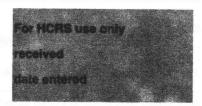
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#### United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

## National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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

#### 1. Name

historic	Madame	Margaret	LaFolier	House	
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and/or common Ludwig House

### 2. Location

street & number 3 miles west of Huntington on U.S. 24

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code

city, town Huntington

\_<u>X</u> vicinity of

county Huntington

#### state Indiana 3. Classification

Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status occupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other: Vacant
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# 4. Owner of Property

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city, town	Huntington	state Indiana
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# 7. Description

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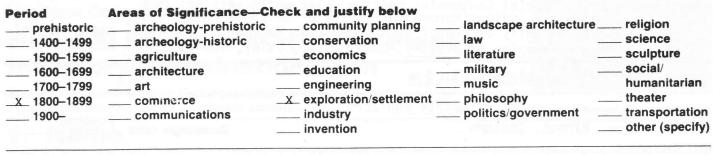
The Madame Margaret LaFolier House and its outbuildings are situated on a gently sloping hill, with a high wooded ridge in the background to the north. The property was a working farm for many years, and a sturdy bank barn is located nearby. A small flagstone springhouse, a henhouse, corncrib and garage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



#### 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 Richardvi 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.

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## **10. Geographical Data**

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12. State His	toric Pres	ervatio	n Officer Certification
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