

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NR: 10-4-89

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Porter, Orin, House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 240 College Street N/A not for publication
city, town Hudson N/A vicinity
state Ohio code OH county Summit code 153 zip code 44236

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> objects
			<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historic Properties of Hudson, Ohio
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official W. Ray [Signature] Date 8/16/89
State or Federal agency and bureau SHPO

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Sandstone

walls Clapboard

roof Asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The house at 240 West College Street was built in 1861 by the noted local architect Orin Porter. The house was built on a fourteen acre tract of land lying between North Main Street and College Street. The east portion of the tract was sold in the early 1900s and the houses at 226 and 250 College Street were built at this time. The Orin Porter house now stands off a private lane that runs from West College Street, on a wooded, secluded lot.

The house is a frame Italianate building, with an irregular cross-shaped plan. The central section of the building is two stories high and has a hip-roof. A two story, single bay projection dominates the center of the facade. It has a low pitch, gable roof with wide returns and pronounced brackets under the eaves. There is a bullseye window in the gable and twin arched windows just beneath. The projection contains a recessed entrance, which is capped by a pedimented hood and heavy brackets. There is a rear, gable roofed extension, that was originally only a single story. The roof was raised slightly in the 1960s in order to make a bedroom from the original attic space. A screened-in porch was also added to the east side of the house in the 1960s.

The interior has been little changed from its original form. The original poplar floors are still in use in the kitchen and in the upstairs bedrooms. The living room, dining room and hall floors are in oak, which covers the original floors. An outstanding curved walnut banister and stair rail rises to the right of the entrance. An off-center hall leads to the dining room and living room. A room opening from the dining room and to the left of the entry hall has had modern windows replacing the original to provide light for an artist's workroom. All other windows are original, including much of the original window panes. The house is well maintained and still has integrity of design and setting.

There is one non-contributing garage. The exact date of the garage is unknown, but was in a dilapidated condition when the current owner bought the property in the 1960s. This garage has been modernized for use as an artist's studio.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
1861-1871

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder
Orin Porter

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Orin Porter House is significant under Criteria B for its association with the noteworthy local architect, Orin Porter, who designed, built and lived in this house for ten years; and under Criteria C as an excellent example of Italianate architecture. It conforms to Property Type FI, Domestic, Civic and Commercial Architecture, 1850/1907, relating to Historic Context Statement 3, Railroad Prosperity; Merchant Builders.

Orin Porter was one of a distinguished family of architects practicing in this area in the early nineteenth century. Architect-builder Lemuel Porter is recognized as one of the finest early architects; Simeon Porter, his eldest son and apprentice, became well-known in the Hudson and Cleveland areas as a practicing architect. Lemuel Porter died in 1829 before fulfilling his contract with Western Reserve College for the construction of the college chapel, the contract then turned over to Simeon Porter for completion. The success of this project began an illustrious career in architecture and building. In the early 1840s, Simeon Porter built a house on the parcel of land where 240 College Street now stands; it was destroyed by fire a few years later. Orin Porter, the youngest son of Lemuel, only nine years old when his father died, had by this time been trained by Simeon in the skills of the trade. In 1861, having successfully completed two projects still extant, 230 Aurora Street (1860) and 394 North Main Street (1857), he built his own residence on this land, replacing the burned-out Simeon Porter house.

The style of this house shows typical Porter characteristics and the influence of the popular Italianate and the local Greek Revival style tradition on Porter. The low front gable and long returns Porter also used on the Italianate house at 230 Aurora Street; the twin arched windows in the front facade, under a bullseye window, the pronounced brackets and the pedimented hood also are signature elements of Porter's work. Orin Porter lived in the house until his death in 1871. This house represents the culmination of his years of training in the profession. It has suffered very few changes, none affecting its integrity, and, as Porter's personal residence, of historic value in a community which was home to the illustrious Porter family of master-builders.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Multiple Property Documentation

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Hudson Heritage Association Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 1/3 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

In the Village of Hudson and County of Summit, beginning at a point on a private lane 250' north and 277' west of the intersection of College and High Streets; running thence north along the west boundary of the Richard Miller property 150'; thence west 100'; thence south 150'; thence east 100' to the place of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

Boundary is the lot boundary where the dwelling house is situated.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lois Newkirk

organization Hudson Heritage Association date 2/14/89

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city or town Hudson state Ohio zip code 44236

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Continuation Sheet**

Orin Porter House, 240 College Street, Summit County, Hudson, Ohio

Section number Photo Page 1

Porter, Orin, House, 240 College Street
Historic and Architectural Properties of Hudson, Ohio (MPD)
Hudson, Summit County, Ohio
Dates of Photographs: 1988
Location of Negatives: Hudson Heritage Association
Photographer: Lois Newkirk

1. Facade, looking
2. Looking Northeast
3. Roof detail, south facade
4. South elevation
5. Looking west
6. Rear, looking southwest

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89001449

Date Listed: 10/5/89

Orin Porter House
Property Name

Summit
County

OH
State

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

10/5/89
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The property is nominated for Criterion B, but the line for Significant Person is not filled in. Barb Powers with the OH SHPO says that this was a technical oversight and that the name of Orin Porter should be listed as the significant person. The form is now officially amended to make this addition.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**
SINCE 1885

November 27, 1989

M. Wilson
240 College Street
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear M. Wilson:

Re: Orin Porter House, 240 College Street, Hudson,
Summit County, Ohio

This is to inform you that the Orin Porter House nomination has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior (NR listed 10/05/89).

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is information explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL/BAP:dh
Enclosure

x.c. Jeff Brown, Regional Coordinator
Joseph Lawler
NEFCO
Lois Newkirk, National Register Consultant
Eric Johannesen, Western Reserve Historical Society
Barbara Burk, Hudson Heritage Association
State Representative Thomas W. Watkins
State Senator Roy L. Ray

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Porter, Orin, House

County: Summit

MPD Cover Form: Historic & Architectural Properties of Hudson MPD

County Filed In: Summit

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

Ohio Historic Inventory form

Photograph(s)

Photograph(s) (copies)

USGS map(s)

USGS map(s) (copies)

Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

Correspondence

Other _____
