

THE
DAVID ARCHER
BURYING
GROUND

JOHN CHAPMAN
"JOHNNIE"
APPLESEED



After an
old
woodcut



Sketch
Sept. 1873

Due John Oliver one hundred
and fifty trees when he goes for them
to some of my nurseries on Mohican
waters
John Chapman

NURSERIES

JOHNNIE APPLESEED, HIS HANDWRITING AND HIS BURIAL PLACE

John Chapman, known as "Johnny Appleseed," died at the home of William Worth, near Fort Wayne in 1847. The historical account of his death and his burial by the Worths and their neighbors, the Pettits, the Gongs, Porters, Notes, Bessons, Beckets, Parkers, Wintestides, Pechons, Hatfields, Farrants, Ballards, Randsells and the Archers, in the Archer burying ground, is substantially correct, wrote John Archer in 1900. "The common headboards used in those days long since have decayed and become entirely obliterated, and at this time I do not think that any person could, with any degree of certainty, come within fifty feet of locating the grave." The burying ground is located

a few rods west of Stop 1 on the Robison park electric line. "Johnny Appleseed" is the hero of Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis' captivating tale, "The Quest of John Chapman," and the story of his life, which was spent in planting apple trees throughout the wilderness of the middle west, is familiar to the school children of America. The portrait and the fac simile of an order for apple trees, written by John Chapman, are after engravings which accompanied an article by E. O. Randall in Vol. IX of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical society publications. A monument to the memory of John Chapman, the gift of M. H. Bushnell, was dedicated in November, 1912, at Mansfield, Ohio.