

THE
DAVID ARCHER
BURYING
GROUND

JOHN CHAPMAN-
"JOHNNIE
APPLESEED"

After an
old
woodcut

sketches
Sept. 13

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 "Johnnie Appleseed," died at the home of William Worth, near Fort Wayne, in 1843. "The historical account of his death and his burial by the Worths and their neighbors, the Pettits, the Goings, Porters, Notestines, Becketts, Parkers, Witesides, Pechons, Hatfields, Parrants, Ballards, Randsells and the Archers, in the Archer burial 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 3, on the Robison park electric line. "Johnnie Appleseed" is the hero of many interesting works of fiction dealing with the story of his life, which was spent in planting apple trees throughout the wilderness of the middle west. The portrait and the fac simile of an order for apple trees are after engravings which accompanied an article by E. O. Randall in Vol. IX of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical society publications. A bronze tablet dedicated to the memory of Johnnie Appleseed was placed in Swinney park, Fort Wayne, in May, 1916.