



Integrity:

- The materials, construction, and overall workmanship of the house and its furnishings are of the highest quality and exist today as designed and specified by Wright.
- The integrity of Samara as regards the original architectural and landscape designs, setting and location, and construction details, as prescribed by the architect, is exceptionally complete and supported by original drawings and correspondence.
- Samara is among a very few Wright designs that has maintained original finishes, equipment, and furnishings for nearly sixty years, while meticulously seeing the architect's original design intentions for the house and its landscape through to completion.
- The Christian Family has faithfully held fast to Wright's vision for Samara and has maintained a consistent relationship with the architect's firm, and later the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, most notably in a 1974 update of the main living and dining spaces.
- Samara will continue as a house museum under the guidance of the John E. Christian Family Memorial Trust, Inc., established by John Christian and his daughter, to ensure the protection of the property and archives in perpetuity.

Owner of Property: Linda K. Christian Davis (only child of original owner/clients)

Acreage of Property: Approximately one acre

Origins of Nomination: The John E. Christian Family Memorial Trust, Inc. and the National Park Service hired a consultant to write the nomination on a cost share basis.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- Designation will increase public awareness of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural genius, philosophy, and landscape designs, and of Samara as an exceptional, fully-realized Usonian work.
- Designation will raise awareness of Samara's vast educational resources, thereby promoting opportunities for study and learning through Samara's local, regional, and nationwide educational outreach programs.
- Designation will increase heritage tourism to Samara from across the country, benefitting as well the City of West Lafayette and the State of Indiana.
- Designation may enhance current preservation initiatives and resources.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Stevens moved, Dr. Seale seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of 6/2/14):

James Klatch, West Lafayette, Indiana



Donald G. Jones, PhD, Director, US/ICOMOS, Washington, DC
Ron Alting, State Senator, Indianapolis, Indiana
Stephanie K. Meeks, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, DC
Rob Galbraith, ALA, Key Architecture, Inc., Lafayette, Indiana
J. Clifford Frazier, Washington, DC
Sean Malone, President & CEO, Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Scottsdale, Arizona
John E. Christian, Samara, West Lafayette, Indiana (former owner and client of Frank Lloyd Wright)
Linda K. C. Davis, Houston, Texas (owner)
Cameron F. Clark, State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology, Indianapolis, Indiana
Janet Halstead, Executive Director, Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, Chicago, Illinois
Todd Rokita, US Congressman, 4th District, Indiana
Kent Schuette, Professor of Architecture, Director, Center for Community and Environmental Design, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
Marsh Davis, President, Indiana Landmarks, Indianapolis, Indiana
Nick Schenkel, Library Director, West Lafayette Public Library, Indiana
Randy Truitt, State Representative, District 26, State of Indiana House of Representatives
Dr. Rocky Killion, Superintendent of Schools, West Lafayette Community School Corporation, Indiana

Advisory Board Recommendation: