. Mershon was infamous as a slave catcher.



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



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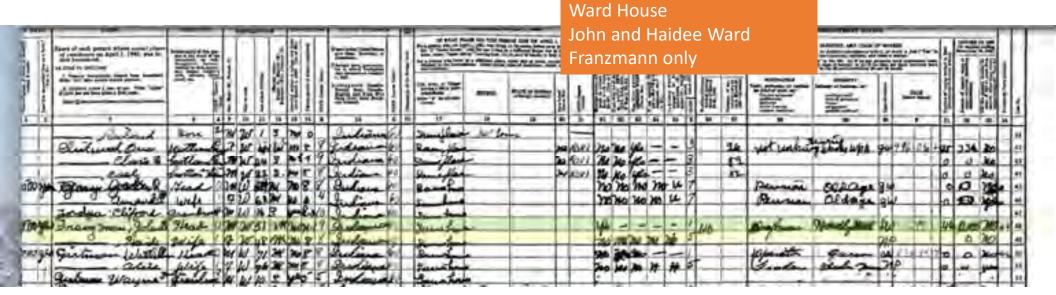
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Ward House (25030) It is thought that when Rufus Word bought this property in 1855 the two-story brick house had already been built. While its form is thoroughly vernacular, the Flemish bond brickwisek on the facule reports a certain sophistication on the part of the builder. The stone limits and sills and the front purch are twentieth century additions. The houn frame burn and crib are also of historic interest.

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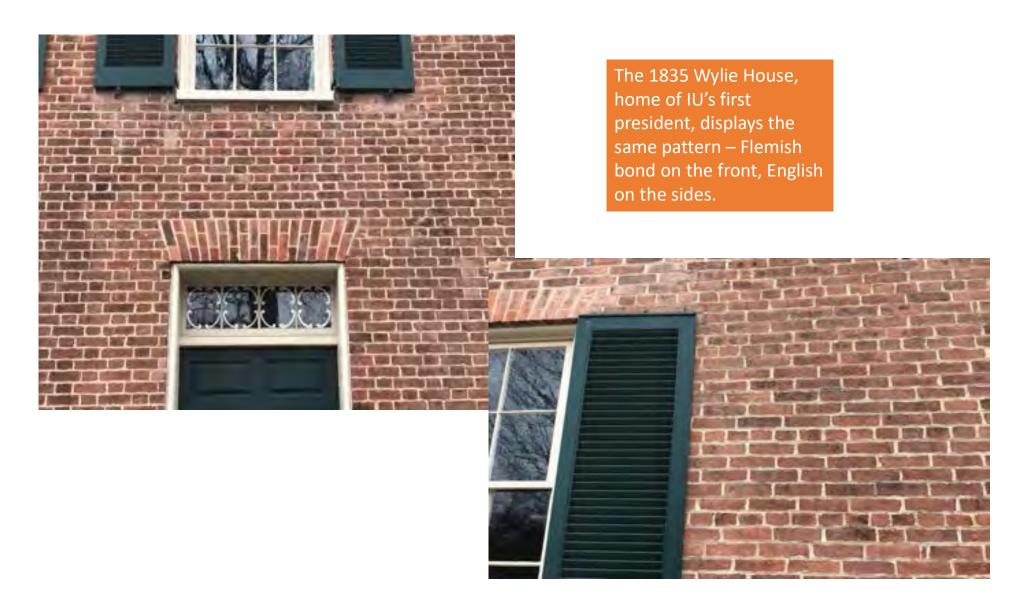
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Note Flemish bond brickwork on the front of the house. Fancier and more labor intensive than English or common bond on the sides. In Flemish, each course has alternating "headers and stretchers". In the latter (right side of the photo) 5 to 6 courses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





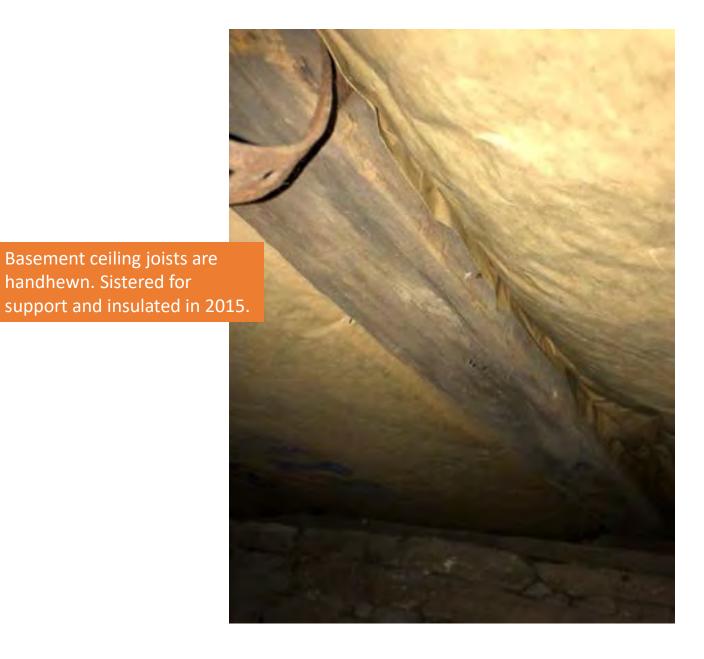
Albert Ward admitted about 1988 that he had carved his initials into the south side of the house at around age 10.

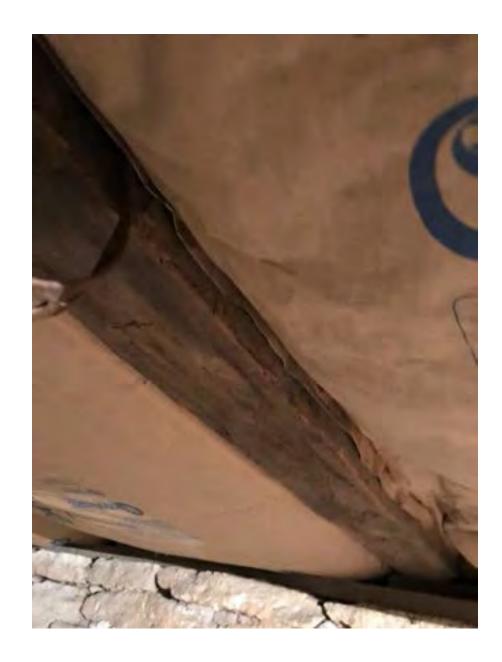


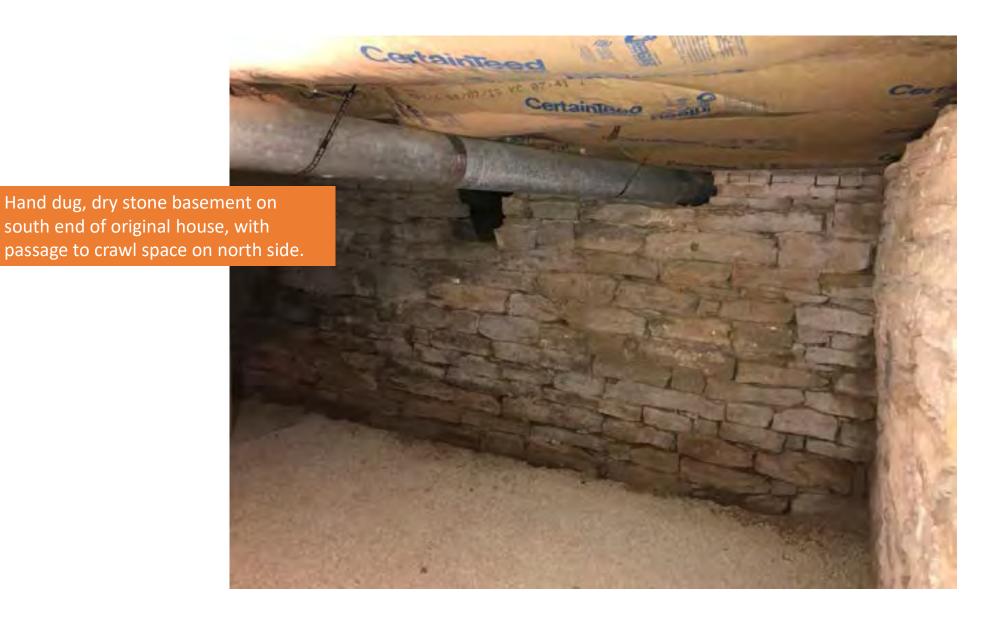
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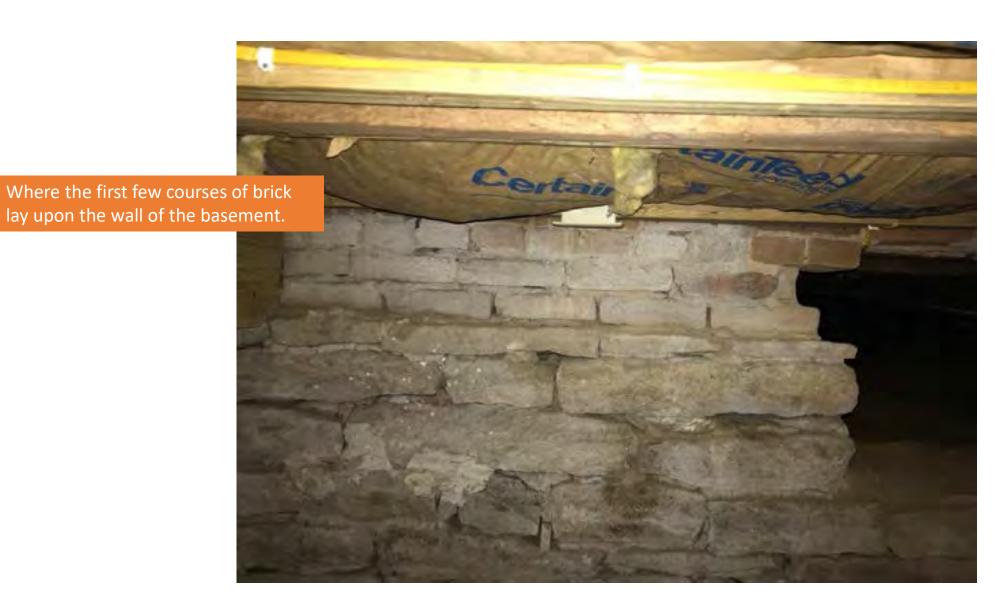
Albert Ward, in 1988, told of the time his grandfather (Thomas Jefferson Ward) lost control of his shotgun (about 1912) while trying to shoo swallows from the chimney. The mortar repairs are still evident, if a little primitive.













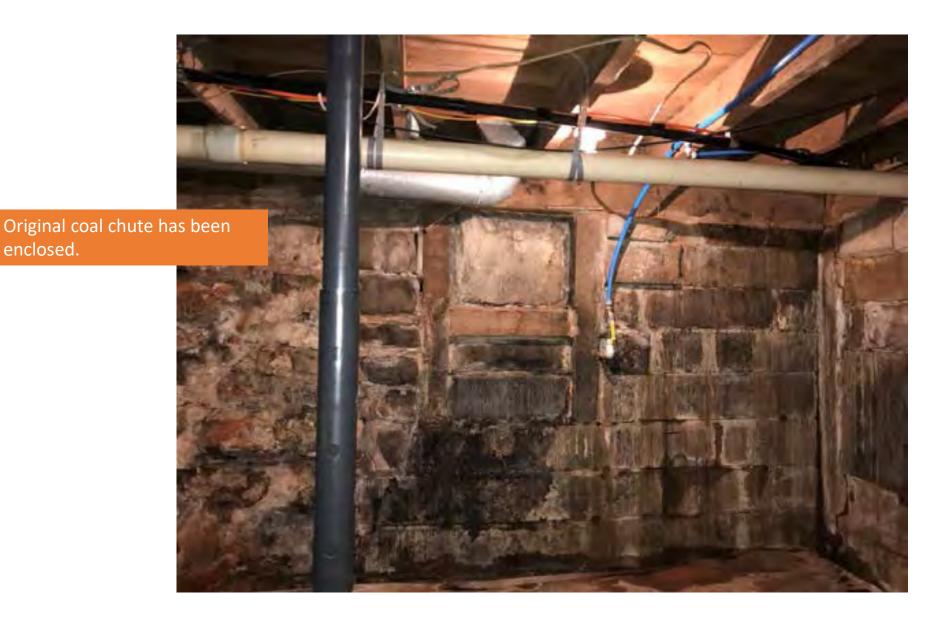




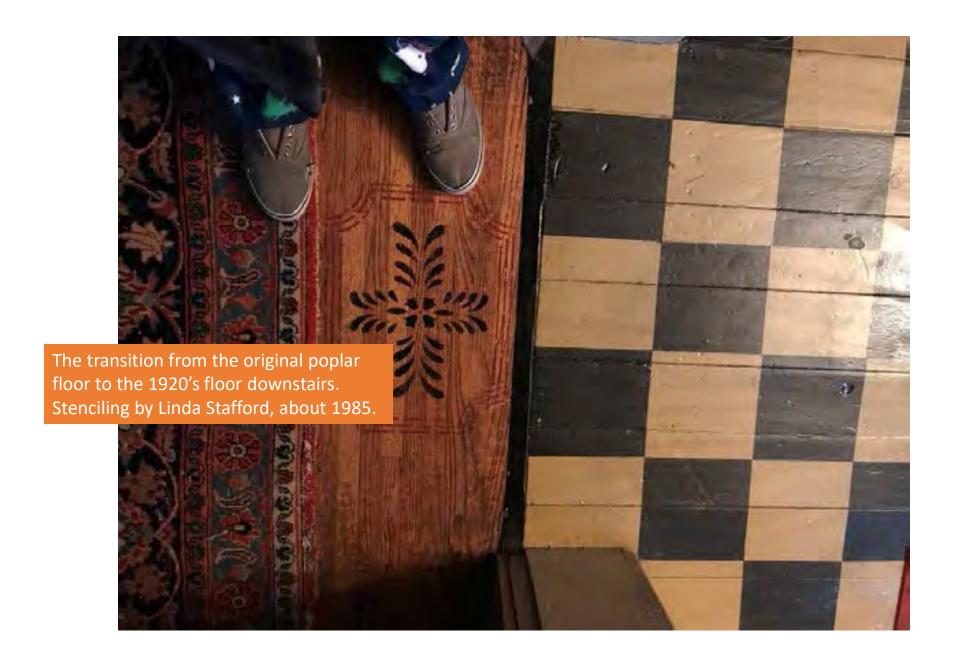
Original water heater

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

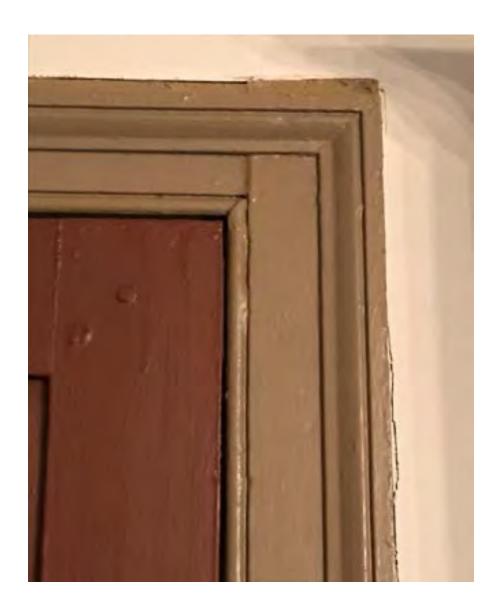




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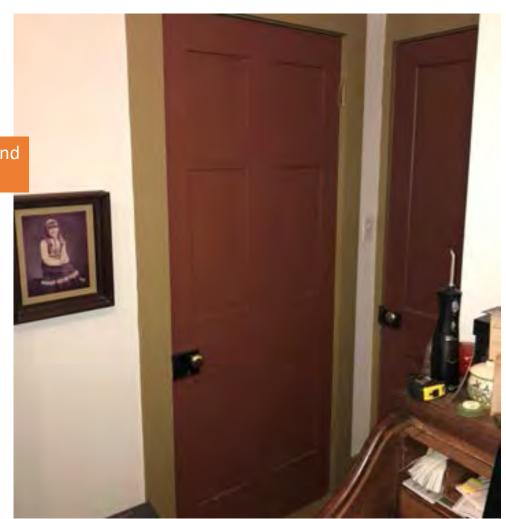


Beadwork around original door in southwest room.

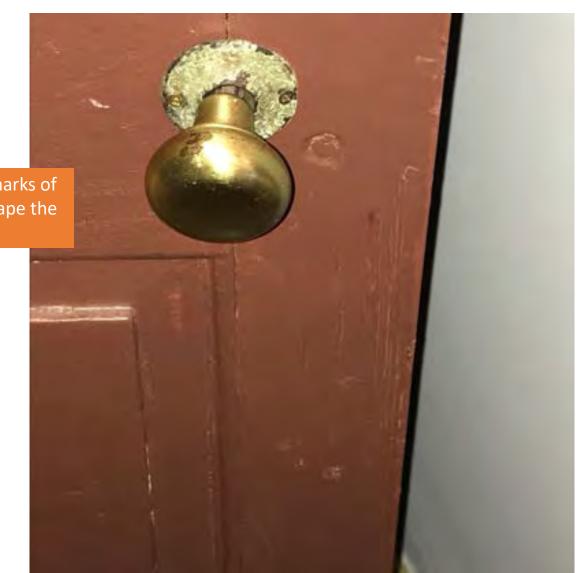


Original exterior door on south east side. Duplicate found in barn and used in 1989 addition upstairs.

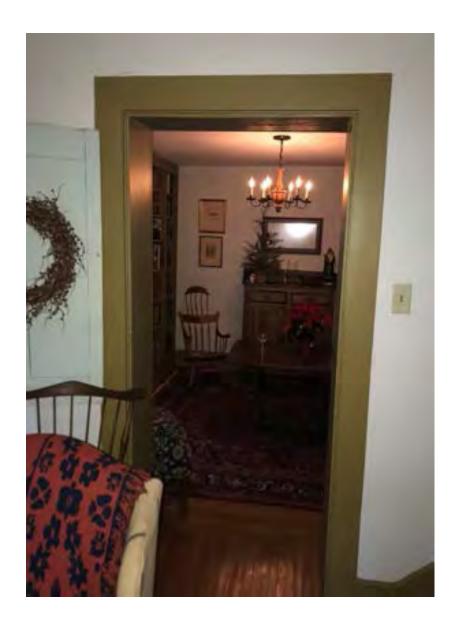




Original door found in barn and reinstalled in 1989 addition.

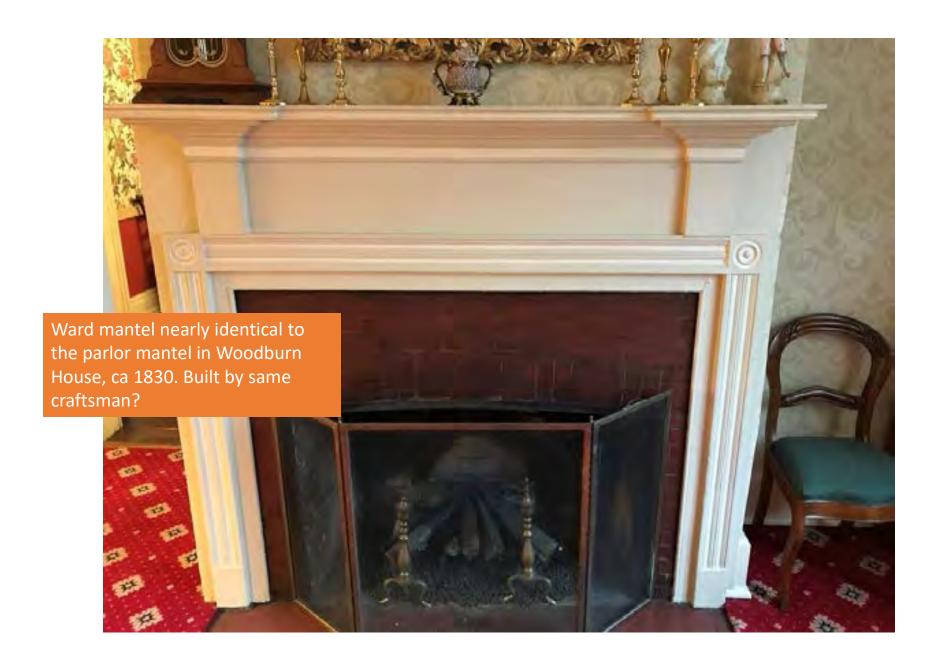


Reinstalled door retains claw marks of an early farm dog trying to escape the cold or catch a bite of scrap. Original exterior door on northeast exit. Beadwork covered with later installation of interior woodwork in 1920's.



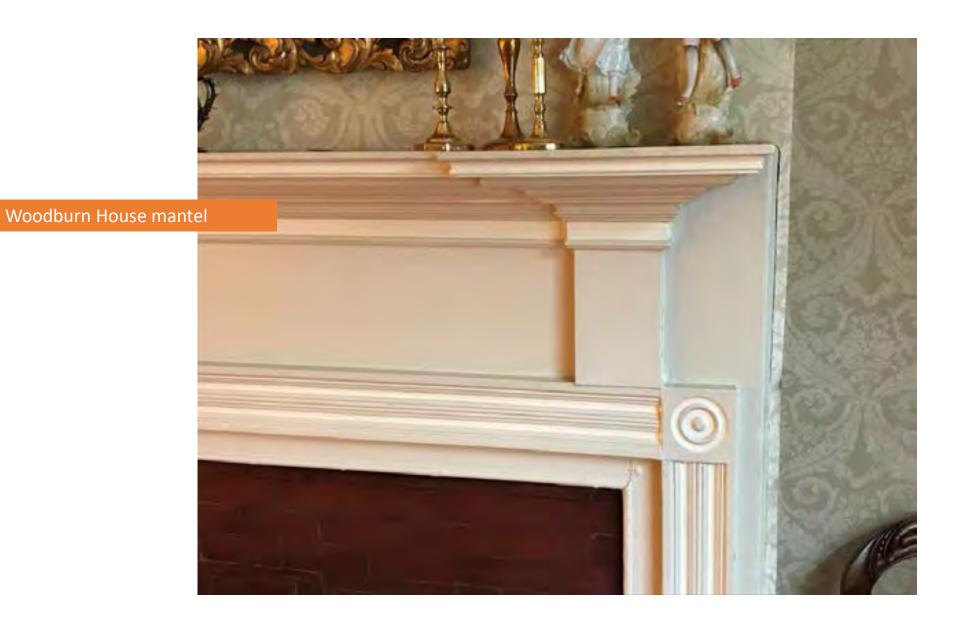


Brickwork not original, though original mantel was reinstalled, ca 1930's.

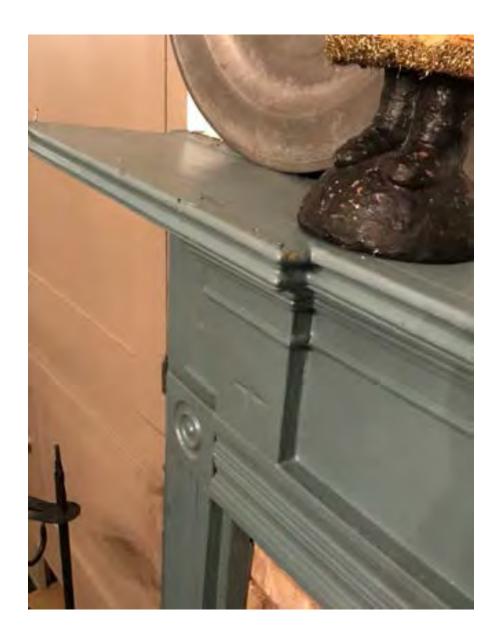


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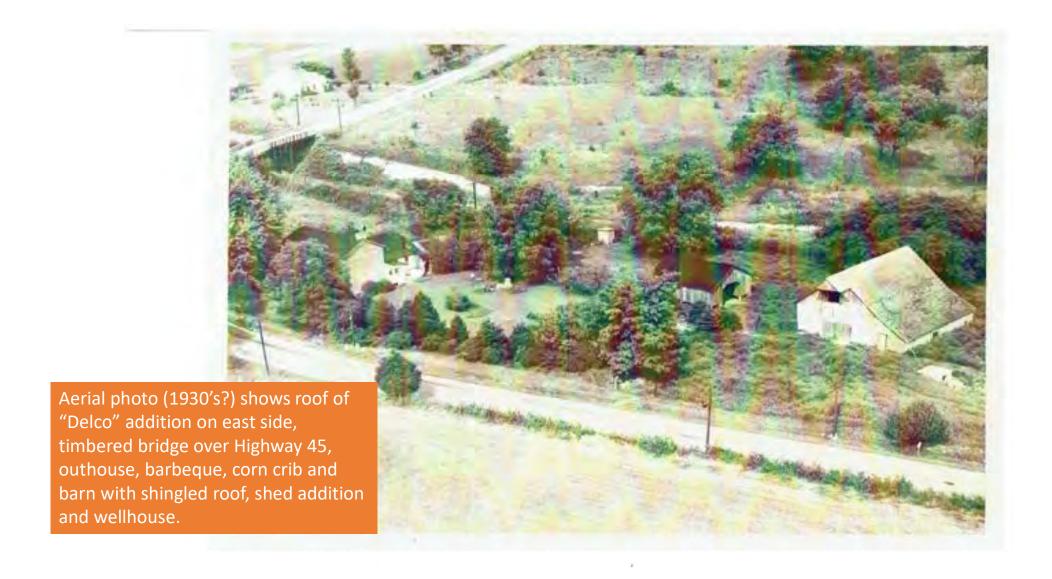


Woodburn House mantel

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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.





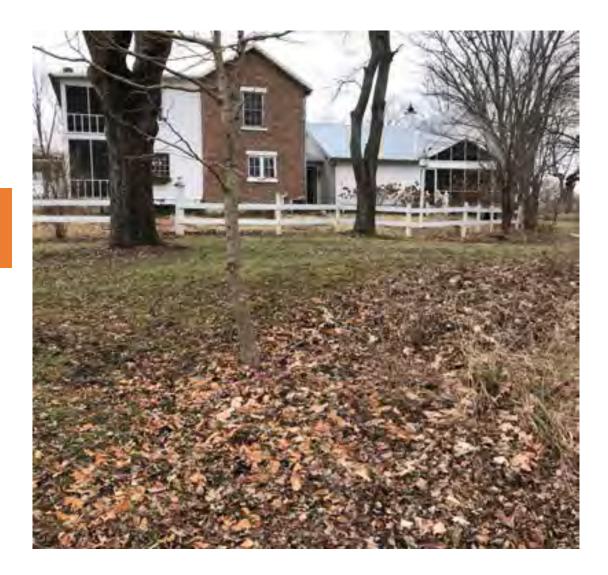
Bathtub sized fish pond likely built by John Franzmann remains unrepaired. Surrounded by limestone slabs and decorative geodes.



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.





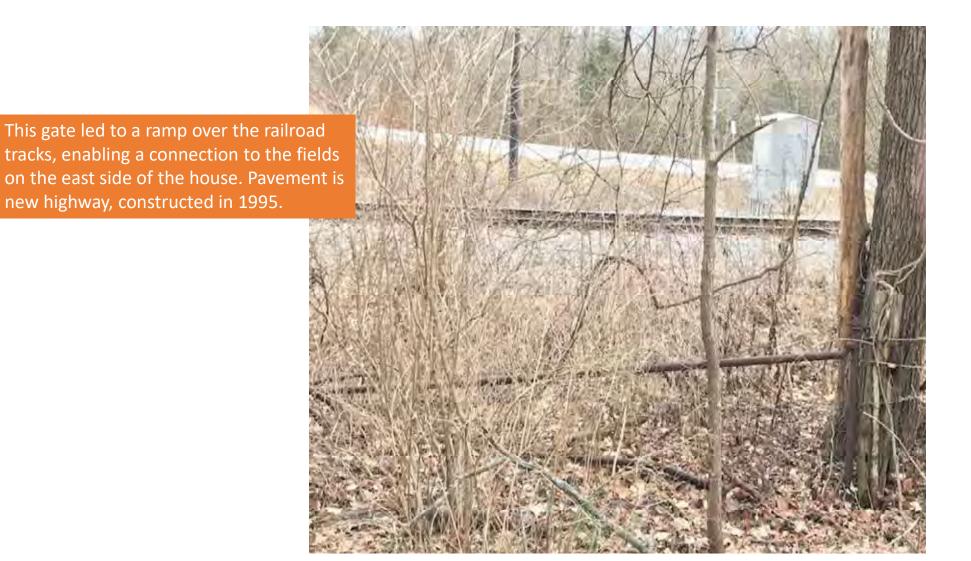


Until the 2010 addition, this gravel driveway on the east side of the house could still be used.



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





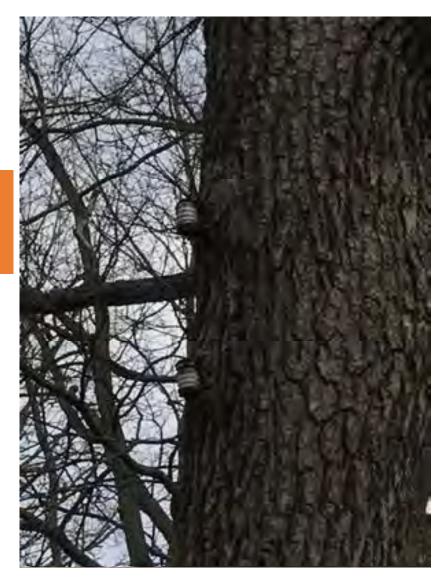
Concrete fence posts date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> C. and were often made by the farmer from his own molds, according to <a href="https://jcharles00.wordpress.com/2016/09/05/concrete-fence-posts/">https://jcharles00.wordpress.com/2016/09/05/concrete-fence-posts/</a>



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)



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)

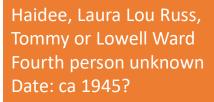


Potting shed, constructed ca 1990, reframed ca 2014.



## The house begins to change

Unknown date
Few trees on south side
No evergreens







Approx. 1980





Approximately 2010



of transom

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

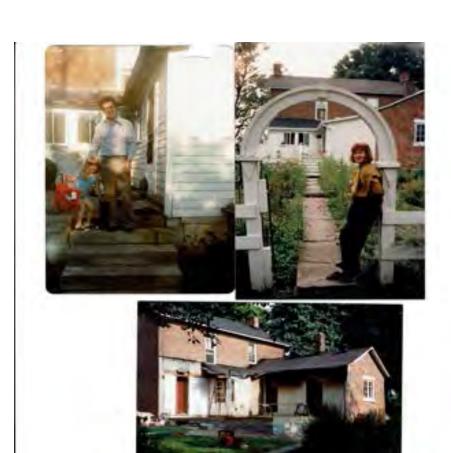
Back porch cistern appliance still intact. Water can be diverted to cistern or ground. Approx. 1979.

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

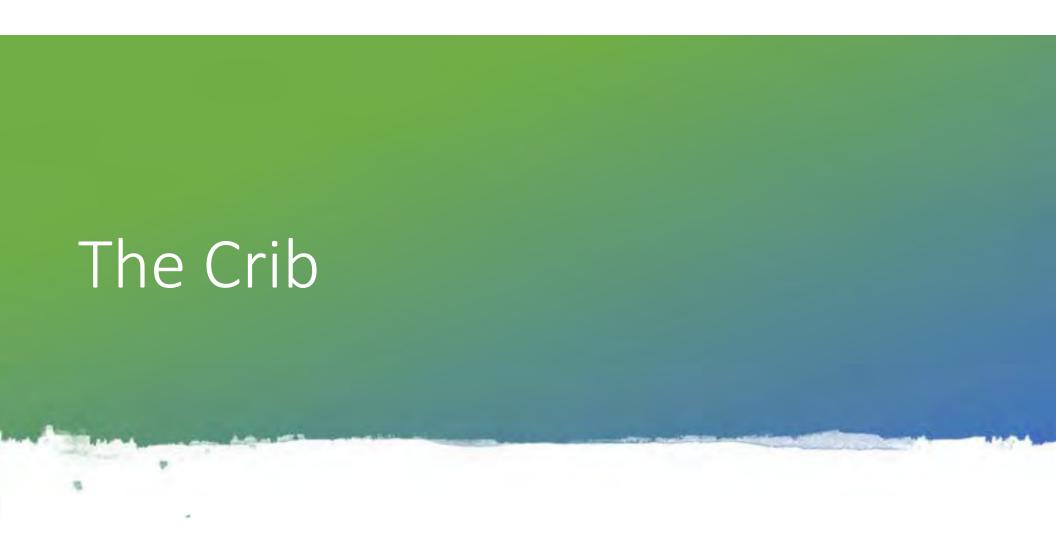


Second story brick addition, brick obtained from First Saturday Lumber, came from razed Spencer, IN jailhouse.

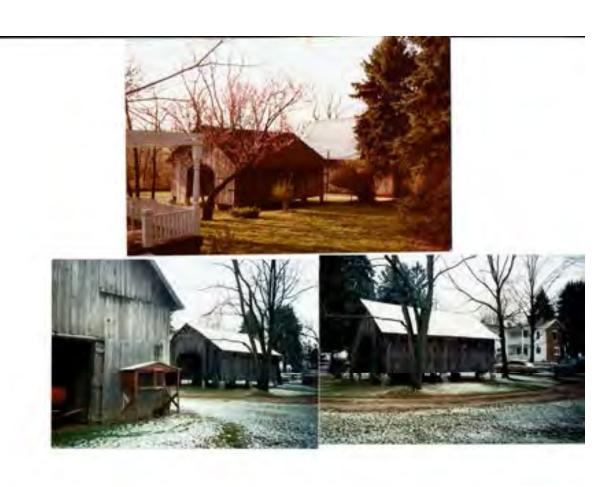


Job completed, 1990.





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 cupula rebuilt by Aaron McDaniel.







#### Present day



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### **SHAARD**

#### IHSSI (County Survey)



Survey Number: 105-639-20156

Rating: Contributing

Historic Name: Ward Farmstead

Year Dataset Compiled: 2014

National Register File

Number:

#### **Survey County**

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Address: 5598 E Ward Ln

City: -

Location Notes: -

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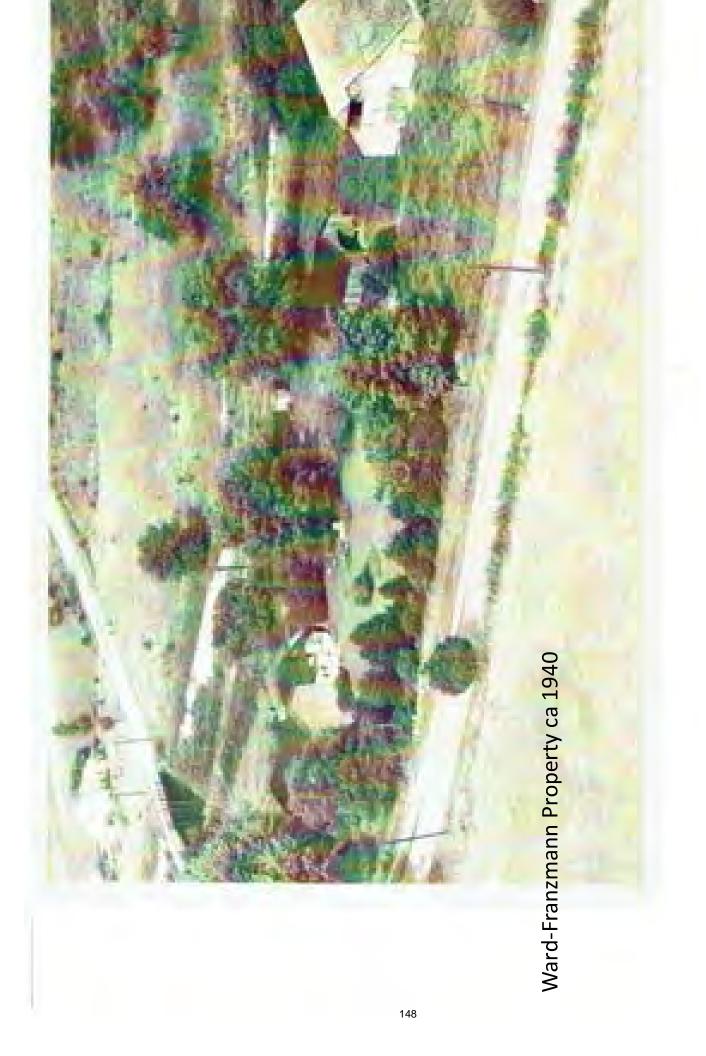
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-	-		-	
Replacement				
Windows:	Roof:	abla		
	Description:			
		F 3 . 3		
Additions				
Siding:	☐ Wings:	$\checkmark$		
Other:				
Removals:				
Stories				
1:	1 1/2:	2:	<b>☑</b> 2 1/2:	
Other:				
Plan				
Rectangular:	✓ Polygonal:			
L:	□ T:	□ X:	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:	-			
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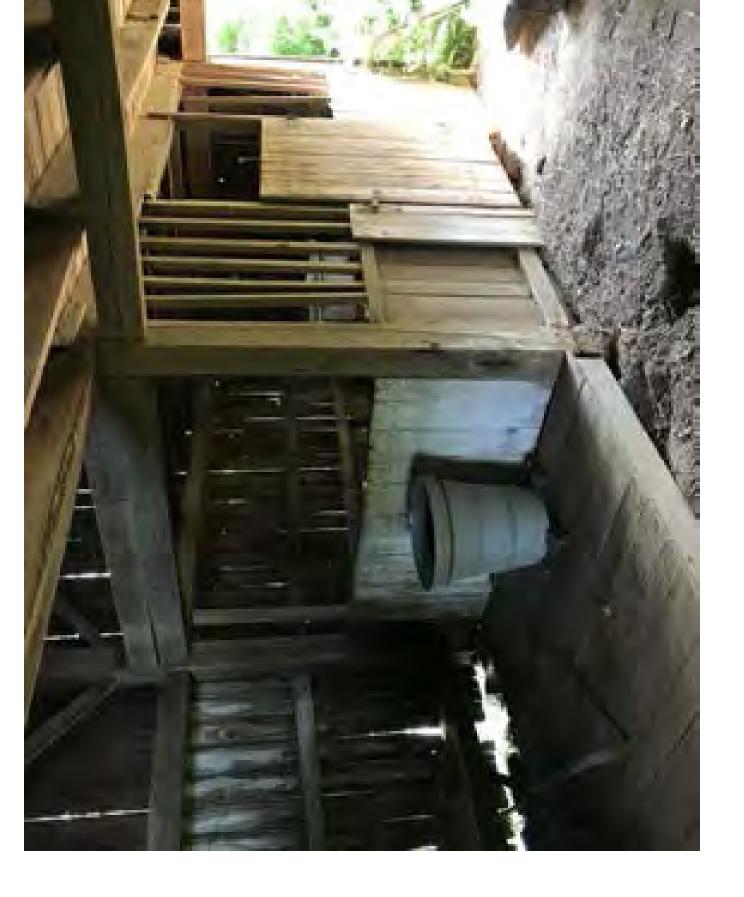
D. J.				
Porches				
Front:	☑ Side: ☐ Back: ☐			
Notes:	Replaced partial-span porch is a 20th century addition			
Openings:	Six-over-six wood sash windows with limestone sills and lintels throughout. Two front doors, each with limestone lintel.			
Interior:	-			
Outbuildings:	Shed, Transverse-frame 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	e: 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 evely-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.			

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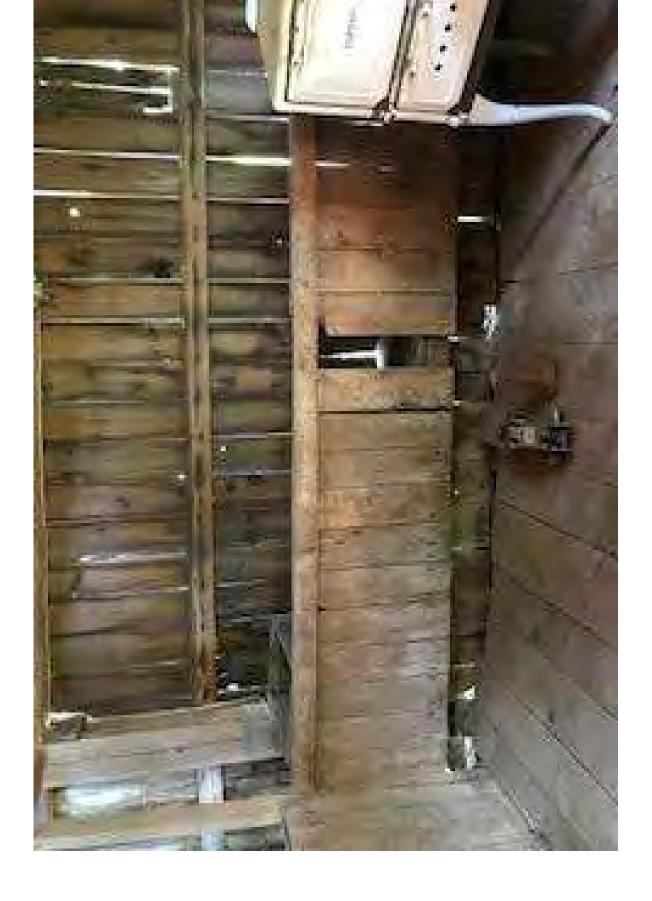
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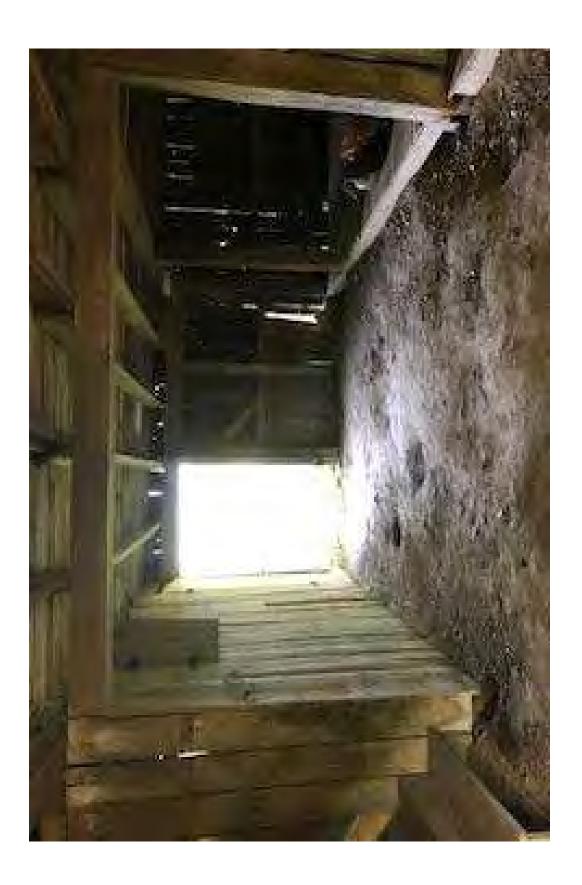


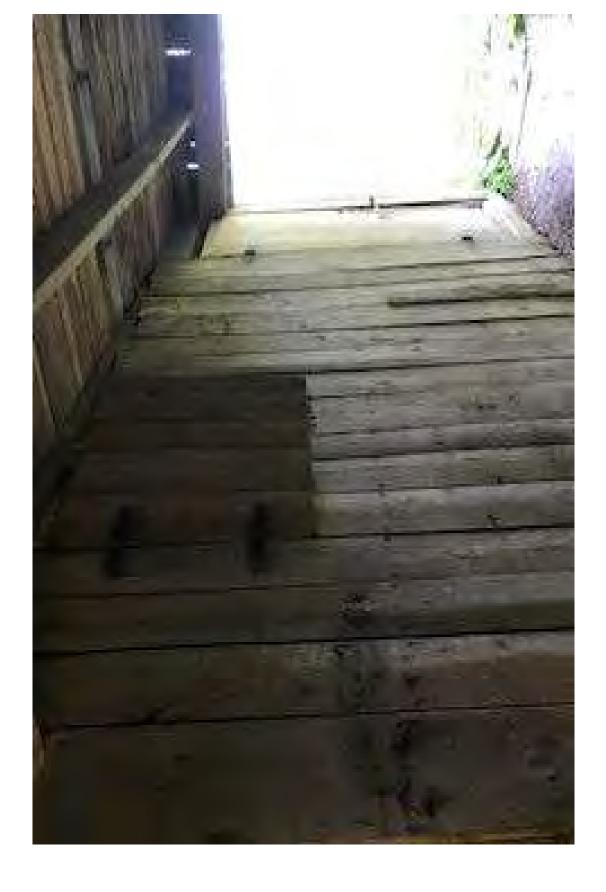










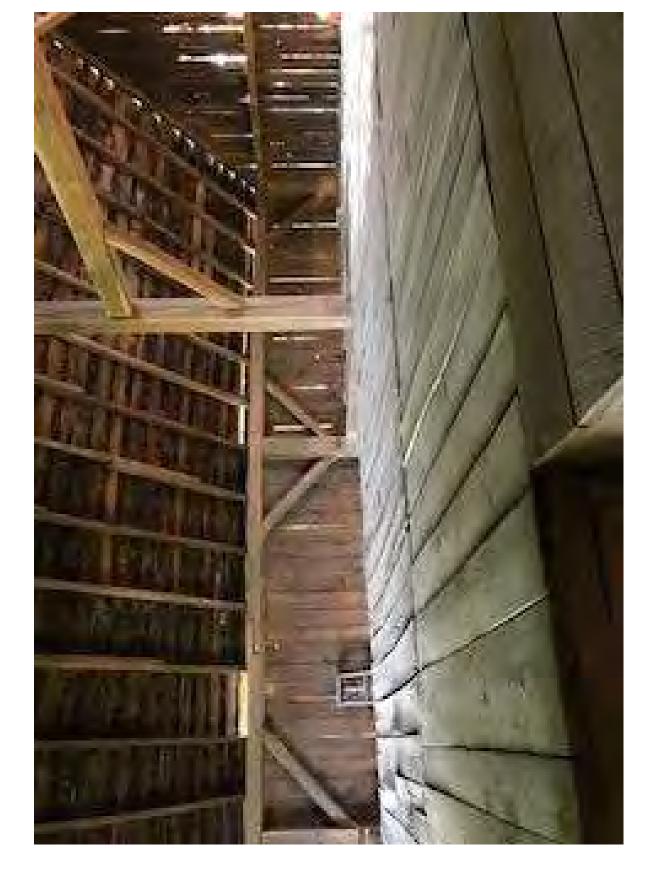


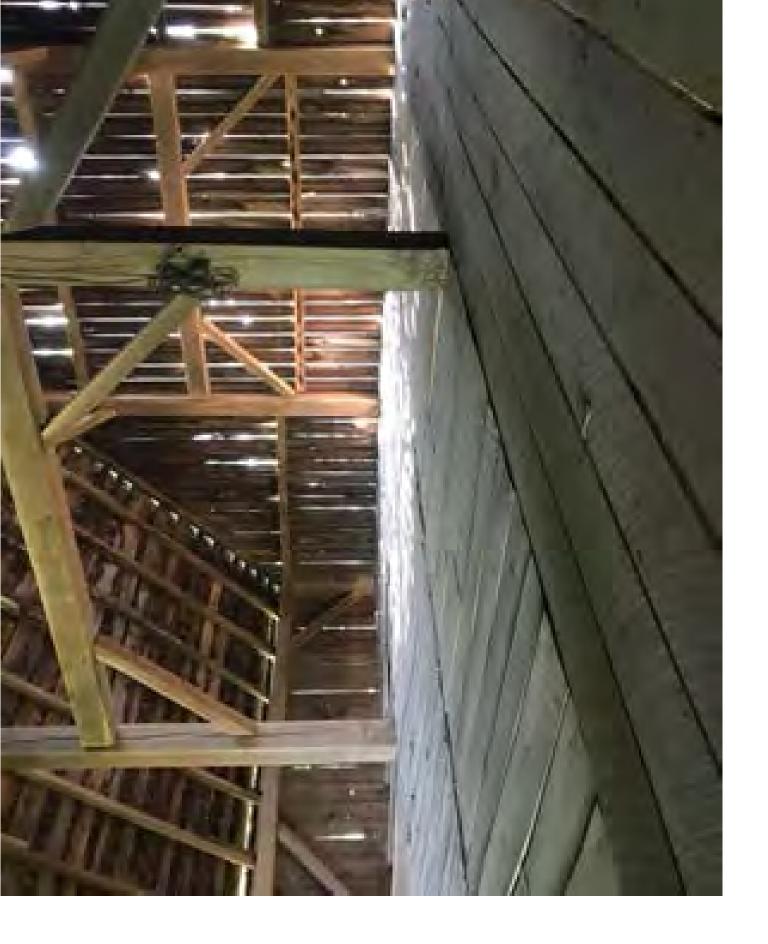


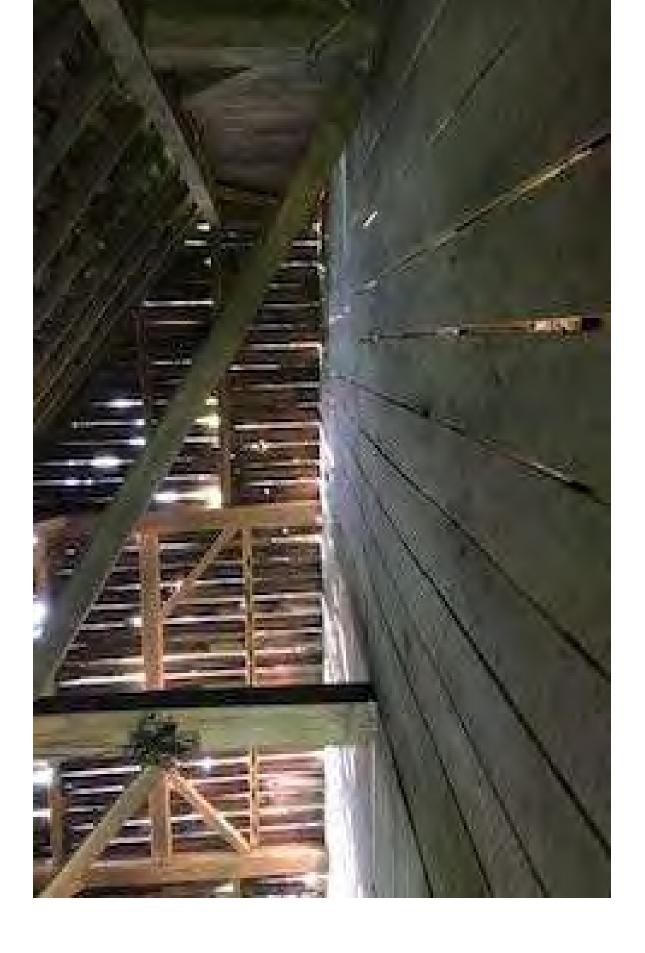










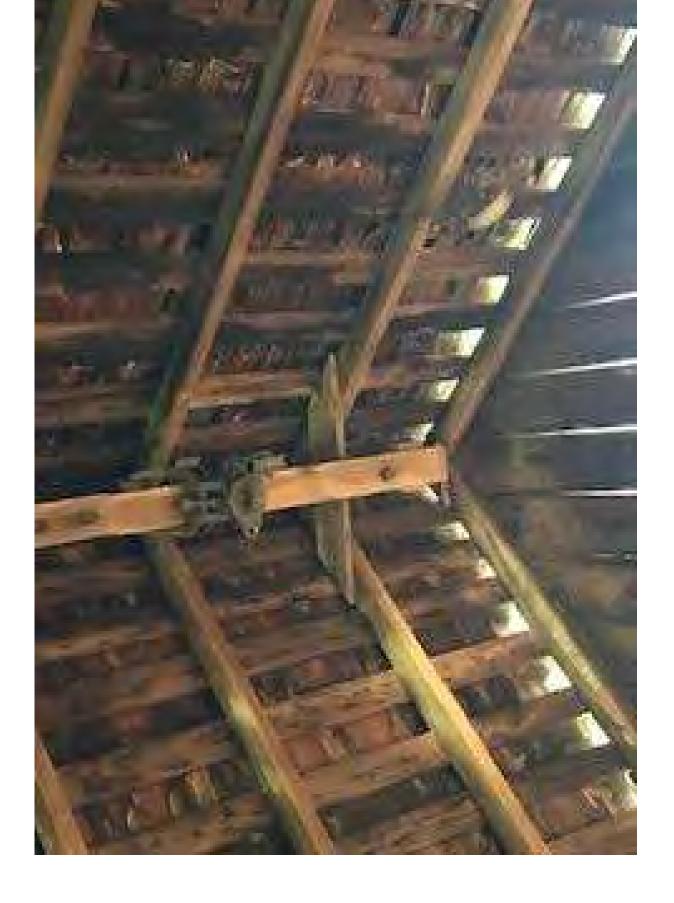




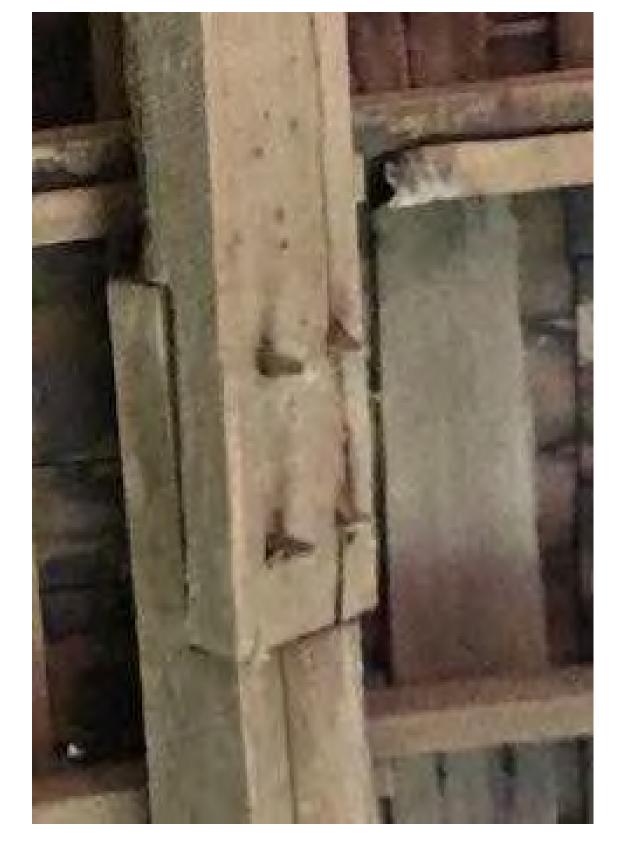


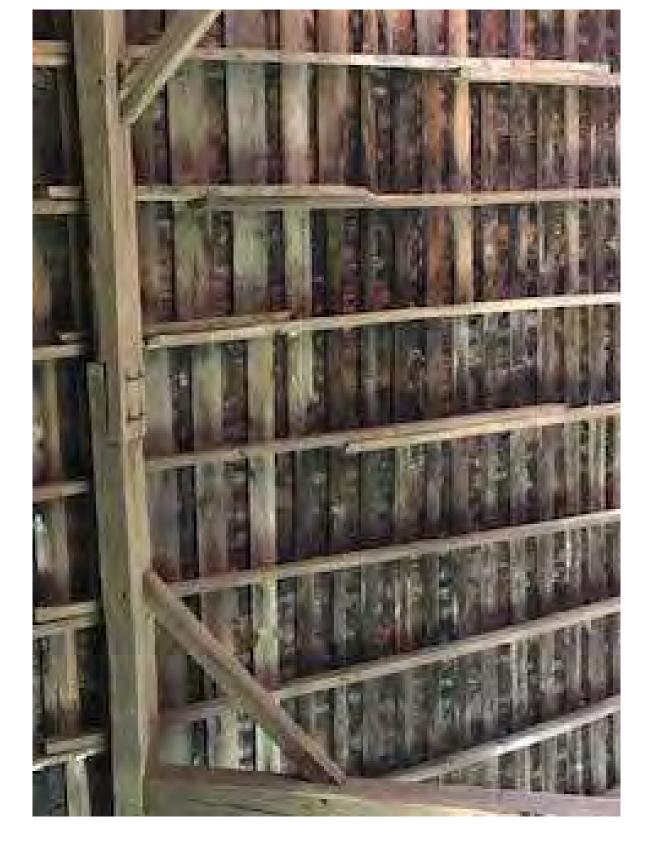


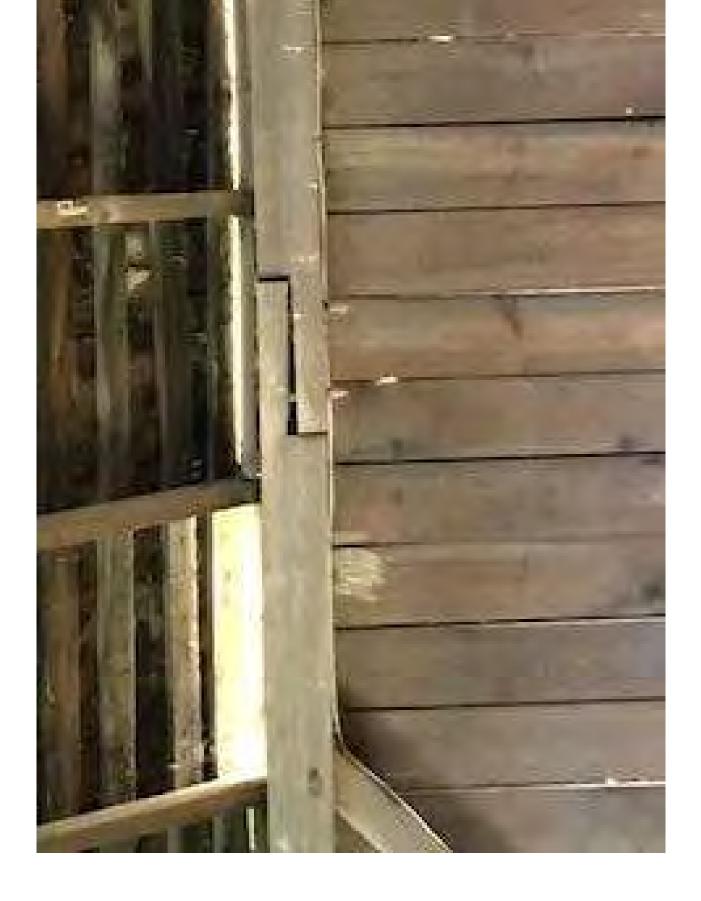


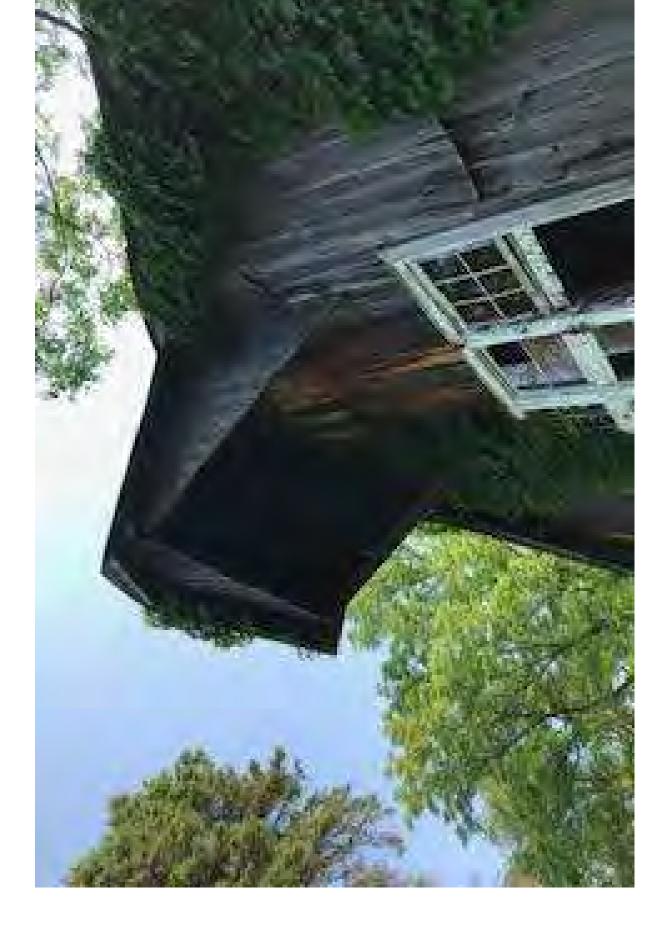




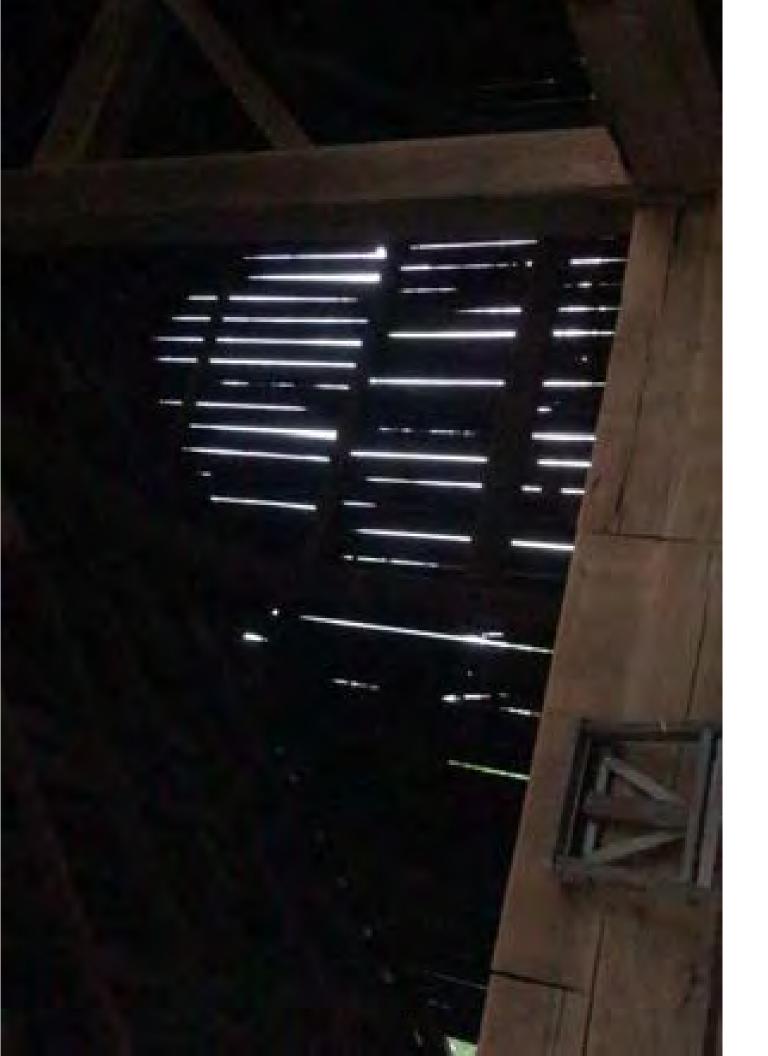










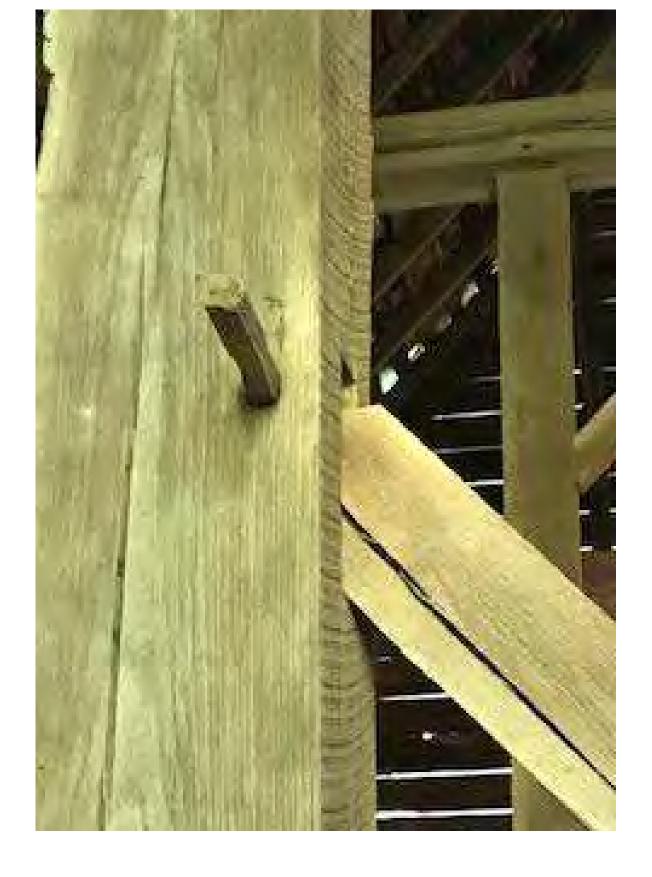




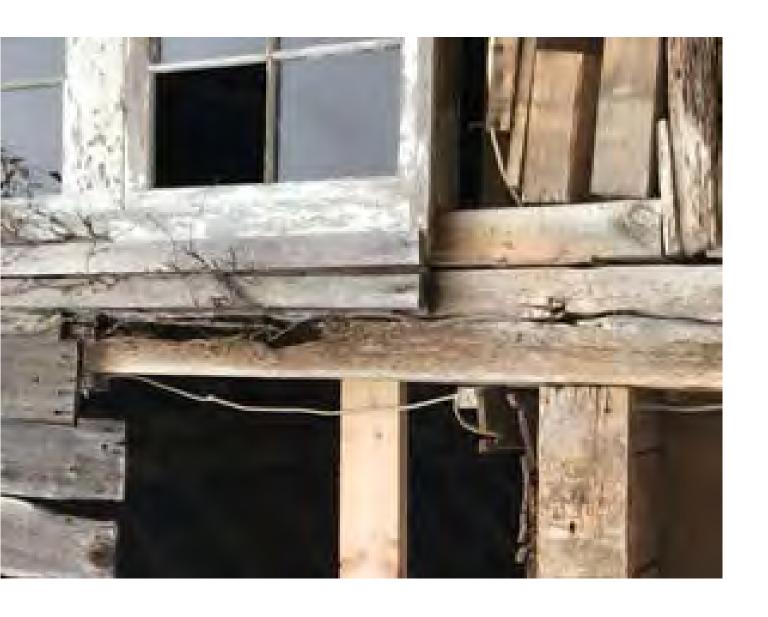




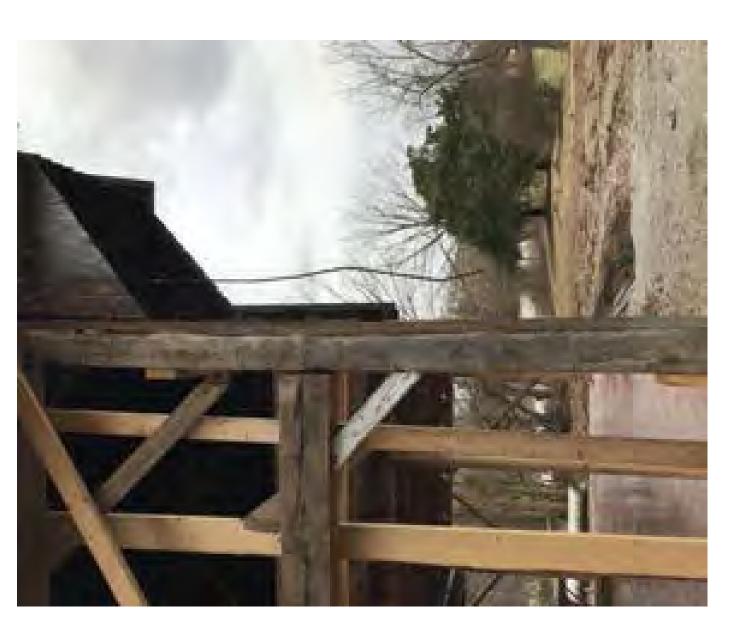


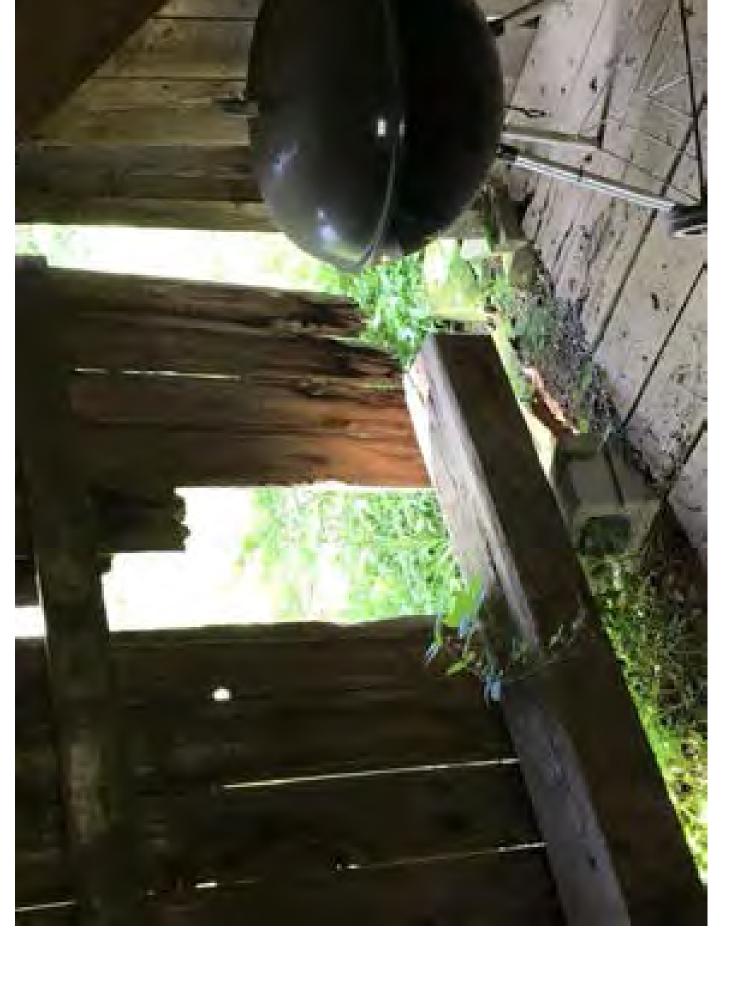








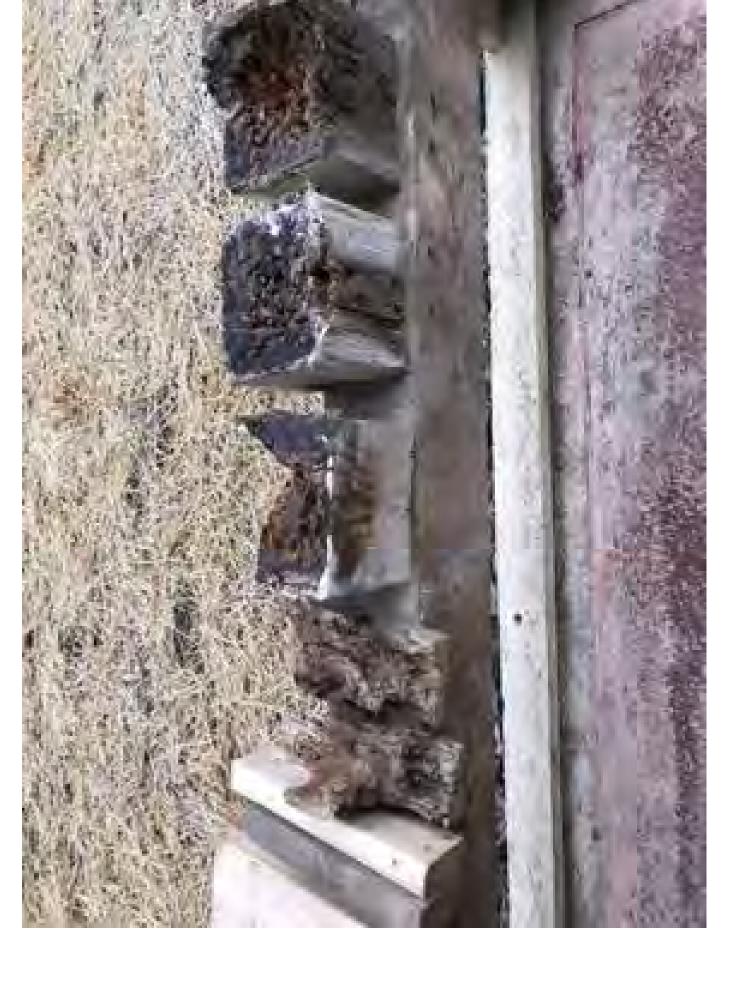


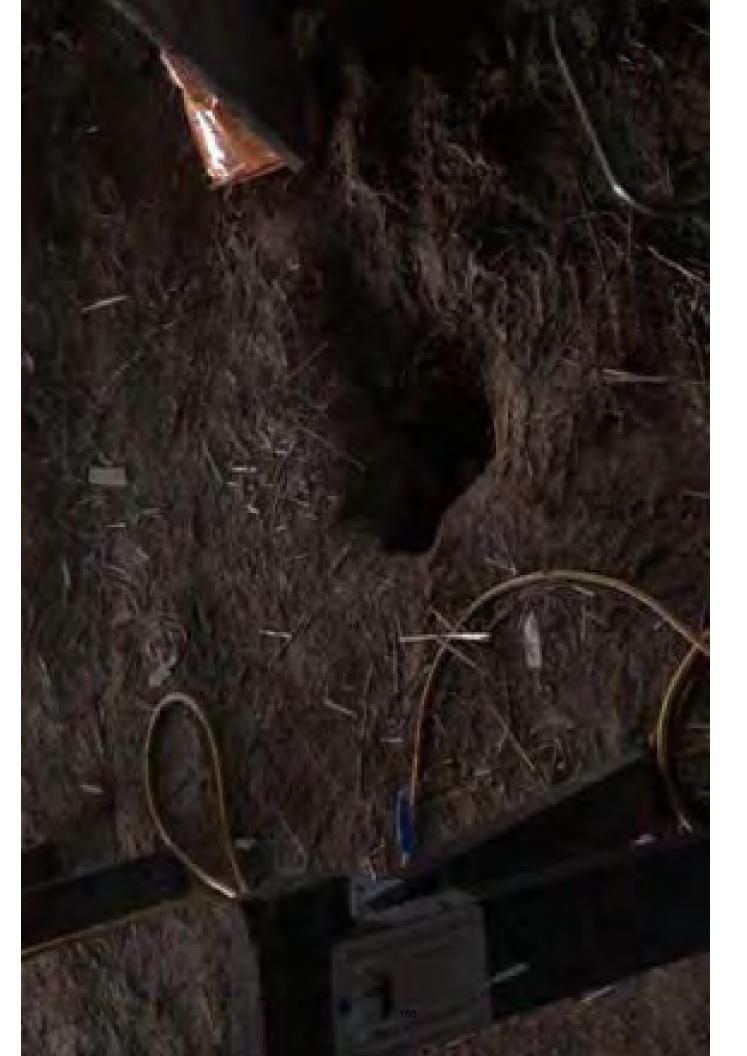


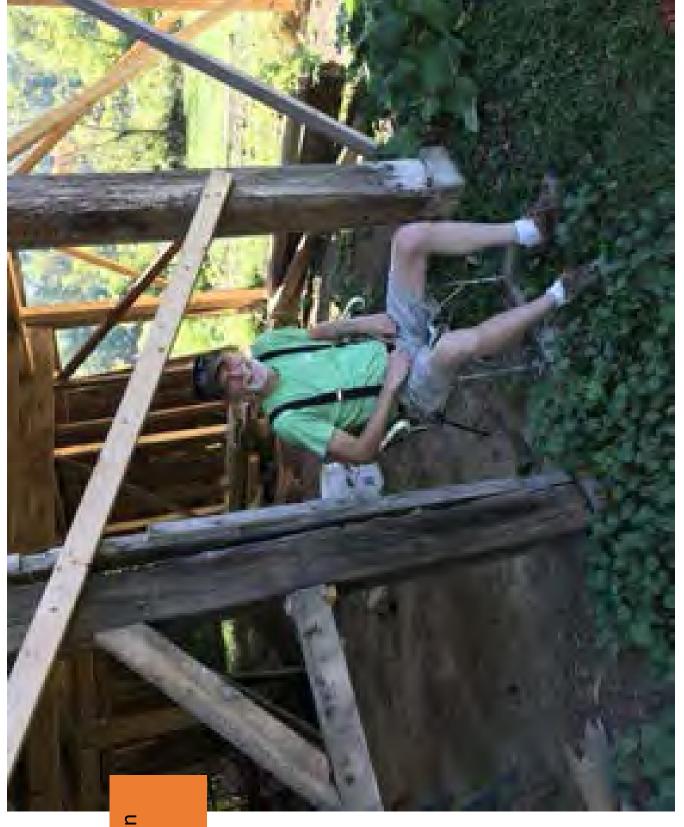




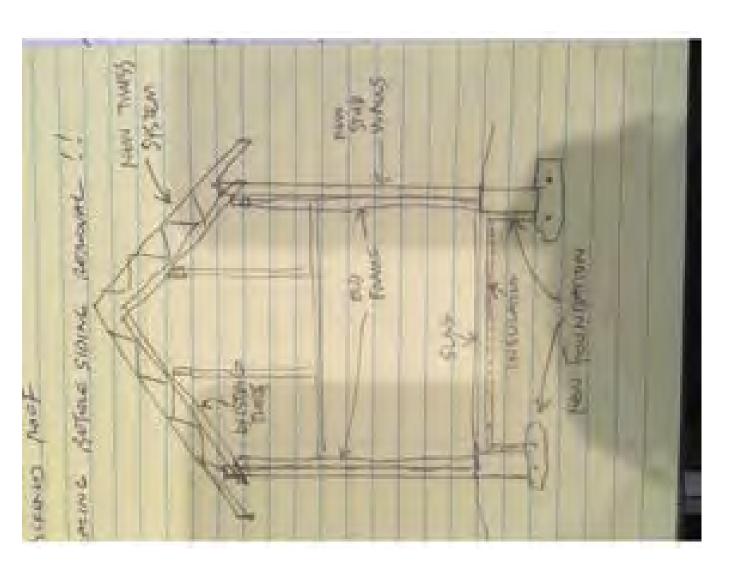


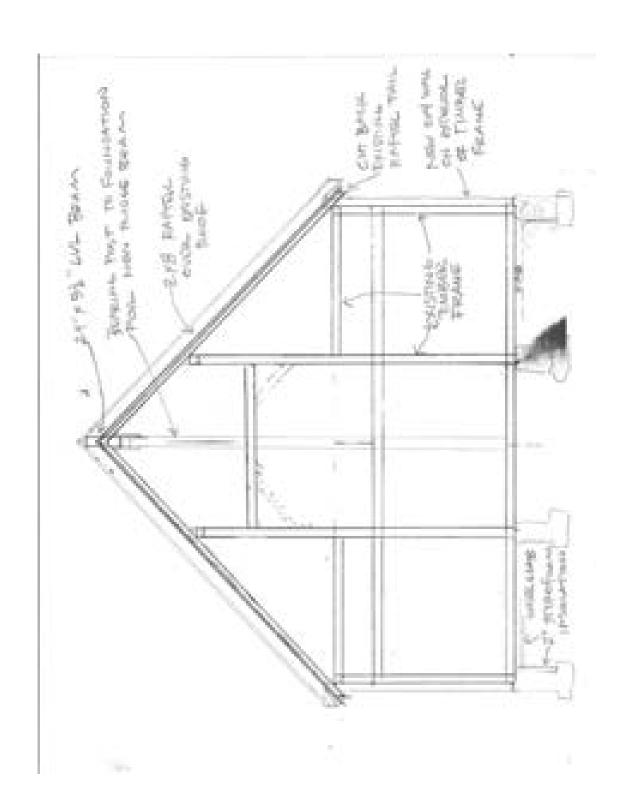


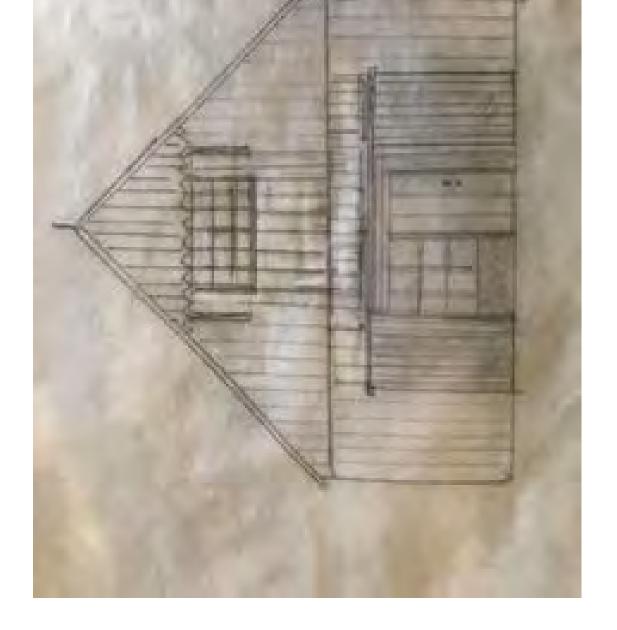




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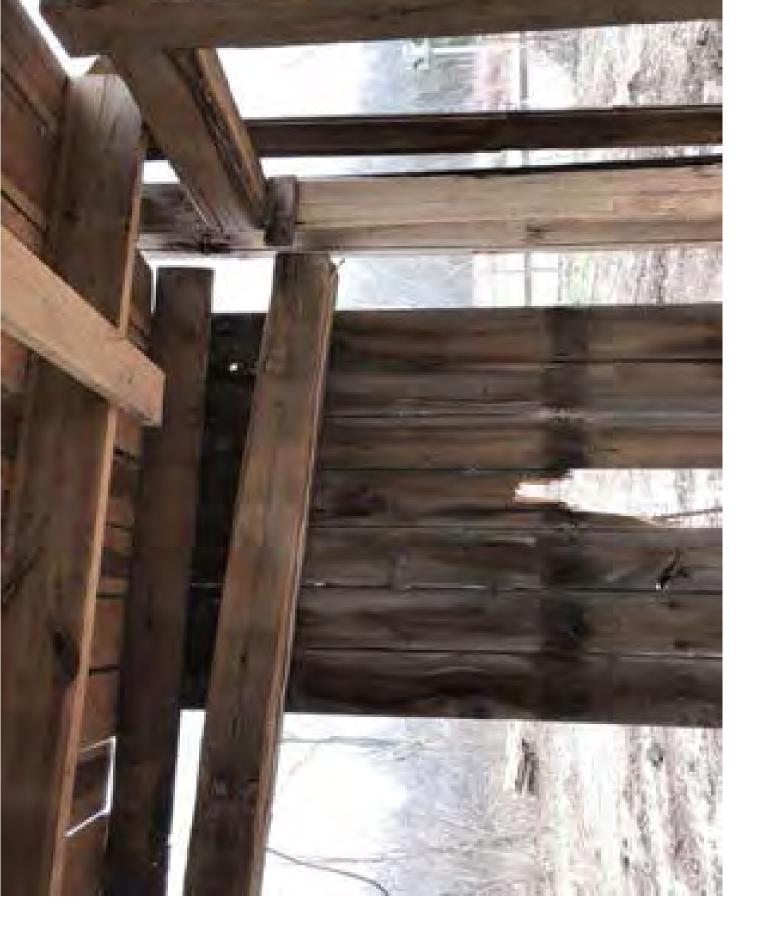
## Initial schematic for adaptive re-use Owner rough sketch























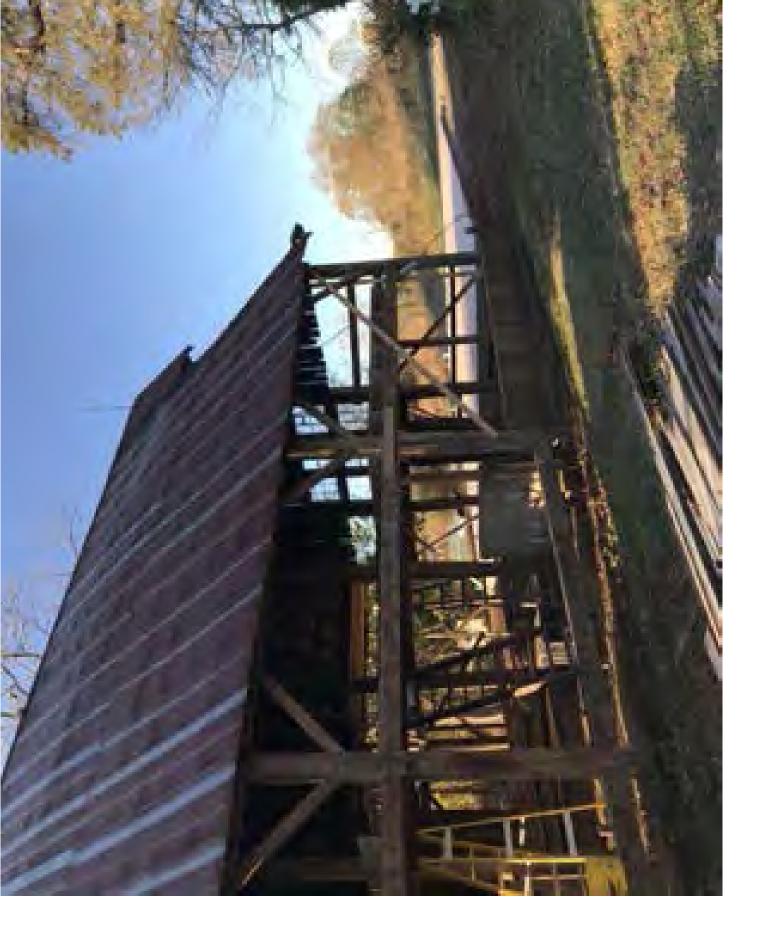












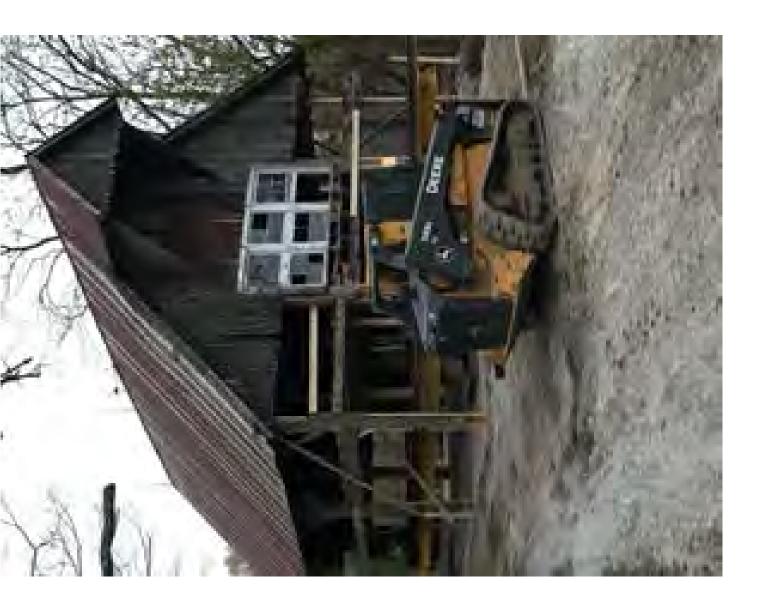




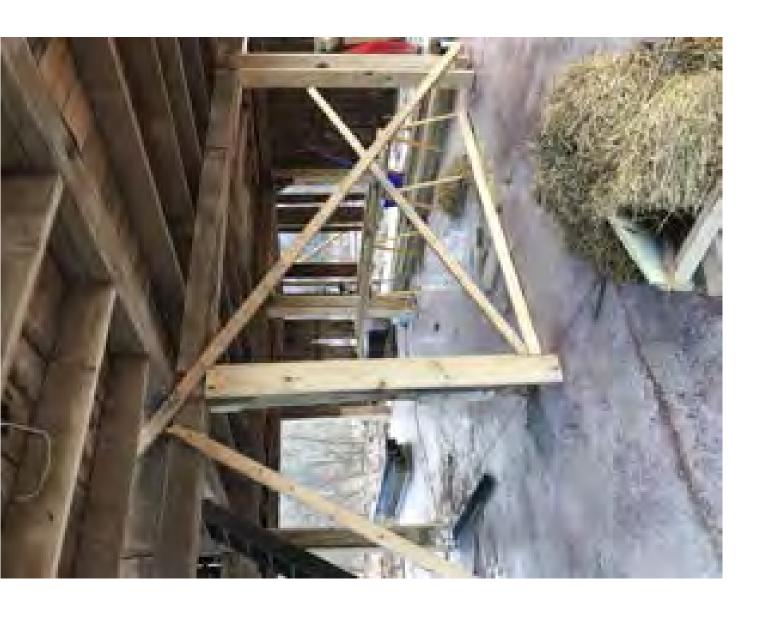




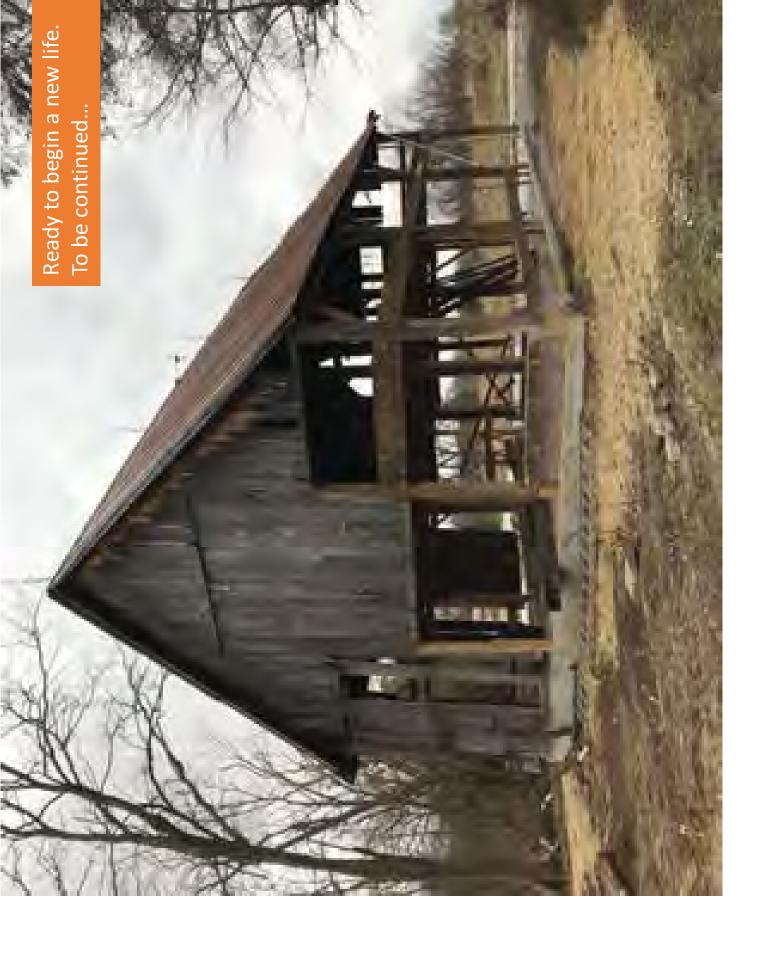












PLEASE NOTE: Planning staff has begun the process of filling this report out. The 2017 Annual Report was utilized as a guide for filling out some of the basic components or taken from planning data and are already in 'regular font'. Items that are in Red Bold are directly taken from the 2017 report and 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 May 31st (30 day extension granted)

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

**Community Name:** Monroe County

**Commission Name:** Historic Preservation Board of Review **Reporting Period:** <u>January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019</u>

Please complete this Annual Report and submit it to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) **no later than <u>April 30, 2020</u>**. Please e-mail the completed report to Steve Kennedy, State CLG Coordinator at <a href="mailto:skennedy@dnr.IN.gov">skennedy@dnr.IN.gov</a>. 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

# **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 <u>primary staff person to the commission</u>.

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: tberhman@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 <u>primary staff person</u> AND <u>chairperson</u> (or another commission member).

Name of chairperson elected for 2020 : Danielle Bachant-Bell E-mail address of chairperson\* for 2020 : <a href="mailto:lordandbach@gmail.com">lordandbach@gmail.com</a>

\*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.

(<u>Please insert narrative response here.</u>)

Spreadsheet in process...

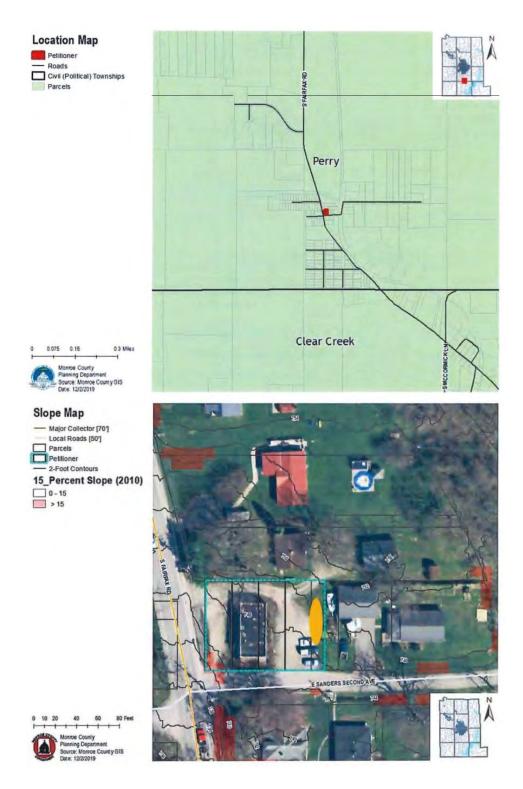
# **Item 5: Local Landmark Designation**

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.)

Sanders 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: Tate-Tatum Farm National Registry Nomination

Date Received: November 27, 2018

Date considered by Board of Review: February 26, 2019

Description of actions taken: Approved by County Board of Commissioners by Ordinance

#2019-01 on March 13, 2019

Date forwarded to DHPA: ~March 15, 2019

National Register Nomination: Dr. Robert L. and Ellen Milisen House

Date Received: May 30, 2019

Date considered by Board of Review: July 15, 2019

Description of actions taken: Approved by County Board of Commissioners by Ordinance

#2019-18 on August 4, 2019

[ ] Yes[ X ] No

Date forwarded to DHPA: ~August 23, 2019

Please review your most recent city or county Interim Report publication and list below any potential <u>districts</u> 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 <u>each identified district</u>, 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[ X ] Unknown Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district? [ ] Yes[ X ] No Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district? [ ] Yes[ X ] 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[ X ] Unknown Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district? [ ] Yes[ X ] No Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance through the DHPA to list this district?

Stanford Historic District, 105-607-41001-41021 s there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?
] Yes[ ] No[ X ] Unknown
Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?  Yes[X] No
Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance
hrough the DHPA to list this district?  ] Yes[ X ] No
Victor Oolitic Stone Company Historic District, 105-115-46001-46010
s there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?  [Yes[] No[X] Unknown
Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?  Yes[X] No
Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance
hrough the DHPA to list this district?  Yes[X] No
Smithville Historic District, 105-115-51001-51056
s there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?  [Yes[ ] No[ X ] Unknown
Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?  Yes[X] No
Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance hrough the DHPA to list this district?
Yes[X] No
Harrodsburg Historic District, 105-115-53001-53069
s there currently local support for listing this district in the National Register of Historic Places?  [Yes[] No[X] Unknown
Has the commission and/or staff attempted to cultivate local support for listing this district?  ] Yes[ X] No
Does the commission have any near-future plans to apply for HPF matching grant assistance hrough the DHPA to list this district?
] Yes[X] No
tom 7. Local Survey Undate

# **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:

 $\underline{http://www.co.monroe.in.us/tsd/Government/Infrastructure/PlanningDepartment/HistoricPreservation.aspx}$ 

or

https://www.co.monroe.in.us/department/?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.

## **Danielle's recent submitted response below:**

This year's National Preservation Month – May 2019 – saw the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review partner with the Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission on two events:

- Historic Preservation Trivia Night on ??
- The Rosemary Miller Lecture Series with Randy Shipp on May 31st. His talk covered Gunnison Houses manufactured in New Albany, IN.

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 in 2018. 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. A large component of the multi-year, long range project was production of the Monroe County Limestone Heritage Website. However, in mid-2018 it was discovered the website was non-functional. So, in 2019 considerable efforts were undertaken to correct the situation. 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: <a href="http://www.monroecountylimestoneheritage.com">http://www.monroecountylimestoneheritage.com</a>. At the same time, the board produced a rack card to help promote the website and its available resources.

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. In 2019, the board approved research toward the erection of signage for the communities of ?, ?, ?.

The board was considerably involved in a re-zone petition for properties adjacent to the locally designated Stipp-Bender Farm Historic District. It was given protection through Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning in 2017. Re-zoning of the adjoining and nearby properties may have resulted in incompatible new uses as well as direct encroachment across the designated property. Involvement by various board members at special meetings and regularly scheduled public meetings including those of the Plan Commission occurred for several months during the last half of the year. Ultimately, the re-zone petitions were withdrawn.

Three board members became specifically involved in the Alexander Memorial Committee. As part of this the board approved to formally sponsor application to the Historic Preservation Fund Grant to assist with rehabilitation efforts. The Alexander Memorial is a carved limestone monument on the courthouse lawn erected in 1926 as a memorial to the soldiers of all wars. Damage to the carved panels occurred in the 1980s and efforts toward restoration and rehabilitation of the monument began as part of the Monroe County Bicentennial in 2018.

# **PART C: STATISTICAL RESPONSES**

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

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

Number of COA applications approved without conditions : 1 A. B. Number of COA applications approved with conditions C. Number of COA applications denied Number of COA applications withdrawn D. : 1 Number of COA applications tabled, NOT considered during the review period E. Other (please explain below if any) F. : 1 G. Total number of all COA applications received during the review period : 3

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.
Yes 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, rene	wal date August 31, 2020
] No	If no, please consider joining in the current year.
Check if applic	able:
Staff perso	n 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 cor	nmission have a Code of E	thics?
[ ] Yes	If yes, please attach a co	ppy of it to this report.
[ <b>X</b> ] No	If no, please con	sider adopting/adapting the Code of Ethics of the National
Alliance of F	Preservation Commissions	(NAPC). Contact NAPC to learn more.
Does the con	mmission have its own we	ebsite that is separate and distinct from the municipality's
main/general	l web page?	
[X] 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 <u>during the reporting period</u>, 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 <u>May</u> 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 <u>previous or following</u> monthly commission meeting held. If more than one meeting was held in the month, submit documents for <u>just one</u> 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]

# MONROE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD OF REVIEW

CONTACT: Tammy Behrman 812-349-2560

**FOUNDED: January 26, 2001 (Amended June 17, 2003)** 

PURPOSE: In exercising its powers and performing its duties, the Board

Of Review shall be concerned with those elements of development, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and preservation that affect visual quality in designated Historic Districts. However, the Board of Review may not consider details of design, interior arrangements, or building features if those details, arrangements, or features are not subject to public view, and may not make any requirement except for the purpose of preventing development, alteration, or demolition in a Historic District obviously incongruous with the Historic District. The Board of Review may not take any action that affects property located outside of the Monroe County Planning jurisdictional area. The Board of Review shall hold regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in the Monroe County Planning Department; 501 N Morton Street, Suite 224, except when it has no business pending. All appointments are 3 year terms.

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# MONROE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD OF REVIEW RULES AND PROCEDURES

# **Article I: Meetings**

- A. The Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review ("Board") may adopt a schedule of regular meetings. The Board meets the third Monday of every month at 5:30 P.M. unless otherwise scheduled. Meetings shall be in the Meeting Room of the Monroe County Planning Department ("Planning Department") unless noticed at another location. The meeting schedule shall be posted and maintained on the meeting notice board ("Notice Board") in the Monroe County Courthouse and the North Showers Building.
- B. Notices of Meetings and Public Hearings shall be submitted by the Planning Department to the Herald Times, noticed to all interested parties, and posted on the Notice Boards in the Monroe County Courthouse and North Showers Building at least 10 days before each meeting or hearing.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be called upon request of two voting members of the Board. Notice of the meeting shall be emailed to each Board member at least three (3) days prior to the meeting and shall be posted to the Notice Boards at least forty-eight (48) business hours prior to the meeting.
- D. Regular meeting agendas shall be set at least six (6) days before each meeting and noticed to all Board members and interested parties. Special meeting agendas shall be emailed to Board members and interested parties with the special meeting notice. During the meeting, the agenda may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.
- E. A majority of voting Board members shall constitute a quorum.
- F. All decisions, votes, recommendations, motions, proposals, resolutions, rules, regulations, or communications of the Board shall be by roll call. The vote of each Board member shall on each motion or other action be recorded in the minutes.
- G. No Board member shall participate in the decision and discussion of the Board involving any matter in which that person is directly or indirectly financially interested, other than the preparation of a comprehensive plan or survey. In the event that any member disqualifies himself or that any member's eligibility is challenged by the public, Planning Department staff ("Staff"), or other Board members, such fact shall be recorded in the minutes.
- H. Within a reasonable time after each meeting the minutes of the proceedings shall be made available to each Board member and to the public for inspection. The minutes shall include a record of the Board members and visitors present.
- I. All minutes or tape recordings of Board meetings and hearings, and exhibits submitted by petitioners, remonstrators and Staff shall be public records and shall be held by the Planning Department subject to relevant public record retention schedules.

Adopted: Tuesday, September 16, 2019

- J. The final disposition of any request, petition or resolution shall be in terms of a motion to grant, deny, or continue by the Board. Additionally, Board members may attach such conditions to a motion as are deemed necessary to promote the purposes of Monroe County Code Chapter 810 ("Chapter 810").
- K. No petition or request will be heard unless the petitioner or his/her authorized representative is present at the time their case is called to be heard. The petition will be moved to the end of the agenda if a petitioner has not appeared in time for the hearing. If the petitioner does not appear, the case will be continued to the next noticed meeting. A petitioner who is unable to attend the hearing on his or her petition may request that the Staff Liaison present the petition to the Board. Petitioner shall be clearly told that Staff will merely present but not advocate for the petition and that petitioner will have thereby waived any real or perceived conflict. The Board may decide to delay the discussion until enough information is presented. The Board may dismiss a petition if the petitioner or their representative fails to present two hearing dates without good cause.
- L. Upon resignation of a Board member, the Commissioners within 90 days shall appoint, a new member for the remainder of the resigning member's term.

# **Article II: Officers**

- A. Annually at its first meeting of the year, the Board shall select by majority vote of its members a Chair and Vice-Chair, who shall each serve for one year and who may be reelected.
- B. The Chair shall preside over Board meetings and on behalf of the Board has the authority to take action on behalf of the Board as authorized herein, and shall exercise general supervision over the administration of affairs, including entering into contracts and agreements, the appointment of subcommittees and representatives, the determination of points of order and procedure, and the signing of all official documents.
- C. The Vice-Chair shall have authority to act as Chair of the Board during the absence or disability of the Chair. In the case of the resignation or death of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall succeed to the Office of Chair until a new Chair is selected from the membership at the next duly noticed general meeting.
- D. The Vice Chair, with the assistance of Staff, shall be responsible for supervising the keeping of an accurate and complete record of all Board proceedings, including keeping of records and minutes, the custody and preservation of all papers and documents of the Board, the maintenance of a current roster and qualifications of members, and the authority to certify all official acts on behalf of the Board.
- E. The Monroe County Planning Director ("Director") or his designee shall attend each Board meeting and assist the Board by presenting factual opinion on significant issues before the Board and shall serve as the Board's Secretary and the Monroe County Historic Preservation Officer ("Officer").

# **Article III: Filing and Processing of Petitions**

- A. Petitions for Historic Designation or Certificates of Appropriateness ("COA") shall be made by the petitioner at least twelve (12) days prior to a Board Meeting on forms approved by the Board which are available on request in the Planning Department.
- B. Notices shall be posted no later than six (6) days before the Board hearing for Historic Designation or review of a COA. For regular meetings the forty-eight (48) hour public notice requirement shall be honored.
- C. A petition may be withdrawn at any time by the petitioner.

# **Article IV: Certificates of Appropriateness**

- A. The Board shall consider and may make final disposition of said petition at any properly scheduled meeting, but in no case more than thirty days after the acceptance of the complete application as certified by the Vice-Chair. However, the Planning Department Staff may notify the petitioner that the petitioner may choose to attend a preliminary hearing to advise the Board of the merits of the submittal in anticipation of the formal hearing and disposition of the request.
  - 1. An application for COA shall be subject to the following requirements:
    - a. No fee shall be charged for the application.
    - b. The application shall be accompanied by appropriate sketches, photographs, descriptions, and other information which the Board finds necessary for its decision.
    - c. The Board must state findings in report form addressing the criteria in Chapter 810. The Board may attach conditions to the approval.
    - d. A COA shall be issued by the Board, if approved by the Board, or if the petition is not acted upon by the Board within thirty (30) days after it is filed.
    - e. The Board may grant an extension of the thirty days' limit if the applicant agrees with the extension.
    - f. Expiration of a COA: The COA shall expire two years after issuance, unless at the time the COA is approved or the Board approves an extension upon the request of the petitioner.
    - g. Right to Board Review: In any case where an applicant does not receive a COA or otherwise feels aggrieved by an action of the Planning Department Staff, the applicant shall have the right to a review by the Board. If an applicant feels aggrieved by an action of the Board, the applicant shall have the right to a review by the Board but only upon submission of new information.

- B. The Vice-Chair with the assistance of Planning Department Staff shall be responsible for completion of the Board report and creation of the COA. A copy of the COA shall be submitted to the petitioner. The original shall be kept with case records in the Planning Department Office.
- C. The Vice-Chair with the assistance of Planning Department Staff shall also be responsible for notifying the petitioner of the Board's decision.
- D. A COA is not required for the following activities:
  - 1. Routine maintenance as defined in Chapter 810: Work which would not require a building permit and any change that is not construction, removal, or alteration. This includes re-painting with same color.
  - 2. The installation of a single wall-mounted mailbox near the main entrance on the front of the structure.
  - 3. Repair or replacement of existing sidewalks, driveways, and steps with the same materials.
  - 4. Roof repair where the surface matches existing roof materials, including both flat and shingled surfaces.
  - 5. Ground installation of central air conditioning equipment provided that it is screened and not visible from the public way.

# **Article V: Historic Designation**

- A. The Board may initiate or accept by petition of owners in fee simple, a request for designation of a Historic District or Conservation District.
  - 1. The Board shall prepare a map based upon a survey conducted or adopted by the Board which documents historic properties within the corporate limits of the Monroe County jurisdictional area.
  - 2. The Board may divide the district into secondary and primary areas.
  - 3. The Board shall classify all buildings and structures within the district as Outstanding, Notable, Contributing or Non-contributing.
  - 4. A report shall accompany all petitions to the Monroe County Commissioners ("County Commissioners") for designation citing cause for accepting the district under the criteria in Chapter 810.
- B. After three years, the status of a Conservation District will be reviewed by the Board. Property owners will be notified one hundred, eighty-five (185) days before the 3rd anniversary of designation as a conservation district and asked to vote on whether to remain a conservation district or be elevated to a historic district. Unless fifty-one percent (51%) of the owner's object in writing to the Board, the Conservation District will be elevated to historic district status. Otherwise it will remain a conservation district. All

- owners shall have one vote, regardless of how many parcels or units they own in the district.
- C. A public hearing shall be held by the Board to allow for public comment. Such public comment may be held separately or in conjunction with the Board meeting where the action on the district is to occur. Other meetings involving the residents and owners, and County Commissioners may be held to educate and publicize the proposed district.
- D. The Vice-Chair with the assistance of Planning Department Staff shall be responsible for forwarding the findings of the Board to the County Commissioners for final vote.
- E. The Board recommends that design guidelines be adopted for a multiple property district, whether at the time of the designation or at a later time.

# **Article VI: Committees**

A. Committees, standing or special, as the Board from time to time deems necessary to carry on the work of the Board, may be created and members appointed by the Chair. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of such committees.

## **Article VII: Maintenance**

- A. Upon presentation of supporting evidence, the Board may act upon reports of neglect and/or lack of maintenance that endangers significant architectural details of a property designated pursuant to Chapter 810.
  - 1. Before any official action by the Board, Staff shall notify the property owner of the Board's intent, giving a minimum of twenty-one (21) days' advanced notice.
  - 2. The owner or their agents may appear to present plans or evidence of upkeep at the next regular meeting of the Board after such notice is made.
  - 3. After consideration of all evidence, the Board may find that a building's condition constitutes a threat to the historic fabric of the area where the building is located and may move to forward these findings to the Monroe County Legal Department for appropriate legal action.

# Article VIII: Procedure for the review of a National Register nomination

A. In compliance with Section 4, Part F, of Indiana's Certified Local Government Regulations and Federal Regulations defined in 36 CFR Part 60, the Board adopted the following policies and procedures for reviewing applications for the National Register of Historic Places for properties located within its jurisdictional boundaries of Monroe County. These policies and procedures are subject to approval by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology ("DHPA").

- 1. Receipt and Processing of Applications: National Register Applications ("Applications") for properties located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Monroe County will be directed to and processed by the Board and Staff.
  - a. Applications for properties located entirely within the jurisdictional boundaries Monroe County are to be submitted directly to the Board. Any applications for properties within Monroe County which DHPA receives will be forwarded to the Board.
  - b. The Board shall establish a record of each National Register application and shall notify DHPA within five (5) business days of receipt, unless the application has been transmitted from the DHPA to the Board.
  - c. The Officer or their Staff Liaison shall be responsible for revising any National Register applications which are submitted to or forwarded to the Board which are not complete. The Officer may require the submitting applicant complete the necessary revisions. The Officer shall have sixty (60) days from the date of receipt to revise and complete a National Register application for an individual property. The Officer shall have one hundred, twenty (120) days to revise and complete a National Register application for a contiguous district or multiple property submission. If the Officer fails to revise, complete, and schedule for Board review a submitted or forwarded National Register application within the above deadlines, the applicant, property owner, or any other interested party may appeal to DHPA for review of the application.
  - d. Complete Applications will be scheduled for public hearing by the Board at its next meeting, which must be within 50 days of receipt of the completed application or completed revision by the Officer.
  - e. The Board shall notify owners, town / city and county officials, and the public of pending applications. The Board shall follow the public notification procedures outlined in Article I of this document. Said procedures adhere to Federal Regulations and/or 36 CFR Part 60. Copies of notification records, including letters, legal notices, press releases and articles, public meetings, and any written comment on the Application shall be forwarded to DHPA as part of the Board's report.
  - f. Staff shall forward a complete copy of the entire Application as outlined in 2a below, including photographs and maps, to the Board and all interested parties as part of the hearing agenda as outlined in Article I.
- 2. The Board's Report to the State Historic Preservation Officer: The Board, after reasonable opportunity for public comment, shall prepare a report as to whether or not the nominated property, in its opinion, meets the Criteria of the National

Register. The County Commissioners shall transmit the report of the Board and their recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO").

- a. If the County Commissioners and Board agree that the property meets the criteria for inclusion in the National Register, or if one of the two believes that the property meets the criteria for inclusion in the National Register, then the Board shall transmit to DHPA the completed National Register application. The submission to DHPA shall include all items submitted to the Board by the applicant/consultant including:
  - 1) CD containing the Word document of the nomination
  - 2) CD containing the photographs and photo log
  - 3) Original boundary map, site map, floor plans, and USGS Topo map As well as copies of documents produced by the Board and staff as part of review of the nomination including:
  - 1) Copy of the current DHPA-approved checklist
  - 2) Copies of public notices announcing review of the nomination
  - 3) Board Report following review
  - 4) The recommendation of the County Commissioners
    All documents shall be submitted to DHPA within sixty (60) days
    of receipt of the completed National Register application, with
    recommendations of the County Commissioners and Board. After DHPA
    staff has reviewed the application for technical correctness, the application
    shall be scheduled for State Review Board consideration in accordance
    with the established review procedures.
- b. If the County Commissioners and Board agree that a property does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register, then the Board shall transmit to the DHPA the completed National Register Application, the Board's Report, and the recommendation of the County Commissioners within sixty (60) days of receipt. At the same time, the Board shall notify the applicant and property owner(s) of its recommendations and their right to appeal those recommendations. Upon receipt of the application and negative recommendations, DHPA will take no further action unless an appeal is filed with the SHPO within thirty (30) days of its receipt. If an appeal is filed, DHPA will schedule the application for consideration by the State Review Board.
- c. If the Board fails to act on an Application within the above deadlines, then DHPA shall review the Board's performance record in accordance with the standards specified in the Certified Local Government monitoring checklist.
- 3. Expediting the Application Process: The SHPO may expedite the above application process with the concurrence of the Board, provided that the expedited process is consistent with Federal regulations.

# **Article IX: Amendments**

- A. Amendments to these rules and procedures may be made by the Board during any Board meeting upon the affirmative vote of a majority of its members. The suspension of any rule may be ordered at any meeting by a unanimous vote of the members present.
- B. These Rules and Procedures of the Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review were last updated per the date included in the footnotes of the document. They were approved by the Board at its meeting on the 16th of September, 2019.

# Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review



May 20, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Monroe County Government Center Planning Department 501 N. Morton Street, Room 224 Bloomington, IN 47404

# Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Agenda

# **REGULAR MEETING**

North Showers Building 501 N. Morton Street, Room 224 Bloomington, IN 47404 May 20, 2019

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 17, 2019** 

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes PAGE 3 a. April 15, 2019 3. New Business: a. Historic Preservation Month Update PAGE 6 b. Section 106 for Sunrise Greeting Connection PAGE 8 c. New member applications d. Drystone Wall PAGE 10 4. Old Business - Board Discussion a. 2019 Work Plan PAGE 12 i. Education plan for Board members PAGE 13 b. Monroe CDO Update – Historic Preservation Ordinances (No Update) d. Limestone Heritage Project PAGE 14 (Website Link: http://www.monroecountylimestoneheritage.com/)
  - e. Community Signage Project & Covered Bridge
- 5. Member Updates

#### 6. Adjournment

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Monroe County, should contact Monroe County Title VI Coordinator Angie Purdie, (812)-349-2553, apurdie@co.monroe.in.us, as soon as possible but no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled event.

Individuals requiring special language services should, if possible, contact the Monroe County Government Title VI Coordinator at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date on which the services will be needed.

The meeting will be open to the public.

# Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Agenda

REGULAR MEETING North Showers Building 501 N. Morton Street, Room 224 Bloomington, IN 47404 Monday, April 15, 2019

Members Present: David Vanderstel, Debby Reed, Danielle Bachant-Bell, Doug Wilson, Duncan

Campbell, Susan Snider Salmon, Don Maxwell, Donn Hall

Staff: Jackie Nester Public: Randy Cassidy

#### 1. Call to Order 5:30 PM

# 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2018 – Approved unanimously.

Vanderstel: Resigning as Chair, effective immediately. [Leaves at 5:35 PM]

#### 3. New Business:

# a. Historic Preservation Month Update

Maxwell: updates?

Campbell: Conor should reach out to Randy Shipp for Rosemary P. Miller lecture series.

Bachant-Bell: It would be good to see the brochure for HP month

[Discussion about HP month]

Snider Salmon: HP event this year could include a vote for next year's speaker?

Nester: Follow-up with Conor to invite Randy Shipp

#### b. Section 106 Filing – W Evans RD

Bachant-Bell: Nothing in the SHAARD database that is close to this property

[Discussion about SHAARD database]

Campbell: For the 106 filing, procedurally you write a letter to the SHPO if you object. We could write a letter stating we do not object to the filing. If we do that, someone should go to the site and look at it. **Campbell agrees to go out to the site. Chair will write the letter.** 

# c. Discussion about Local Designation with Dr. Jim Devereaux & Kathy Broadlick $-4180\,\mathrm{N}$ Old State Road $37\,\mathrm{M}$

[Discussion about local designation]

Bachant-Bell: If Devereaux locally designates, it may provide his property with more protections. He stated he would locally designate his property if something comes up.

Hall: Is it common for someone to designate if there is development happening around them?

Bachant-Bell: This came up after a 106 review for N Old State Road 37 roadwork that his property would be eligible for the National Register.

#### d. Election of Officers - New Chair

Maxwell: Election of new chair. I would be happy to be vice chair but I am not interested in being Chair.

Bachant-Bell: I could be chair

Hall: Motion to have Bachant-Bell serve as chair

Maxwell: second

Approved unanimously.

#### e. Drystone Wall - Danielle Bachant-Bell

Bachant-Bell: Drystone wall report – I said I would do this last month so here it is.

Campbell: I can draw up an evaluation sheet

Reed: Shahbahrami or Hilldale property – one of those may have a wall remaining

Snider Salmon: What about walls that exist within City limits?

Bachant-Bell: We don't have jurisdiction over City of Bloomington

Snider Salmon: Why designate stone walls?

Cassidy: The SW side of town used to have a lot of stone walls but now they've been torn down.

Campbell: The goal is to protect them by locally designating them

[Discussion about designation]

Reed: I really like taking action on this. Stone walls and all the ideas coming up. We need to get our ducks in a row before we advertise this event. We could have people join in on the discussion before taking the survey to the public.

[Discussion about stone walls]

[Randy Cassidy leaves at 6:55 PM]

#### 4. Old Business - Board Discussion

#### a. Monroe CDO Update – Historic Preservation Ordinances

Bachant-Bell: Updates? Nester: Not at this time

#### i. County Rules and Procedures (i.e. COA Hearing Procedure)

# ii. City of Bloomington's Rules and Procedures

Campbell: Should we reconvene a committee meeting to finish this? Previous attendees included Donn, Debby, Devin, Susan, and Danielle.

#### b. Preserving Historic Places: Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference - Debrief

Snider Salmon: Education on Secretary of Interior Standards was very helpful. Asked to get a printed copy. Bachant-Bell said she could borrow her book.

[Hall leaves at 7:15 PM]

#### c. 2019 Work Plan

#### i. Education plan for Board members

Bachant-Bell: Work plan. Limestone heritage – have we done any marketing

Nester: County website was updated to include an article.

Reed, Maxwell, Vanderstel, and Blankenship all had done PR on Limestone Heritage. Money is still available for marketing so we need to use that for flyers. See if Ernest from Herald Times can do publicity. Need to reach out to MCCSC.

Bachant-Bell: Limestone Heritage should be #1 on our work plan.

Snider Salmon: We could offer awards for teachers using historic preservation curriculum.

Reed, Maxwell, anyone else want to work on marketing Limestone Heritage website? [Nester to send Doodle poll]

Bachant-Bell: Need to finish website materials.

Campbell: Finish it by June since it is Limestone Heritage month. We can have an article by HT in June along with an announcement by the County.

Bachant-Bell: Need to spend grant funds.

Snider Salmon: I can have a friend review the curriculum to get a teacher's perspective.

Maxwell: I will contact Vanderstel to see if he has files we can use.

#### c. Stinesville Bridge – National Register

Bachant-Bell: I think it may be on the INDOT website. I will share links with Devin and I will get a hold of Bill Williams. If nothing, we should drop this from the agenda.

#### d. Limestone Heritage Project

(Website Link: http://www.monroecountylimestoneheritage.com/)

#### e. Community Signage Project

Bachant-Bell: Devin said he would be able to propose something in May.

#### f. Alexander Memorial

Bachant-Bell: Remove from agenda [Nester to remove from agenda]

Reed: Upset about the Alexander Memorial project. The stone for the project was donated along with money. If they're going to do something, I would like to represent our board.

Bachant-Bell: Will ask for an update from Mary.

#### 5. Member Updates

Snider Salmon: I'm leaving for North Carolina. I would like to still Skype in or call in to meetings. I know I won't be able to vote.

# 6. Adjournment 7:37 PM.

# **Jacqueline Nester**

**From:** Jacqueline Nester

**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2019 9:37 AM

**To:** Danielle Bachant-Bell ; Debby ; Devin Flanigan Blankenship ; Don Maxwell ; Donn Hall ;

Douglas Wilson; Duncan Campbell; Susan Snider Salmon

Subject: FW: FHWA Project: Des. No. 1702957 & 1900406; Vernal Pike Connector Project,

Monroe County, Indiana

FYI see below. I can add this to our next agenda for discussion.

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From: Daniel Stevens [mailto:dstevens@dlz.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2019 10:07 AM

**To:** County Commissioners Office <commissionersoffice@co.monroe.in.us>; John Chambers <jchambers@co.monroe.in.us>; glmurray@indiana.edu; director@monroehistory.org; martipa@bloomington.in.gov; sburgess@indianalandmarks.org; central@indianalandmarks.org; BRI@bloomingtonrestorations.org; downtown@kiva.net; tcoppock@downtownbloomington.com; Jacqueline Nester <jnester@co.monroe.in.us>; preserve@bluemarble.com; herteric@bloomington.in.gov; vandevej@bloomington.in.gov **Cc:** cmoffatt@indot.in.gov; aross3@indot.in.gov; michelle.allen@dot.gov; Miller, Shaun <smiller@indot.IN.gov> **Subject:** FHWA Project: Des. No. 1702957 & 1900406; Vernal Pike Connector Project, Monroe County, Indiana

Des. No.: 1702957 & 1900406

**Project Description: Vernal Pike Connector Project** 

Location: Monroe and Richland Townships, Monroe County, Indiana

Monroe County, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation, proposes to proceed with the extension of Sunrise Greeting Court south to Profile Parkway, connecting West Vernal Pike to Profile Parkway via a railroad overpass (Des. No. 1702957 & 1900406).

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The following agencies/individuals are being invited to become consulting parties:

- Monroe County Board of Commissioners
- Monroe County Highway Superintendent
- Monroe County Historian
- Monroe County History Center
- Bloomington/Monroe County MPO
- Indiana Landmarks Central Regional Office
- Bloomington Restorations, Inc.
- Downtown Bloomington Commission
- Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review

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- Preservation Development, Inc.
- City of Bloomington, Historic Preservation Program Manager, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development
- City of Bloomington Street Department
- Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process requesting comments associated with this project. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental effects associated with this project. Please use the above Des. Number and project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

Please review the letter, historic property report, and archaeology report (Tribes only) located in IN SCOPE at <a href="http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/">http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/</a> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE), and respond with your comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If a hard copy of the materials is needed, please respond to this email with your request within seven (7) days.

Consulting parties have thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of this information to review and provide comment. If we do not receive a response from an invited consulting party in the time allotted, the project will proceed consistent with the proposed design. Therefore, if we do not receive a response within thirty (30) days, your agency or organization will not receive any further information on the project unless the scope of work changes.

Tribal contacts may contact Shaun Miller at <a href="mailto:smiller@indot.in.gov">smiller@indot.in.gov</a> or 317-233-6795 or Michelle Allen at FHWA at <a href="mailto:michelle.allen@dot.gov">michelle.allen@dot.gov</a> or 317-226-7344.

Thank you in advance for your input,

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# MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Monroe County Commissioners' Office 100 W Kirkwood Avenue Bloomington IN 47404

TODAY'S DA	<b>TE:</b> April 25, 2019	
NAME: Aman	da Richardson	Nickname:
ADDRESS: 13	31 S. State Road 446	
CITY: Bloomin	gton	<b>ZIP:</b> 47401
RESIDENCE	TOWNSHIP: Perry	
	ble To Vote In The City Election:	Yes No V
Email:	amanda@callbloomingtonhome.com	
Home:		
Work:		
Cell:	(812) 345-3042	
OCCUPATIO	N: Realtor	
Applying for l	Board(s) and/or Commission(s):	
Monroe County	Historic Preservation Board of Review	
Why are you i	nterested in applying for this posi	ition?
	e involved, share knowledge and gain insig	
Please list you	r qualifications for this position:	
estate in Monroe I have a backgro part of the decisi of building in thi	County since 2003. I am a lifelong residen und in Journalism from Indiana University. on process involved. I grew up in the field s particular county.	s. I have a lot of local knowledge as a Realtor. I have practiced real at of Monroe County. I am an intermediate level geneology enthusiast.  I enjoy learning the history of the county and would love to be a of construction, land development and have a great knowledge base
You may attack	n a resume and/or additional sheets	to expand on your answers above.

Please <u>email</u> your entire application to the Monroe County Commissioners' Office at <u>commissionersoffice@co.monroe.in.us</u>.

All applications are held for one year. As various openings come up you may be contacted to see if you are interest in serving.

**SUBMIT** 



# MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

**ITEM 15** 

Monroe County Commissioners' Office 100 W Kirkwood Avenue Bloomington IN 47404

TODAY'S DATE:		
NAME:	Nickname:	
ADDRESS:	Tremmile.	
CITY:	ZIP:	
RESIDENCE TOWNSHIP:		
Are You Eligible To Vote In The City Election: Yes	No	
CONTACT INFORMATION:		
Email:		
Home:		
Work:		
Cell:		
OCCUPATION:		
Applying for Board(s) and/or Commission(s):		
Why are you interested in applying for this position?		
Please list your qualifications for this position:		

You may attach a resume and/or additional sheets to expand on your answers above.

Please <u>email</u> your entire application to the Monroe County Commissioners' Office at <u>commissionersoffice@co.monroe.in.us</u>. All applications are held for one year. As various openings come up you may be contacted to see if you are interest in serving.

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# Monroe County Dry Stone Wall Project, Phase One Monroe County Historic Preservation Board

# **Current Documentation**

*Maple Grove Road Rural Historic District National Register of Historic Places Nomination* - The document refers to the stone walls as Bluegrass stone walls (there is a high concentration of these walls in the Lexington, KY, region). The references appear in Section 7, pages. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 17-20, 35-36, 38, 41, and 49-50. [The full nomination has been shared previously but if anyone needs it again, Danielle can email the PDF.]

# Specific references -

Pg. 8 statement: ... "line the sides of the road between the Benjamin Owens and Tom Owens farms and mark the boundary of the church cemetery and school site." The section provides additional description.

Pg. 19 statement: ... "walls appear in four major places: along the Ben Owens property, along the east and west sides of Maple Grove Road between Ben and Tom Owens farmsteads, at the site of the Maple Grove School and at the Maple Grove Christian Church." The section provides additional description.

pg. 17-19: Entry for Ben Owens Farmstead, gives description of placement; David and Mary Ray are the current owners, this is where we had the drystone wall workshop in 2013; per aerial views, the property immediately south appears to still have walls associated with the historic farmstead.

pg. 20-21: Entry for Tom Owens House, gives description of placement; this property is not owner occupied if occupied at all.

pg. 22-23: Entry for Maple Grove Church and Cemetery, gives description of placement

Monroe County Interim Report: Indiana Sites and Structures Survey, 1989 - The report refers to the walls on page xxvii and then again on the following pages:

Pg. 31 - Several entries are under the classification of Landscape Architecture, most are those already noted above in the Maple Grove Road Historic District; one is on Bayles Road (this is the one Debby has talked about being removed). All of these are in Bloomington Township.

Pg. 38 - One on Church lane in Perry Township; this listing does not mention the Stipp-Bender Farm but the wall may have originally been associated with the farm, as the farm was originally much larger. the wall extended west across where Hwy. 37 now cuts through.

Pg. 39 - The Stipp-Bender Farm at 5075 S. Victor Pike has walls but they aren't noted on its entry. The walls originally extended across where Hwy. 37 has cut through so there may be remnants on the west side of the highway.

Another wall is listed as on Tramway and Victor Pike.

Pg. 43 - One is listed as on Fairfax Rd.; this is at the Speedway entrance.

Pg. 60 - One is listed at 8369 Ketcham Rd.; the listing was for just a barn and wall so both may now be gone

State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) version of Monroe County Interim Report: Indiana Sites and Structures Survey, 2012-2015 -

The 2012-2015 survey on SHAARD lists no walls under Landscape Architecture. Skimming through lists for a couple townships didn't reveal anything documented. Some may be mentioned with the sites that have a house/building. But as an example, the listing for the Ben Owens Farmstead does not have the walls listed as a resource. They are only given mention in the statement of significance and shown on the drawn site map. But there again, none of the other built resources at the site were photographed or documented fully.

So other than those in Maple Grove Road Rural HD and the Stipp-Bender House, the other locations from the 1989 survey weren't documented in 2012-2015.

**Monroe County Surveyor** - Trohn Enright-Randolph was emailed about our project and asked if his office would have knowledge of stone walls beyond those listed. A reply was not received.

**Monroe County Highway Department** - Lisa Ridge was emailed about our project and asked if her office would have knowledge of stone walls beyond those listed. She replied right away with, "I have reached out to about five long-term employees here at the highway department and they can't think of any other walls. If they do run across some that you have not listed, they will let me know."

# 2019 Work Plan Monroe County Historic Preservation Board

# **Protecting Historic Resources**

- Stone fence survey
- Board encouraging designation of local properties
- Community signage
- Historic equipment preservation local historic designation

# **Board Member Education**

- CDO Education
- Plan to attend Historic Preservation Annual Conference
- Crowd sourcing of historic resources (Apps to document historic structures/landmarks)
- Preservation month May

# Outreach

• Limestone Heritage

# Monroe County Historic Preservation Review Board

Proposed education sessions in order of voted preference.

- 1. Review and explanation of our Local preservation ordinance & Indiana state enabling legislation.
- 2. The 106 Review process.
- 3. Heritage tourism and rural preservation.
- 4. Real estate financing & feasibility
- 5. The National Register process.
- 6. Attend Preservation Commission meetings at City of Bloomington or other communities.
- 7. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
- 8. State and federal tax credit incentives
- 9. Takings Law review.
- 10. other

# **Jacqueline Nester**

From: Nic Weinard

Monday, May 13, 2019 4:33 PM Sent:

To: Jacqueline Nester

Subject: RE: Limestone Heritage Project Website

Hi Jackie,

I took a look at the email you sent about the website. I'll number my responses to correspond with the questions asked.

- 1. There is no resource page. "Resources" is a folder that holds the "public", "partners" and "mills& quarries" pages inside. So when you click on resources, it will not redirect you anywhere unless one of the other pages is chosen.
- 2. I have checked all the links from my computer again, they all work. I'm not sure why it isn't working for the Mac owner. It may have to do with their computer/cookies.
- 3. Im working on figuring out how to change it from Tribeswell to "Website managed by MoCoHPBoard" I will work on that on Wednesday.
- 4a. I moved the article to the public page and eliminated the articles page
- 4b. There is a lot to this one and I am not exactly sure what the end product is expected to be. Maybe a mockup would be good to know exactly what the board wants.
- 5. These photos were already uploaded by Tribeswell. I don't have any information on them, such as to whom to give credit.

I would suggest the board compiles exact information they want on the website along with all the supporting documents that way it is easy for you or I to add them to the page.

Regards,

Nic

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----Original Message-----From: Jacqueline Nester

Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 2:43 PM

To: Nic Weinard < nweinard@co.monroe.in.us> Subject: FW: Limestone Heritage Project Website Jackie Nester, AICP Senior Planner Monroe County Planning Department 501 N. Morton St., Suite 224 Bloomington, IN 47404 jnester@co.monroe.in.us Phone: (812) 349-2560

Fax: (812) 349-2967

----Original Message----

From: Danielle Bachant-Bell [mailto:lordandbach@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2019 5:58 PM

To: Jacqueline Nester < jnester@co.monroe.in.us>

Cc: Duncan Campbell <campbellduncan02@gmail.com>; Debby Reed <debbyrqi@sbcglobal.net>; Don Maxwell

<dmaxwell@imail.iu.edu>

Subject: Limestone Heritage Project Website

Hi all,

Jackie, as you know some of us met last night to discuss the Limestone Heritage Project website. I and the four others copied on this email are those who met.

We are going to move forward with producing promotional materials and planning a formal website launch date but we need to ensure the website is as perfect as possible. Unfortunately, we are still having issues.

I'm just going to number these so they are easier to follow.

- 1) In pulling up the website on my iPhone I discovered the link to Resources does not work. So I presume this is a mobile device configuration issue.
- 2) We once again have broken links to the logos of two of the Mills and Quarries, at least I'm seeing it on my end using a Mac. Duncan has a Mac but others don't so perhaps we can see if everyone is experiencing the same thing.
- 3) Since Tribeswell seems to no longer exist—clicking on the link on the website goes no where— perhaps we should/could remove that reference. Maybe the link should be changed to "Website managed by MoCoHPBoard" and then link to our page on the Monroe County Government website.
- 4) Some re-configuration under Resources is needed and this might get a bit more complicated. So I'll break them down further.
- a) Articles We have one entry by Clay Stuckey under Articles but the rest of his contributions are under Public. So it would make more since to move the one item up with the rest. Likewise, under Articles it states "For an Interactive Limestone experience, click here." Not only do I not know where this comes from nor what it is referring to, but it simply takes you to the request for more info/comment page. Since I'm not aware of any options for an interactive limestone experience beyond what is offered in June, I don't think we want to encourage or mis-lead the public and suggest this be removed. Finally, I suggest we eliminate the word Articles and replace it with a new category. Or if the group isn't sure what that category would be right now, just eliminate that section for now.
- b) Partners While we have links to our various partners and their websites, we aren't linking directly to their limestone-related resources. And we need to do both.

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Can the links to the partner websites be moved to use the logos on the home page?

And then under Resources can the option be changed to Partner Resources to be more explanatory?

And then within those logo links change the links to hook up directly with the actual information? In this section it might make more sense and be less confusing to website visitors if instead of all those logos we simply had a list of those partners from whom we currently have resources to share, more of a pull-down list. Additional partner names and links to their resources can be added as we receive info from them. If all of this can be done, then I/We have some very specific information from some of the partners already in hand that I will get to you. All of the info has been shared previously with others who've worked on the website but the info has yet to appear. We need to get this fine-tuned once and for all.

5) Gallery - We have a random collection of photos but no attributions and it bothers us. Some are photos from archival collections that need to be credited and some are even historic photos that have been cropped, which I'm personally not keen on either. But we don't know how this Gallery section is set up nor what is possible with it. Is it possible to set it up so that one can click on a photo and text about the photo will come up? Can we even have photo albums, larger groups of photos of specific places, etc.? If we have more flexibility with this section then we want to work on improving it. Otherwise, I'm certainly open to thoughts from the others on what we should do with this section.

Lastly from my notes was the question of whether or not managing and accomplishing all of this is doable on your end? If links keep breaking are you able to figure out why? Are you able to fully determine what is and isn't doable with the website? Do you have time to handle all this? Or do we need to look at finding a part-time website person to assist you in at least pulling all this info together and getting the website perfected?

Hopefully the others will chime in if I've missed anything.

Let us know your thoughts.

Thanks, Danielle

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- \* For its imperfections, preservation is necessary.
- \*Preservation is not just buildings; it's part of a larger human ecosystem of experiences, connections, buildings, belonging to places, and environments.
- \* Preservation is community, not regulations.
- Tom Moriarity, Managing Principal, Retail & Development Strategies; and Board Member, Preservation Action Foundation

# Monroe County Historic Preservation Board of Review Agenda

#### REGULAR MEETING

North Showers Building 501 N. Morton Street, Room 224 Bloomington, IN 47404 May 20, 2019

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 17, 2019** 

Doug Wilson, Danielle, Susan Snider Salmon, Amanda Richardson, Duncan Campbell, Don Maxwell,

Debby Reed

Public: Amanda Richardson & Polly Sturgeon

1. Call to Order: 5:32 PM

# 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. April 15, 2019

Campbell: Move to approve Snider Salmon: Second

Bachant-Bell: Don't remember if I will contact Bill Williams regarding Stinesville Bridge National

Register nomination

Maxwell: Add Conor Herterich's last name

Approve minutes 5-0.

#### 3. New Business:

# a. Historic Preservation Month Update

Bachant-Bell: Updates

Nester: Yes, Randy Shipp will be presenting on May 31 at Ivy Tech Waldron Arts Center.

Bachant-Bell: Will Conor be doing media outreach or should Bachant-Bell?

Snider Salmon: Could we have an informational table?

Bachant-Bell: anyone interested in organizing this?

Snider Salmon: willing to do a table for PR and education.

Nester: Ask about doing a table at the event.

Bachant-Bell: Can do an event on our FB page

Nester: put into community events calendar on WFIU, BRI (e-newsletter), Visit Bloomington Calendar, and Herald Times. JN to forward the flyer to the HP Board.

Bachant-Bell Bachant: Will send JN the list of media contacts

#### b. Section 106 for Sunrise Greeting Connection

Nester: Went through the report. HP Board is being asked to comment

Campbell: Area of Potential Effect (APE) is area deemed to be impacted by the project. HP Board is considered to be one of many consulting parties. You can choose to not answer, comment, or say why you do not like it. If it is deemed to have negative impact, could deny federal funds for the project or they give something up (change route or money amount for improvements). Chair reads report, decides whether to make comments and if so, returns a letter with comments.

Nester: Have 30 days (June 8) to contact the consulting company with comments.

[Discussion about the Section 106]

Bachant-Bell: Anyone want to drive out there?

Maxwell: Drove it today – a lot of industrial buildings. Did not see anything, such as a historic stone wall or anything.

Campbell: Would be a good idea to go out there?

Wilson: I can go out there. I'll go out to Logan to see if you could potentially see the overpass from the cul-de-sac.

Bachant-Bell: I will write a letter. Needs to be a few lines – do not have any further comments. Wilson will report back to Bachant-Bell.

#### c. New member applications

Bachant-Bell: Any questions about the Board or any questions for the Board?

[Discussion about applications]

Bachant-Bell: We will follow-up with you. Thanks for your interest.

#### d. Drystone Wall

Bachant-Bell: a few points of interest. In the 1989 report page 18, Main Street in Ellettsville has a stone wall.

Wilson: Stone wall on Campbell Road but it was taken out for a guard rail.

Reed: Two sections of stone walls still standing under page 13 on page 10. One is on Shahbahrami land and Hillendale RD. Two sections left, used to be one continuous.

Bachant-Bell: Duncan, have you had a chance to create a simple survey?

Campbell: No, but looking at a simple template.

Bachant-Bell: Next key step is to have a survey.

Campbell: I will work on that.

[Discussion about stone walls]

#### 4. Old Business – Board Discussion

#### a. 2019 Work Plan

#### i. Education plan for Board members

Bachant-Bell: Revised the work plan

[Discussion about the work plan]

Campbell: If we want to do educational presentation at a meeting it needs to be on the agenda.

Bachant-Bell: Look at work plan each agenda and revising as needed.

# b. Monroe CDO Update – Historic Preservation Ordinances (No Update)

#### d. Limestone Heritage Project

(Website Link: http://www.monroecountylimestoneheritage.com/)

Bachant-Bell: Moving forward with hiring a graphic designer. Same person that designed the bicentennial logo. Working on a rack card. Issue with accessing photos. Launch date will be June 2019. Also discussed postcards. \$75 for her to design postcard and \$250 for her to design rack card.

Nester: Will access photos for website and send to Danielle

Bachant-Bell: can we meet with Nic to discuss the back end of the website?

Nester: Setup a time to meet in the office with Nic.

# e. Community Signage Project & Covered Bridge

Bachant-Bell: Devin emailed an update today. Mt. Tabor and Handy RD, along with comments on the covered bridge. Devin is looking for approval for proposed sign locations – could move forward via email. Bachant-Bell will send an email to the group to proceed via email. Covered bridge – we will allow Devin to bring this up on his own in June.

Nester: Add covered bridge topic on the agenda for June

#### 5. Member Updates

Bachant-Bell: Subcommittee to determine who will be the HP Board member. We have one opening and two applicants.

#### 6. Adjournment: 7:42 PM

#### 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