

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

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

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

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1. Name

historic Madame Margaret LaFolier House

and/or common Ludwig House

2. Location

street & number 3 miles west of Huntington on U.S. 24 _____ not for publication

city, town Huntington _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 4

state Indiana _____ code 018 _____ county Huntington _____ code 069

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Wayne Moore

street & number Rural Route #1

city, town Ligonier _____ vicinity of _____ state Indiana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office

street & number Huntington County Courthouse

city, town Huntington _____ state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None _____ has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Madame Margaret LaFolier House and its outbuildings are situated on a gently sloping hill, with a high wooded ridge in the background to the north. The property was a working farm for many years, and a sturdy bank barn is located nearby. A small flagstone springhouse, a henhouse, corncrib and garage are also located on the property.

The house itself faces south. It was constructed sometime in the late 1830s in the Greek Revival style, with a simple wide frieze board and gable returns. Two stories high, the frame house is five bays wide with a central entrance. Originally, the house had no end windows; however, at some point a double window was added to the east side. A one-story porch and a single room were added to the rear. In 1935, according to a newspaper article, the exterior walls were covered with asbestos siding and a new front porch was built, using funds from Title I of the Federal Housing Act.

The main entrance is typical of the Greek Revival style, with entablature, sidelights, and transom. It opens into a central hallway, with rooms of equal size on either side, and an open stairway to the second floor. The shouldered doorway architraves are of unpainted walnut. Interior doors are six-paneled and appear to have most of their original hardware.

The house was vacated in 1977 or 1978, and soon after was vandalized. The stair railing and balusters were torn off, holes were gouged in the walls, all windows were broken out, and the two downstairs fireplaces were carefully removed. Upstairs fireplaces are still in place however.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1830s **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Madame Margaret LaFolier House is significant historically because of its association with people and events important in the early history of Indiana and the Old Northwest.

Marguerite Roubedoux LaFolier (the spelling varies) was of mixed French-Canadian and Miami Indian blood. Her grandmother, Marie Louise Roy (Tecumwah) was a sister to Miami Chiefs Little Turtle and Pacann, and was married to Charles Beaubien, probably sometime after the late 1780s. Prior to this time, she had had four children by Joseph Drouet de Richardville, one of whom was Jean-Baptiste Richardville. In 1813, Jean-Baptiste Richardville became the head chief of the Miamis. He was also known as the wealthiest Indian in the United States.

Marguerite Roubedoux, then, was the great-niece of two Miami chiefs, and a half-niece of Richardville. Her marriage to Pierre LaFerriere, a trader among the Miami along the Wabash, probably took place in 1820. She was widowed about ten years later, and went to live in the house of Chief Richardville at the Forks of the Wabash in 1833. There she attended her own son, Peter, and the Chief's orphaned grandchildren. It is said that the Chief had this house built for her in the late 1830s, about a half mile from his own. When Richardville died in August, 1841, he willed the land to Madame LaFolier.

Madame LaFolier apparently left the Huntington area for Vincennes soon after, and married Michel D. Richerville, a distant cousin of the Chief. They eventually established trading among the Miami tribe in Kansas, where they had migrated in 1846. In the mid-1850s, Marguerite's brother, John Roubedoux, became the principal chief of the western Miamis. She has many descendants today in Kansas and Oklahoma.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Huntington Herald Press, Various columns on local history,
 Huntington Herald. Special Centennial Edition, (1st white settler) 1928.
 Anson, Bert, The Miami Indians (Norman University of Oklahoma Press, 1974).
 Chaput, Donald "The Family of Drouet de Richerville: Merchants, Soldiers, and Chiefs of
 Indiana," Indiana Magazine of History, LXXIV (June, 1978), 103-16.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately one acre

Quadrangle name Bippus, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Commencing at the point of intersection of Maple Grove Road with a line drawn parallel to and 25 feet west of the west wall of the LaFolier House; thence north along said line a distance of 150 feet; thence east 300 feet; thence south 150 feet; then west to the place of beginning.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jean Gernand Teacher/Club Sponsor

organization Huntington North Jr. Historical Society date August 20, 1978

street & number 450 McGahn telephone 219-356-6104 ext. 34

city or town Huntington, Indiana state Indiana 46750

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Jean Gernand*

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-7-82

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register _____ date
Keeper of the National Register _____ date
Attest: Chief of Registration _____ date