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Wayne National Forest  
County Road No. 17  
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**Location:**

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USGS Stafford Quadrangle  
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**Significance:**

The Jacob Fieber House (Edington House) was constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. It exhibits integrity of the historical character of its log construction and has not undergone dramatic alteration. The structure is significant because of its age and level of integrity.

**Description:**

The Jacob Fieber House is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Lewisville, Ohio, on County Road 17 in Section 21 of Wayne Township, Monroe County. The house sits on a sloping wooded site with a small creek running across the front of the property. A wooden outhouse stands to the left of the house.

The residence is a small, 1-1/2-story log house, ten logs high. The logs have steeple-notch connections at the corners. The tapered ends of the steeple notches fit securely at the corners, and are chinked with mud and wooden members as fill. A side facing gable roof has slate shingles with a metal ridge vent. Small windows are centrally located under the gable ends.

The front elevation has three bays, consisting of a front door flanked by two small double-hung windows. The windows show elements of Greek Revival architecture with simple pediment window moldings. The four panel front door is hand constructed of walnut with decorative pressed iron hinge. The front porch is a later addition. The paint ghosts of a smaller front facing gable are visible on the front elevation.

The house is covered with 4" wood clapboard siding on three sides. The hand hewn logs are exposed on the rear of the house. A one-story addition has been removed from the rear elevation. The foundation is sandstone, and the house has a full basement. Access to the basement is through exterior stone steps on the southeast side of the house.

The interior of the house is one room with a rear 5-panel pine door. Wainscoting covers the lower half of the interior walls, and vertical unfinished wood boards are attached directly to the log above. Originally, the hand hewn logs were finished with plaster and a whitewash. The floor is stained oak. The second floor walls are covered with horizontal wood boards painted blue-green. A wood staircase is located at the rear corner of the room. The cabin was built to accommodate a stove instead of a fireplace, as a metal pipe extends through the roof on the east end of the house near the staircase. Under the pipe, the floor is marked by a rectangular area where the stove sat.

**History:**

The property is located within the Marietta Unit of the Wayne National Forest in Monroe County, Wayne Township, Ohio. Monroe County was one of several counties divided from Washington County, the first organized county north of the Ohio River and comprising approximately half the territory now included in the State of Ohio. Established on July 26, 1788, Washington County area lawmakers did not divide the area into townships until 1790. The first organized townships of Marietta, Belpre, and Waterford sat along the river with continued organization of the hinterland through 1861.

Wayne Township was organized in 1823. Settlement did not occur in the area until 1815. The Daugherty family was one of the first families to take up residence, settling along Crane's Nest Fork, which flowed along the eastern edge of the township. There, they built the first Roman Catholic church in the township. By 1880, the total population of the township had grown to 1,284 people.

In 1898, this property was owned by Jacob Fieber. The cabin was standing at this time but was built earlier; Jacob's ownership of the property dates to at least 1869. In 1869, a Rev. J. G. Fieber performed a wedding for a prominent doctor in Clarington, Ohio. This small town on the Ohio River was an early settlement in Salem Township. The Feiber family does not appear in the 1880 and 1890 census for Monroe County.

This house is an excellent example of a 1-1/2-story log house. Other historians have suggested that the structure embodies characteristics of early-twentieth century construction techniques. This is true to an extent, but does not place the original construction in the 1900s, as has been suggested. The stylistic detailing of the windows appears to date from the end of the Greek Revival period, circa 1869. The remodeling of the house

at this time was typical of families seeking a more refined dwelling. Evidence shows that the interior walls were originally finished with plaster. This leads to the conclusion that the log structure sat unfinished before being sided and finished with wood on the interior.

Speculation, based on the primary evidence left by the house, leads to the conclusion that the structure was constructed in the mid-nineteenth century. The house, then, was drastically altered during the 1860s by Jacob Fieber as his economic condition improved. After the house was improved, Jacob and his family occupied the dwelling for more than 20 years.

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