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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: **Francis Becker House**

other name/site number: **Ohio Historic Inventory # SUM 3100-19**

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2. Location

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street & number: **3010 Hickory Street**

not for publication: **N/A**

city/town: **Clinton**

vicinity:

state: OH county: **Summit**

code: **153**

zip code: **44216**

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Barbara Paves ^{Dept. Head} Planning, Inventory April 26, 2002
Signature of certifying official Registration Date

Ohio Historic Preservation Office -- OH SHPO

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

4. 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 Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: **Private**

Category of Property: **Building(s)**

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> 1 </u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u> 1 </u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Canal, Railroad, and Industrial Resources of the Village of Clinton/Warwick.

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification: Greek Revival

Other Description:

Materials: foundation Sandstone roof: Metal
walls Wood other: _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local .

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1854

Significant Dates: Historic, 1854

Significant Person(s):

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: _____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: .25

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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- 2) 4)

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet. The house is located on Summit County, Village of Clinton, Warwick Lots 291, 292, and 293.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet. The property contains the building that is historically associated with Canal Era as defined by the Canal, Railroad, and Industrial Resources of the Village of Clinton/Warwick Multiple Property Documentation form.

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11. Form Prepared By
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City or Town: Brecksville State: OH ZIP:44141

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Additional Documentation
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Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map indicating the property's location.

Figure 1 Site and photo map.

Figure 2 First Floor plan

Figure 3 Second Floor plan.

Figure 4 1891 Warwick Map, Summit County Atlas.

Figure 5 1901 Photograph of the Warwick House, south elevation.

Figure 6 Circa 1901 Photograph of the Warwick House, façade elevation.

Photographs

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Francis Becker House
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Description

The Francis Becker House is located on the south side of Hickory Street in the town formerly known as Warwick (Figures 1-3). The property slopes downward, and the lot contains several mature deciduous trees and evergreens. A concrete walkway leads from the front porch area to the sidewalk. Situated directly west of the subject property is a contemporary ranch-style house.

The Becker House is a two-story, hipped-roof, wood-frame building in the Greek Revival style. The house's façade has five bays with a central entry (photos 1 and 2). The trabeated entryway contains pilasters with an entablature (photo 3). A full transom light runs the length of the entryway (photos 3 and 4). Full-size windows are one-over-one with double hung sashes. Most of the windows have plain surrounds.

All elevations of the house are clad with wood clapboard siding with end boards. The first floor of the façade, which was originally covered by a shed-roofed porch, is clad with flush horizontal wood siding (photos 1-3). The façade's first floor window surrounds extend to the foundation of the house. The windows have been shortened by approximately three feet with the bases being in-filled with wood siding.

The house's roof is covered with a standing seam metal roofing material. The building's cornice line is adorned with dentils and a wide frieze board is present on all elevations. As noted in Photos 1-2, the frieze board is temporarily removed for restoration. The house has dual interior chimneys in the east and west ends of the roof.

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Description (continued)

The east and west elevations contain two windows in the first and second floor (photo 5). The window openings are situated nearer to the center of the elevations, between the chimney stacks. According to the current owner, the side elevation windows were added during the twentieth century.

The south elevation of the house has a hipped-roof porch (photo 6). The first-floor porch is supported by four square posts that appear to have been added in the early twentieth century. The fenestration pattern of the south elevation mimics the north elevation and contains a center entryway (photo 7). The doorway is trabeated with a full transom light, similar to the façade elevation's doorway. The rear transom is extant, but is covered by the rear porch roof (photos 6 and 7).

A garage is located on the ground floor (basement) of the south elevation (photo 6). The garage contains an overhead door and was added during the first half of the twentieth century. The house contains a full basement with a poured concrete floor. A set of stairs, complete with a newel post and balustrade, lead to the first floor.

The interior of the house contains several elements that are associated with Greek Revival architecture. The door and window surrounds have a shallow pediment, consistent with the Greek Revival style (photos 8, 9, and 10).

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Description (continued)

The first floor façade (north) windows originally extended to the floor, but have been shortened in a previous rehabilitation. Many interior windows, however, retain their original size (photo 11). Intact, original features include fireplace mantles (Photo 15) and the first-floor stair with its newel post and balusters (photo 16). A second-floor balcony overlooks both the stairs and the first-floor entrance hall (photo 17). The interior rooms retain their original configuration and massing. Most of the interior doors are four-paneled (photo 13) and appear to be original. The floors are constructed of pine and the woodwork is poplar. The baseboards are wide with molded caps (photo 14).

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs.

Name of Property: Francis Becker House.

County and State: Summit County, Ohio

Photographer: Sam Tamburro

Date of Photograph: November 1999, January 2000

Location of Negatives: Cuyahoga Valley National Park

1. House, façade, facing south.
2. House, façade, facing south.
3. House, north (façade) elevation's entryway.
4. Interior, north elevation's entryway, facing north.
5. House, west elevation, facing east.
6. House, south elevation, facing north.
7. Interior, south elevation's entryway, facing south.
8. Interior, door molding, west front room, first floor.
9. Interior, door moldings, second floor.
10. Interior, door moldings, second floor.
11. Interior, window sill, second floor.
12. Interior, door surround, second floor (rear east room).
13. Interior, door surround, second floor.
14. Interior, second floor baseboards.
15. Interior, fireplace mantle, west rear room, first floor.
16. Interior, first floor staircase with newel post and balustrade.
17. Interior, staircase, facing north down to the first floor.
18. Interior, door surround, second floor.

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Statement of Significance

The Francis Becker House meets the registration requirements for properties eligible under Criteria C as specified in the Canal, Railroad, and Industrial Resources of Clinton/Warwick Multiple Property Documentation Form (Clinton MPD).

The house is significant under Criterion C for embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The Becker House is a hipped-roof, Greek Revival style house, a building type identified in the Clinton MPD as a significant style and building type to the historical development of the Village of Clinton.

The Greek Revival style is indicative of the early settlement of the area and the influence of the opening of the Ohio & Erie Canal on the development of the community. The Becker House contains character defining Greek Revival elements such as cornices and wide frieze boards. In addition, the house has a trabeated entryway and the frieze board is adorned with dentils, a decorative Greek Revival element.

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Historical Background

The parcel of land that the Becker House is located (Franklin Township, Section 31) on was originally Congressional Lands that were owned by the Federal Government.

By 1830, Margaret Harvey purchased 369 acres of Section 31, which included the land that the Becker House is located on. The 1830 Summit County Tax Auditor's Duplicates indicate that the property did not contain any taxable buildings or structures.

In 1842, Samuel Delaney purchased 277 acres of the property from Harvey. In the following year, Delaney sold 50 acres to J. Irving. By 1844, Delaney sold the remaining 227 acres to his brother William. According to the tax records, there were no buildings located on the subject property.¹

In 1846, John Harness paid \$2,401 for the 227-acre parcel. Whether or not Harness farmed the property himself or leased his acreage to another farmer is unknown. Harness does not appear in the U.S. Census Population Schedule and Productions of Agriculture, and according to the property deed, he was a resident of Stark County, Ohio.²

In 1850, Abraham Durstine of Holmes County, Ohio purchased the 227 acre tract for \$3,550. Durstine retain ownership until 1854, when Francis Becker, an owner of several area coal mines, bought the property and built the house on the property.

¹ 1844 Summit County Tax Auditor's, Duplicates.

² 1850 Summit County Deeds, Volume 17, 502-503.

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Becker paid \$5,597 for the property. He was an important businessman in the area who had interests in both mining and railroad operations.

Becker's 1857 obituary reads as follows:

Died

At Clinton on Saturday Oct. 10th, Mr. Frank Becker aged about 38 years.

Mr. Becker was a native of Rhenish, Prussia but had resided in the county for more than sixteen years. He was a thorough, energetic businessman, high-minded and honorable in every relation, and he was esteemed where he was known. The death of such a citizen is deplored not only by his family, but by a wide circle of friends who appreciated his manly character and worth.³

³ Akron Beacon Journal, 14 October 1857.

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In 1864, David Tod, Becker's business partner and the Governor of Ohio from 1862-64, purchased the property.⁴ Historical information suggests that David Tod never lived in the house.

The property tract included tramlines (north of Hickory Street) that were vital to transporting coal shipments from Rogues Hollow to Clinton for shipment on the O&E Canal and on the Cleveland, Zanesville, & Cincinnati Railroad.

In 1872, Jacob Wolf purchased the property from David Tod and immediately sold the property to John G. Warwick of Massillon, Ohio.⁵

Warwick served as principal over the Sippo Valley Mills and also as the director of the Massillon & Cleveland Railroad, the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, and the Cleveland & Marietta Railroad.⁶ Because of Warwick's involvement in the railroad business, he also became interested in mining ventures,

⁴ 1864 Summit County Deeds, Volume 50, 126-128. David Tod's presence in the Warwick area indicates the importance of the area's coal and transportation resources. Trained as an attorney, Tod focused his attention on his growing coal, iron, and railroad interests during the 1850s. Subsequently, he accumulated a fortune from his business interests.

⁵ 1872 Summit County Deeds, Volume 81, 280-285.

⁶ Portrait and Biographical Record of Stark County, Ohio. Containing biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens, together with biographies and portraits of all the presidents of the United States, (Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1892), 117-118. (cited hereafter as Portrait and Biographical Record of Stark County).

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Historical Development (continued)

especially coal operations. The rich coal holdings of the area attracted Warwick to purchase the parcel. Records indicate that he never lived in the Hickory Street house. The house may have been used by Warwick's operation manager in the area.

Throughout the last quarter of the nineteenth century, Warwick remained the owner of the 227 acres. By the early 1890s, Warwick and Henry Dennis, a Cleveland real estate developer, plotted his property into approximately 962 lots to be sold for development.⁷ The 1891 Illustrated Summit County, Ohio property atlas demonstrates the size and scope of Warwick's plans (figure 4).

In 1891, 16th Congressional District elected John G. Warwick as their representative in the U.S. Congress. Tragically, he died in office on 14 August 1892. However, Maria E. Lavake, Warwick's widow, maintained his business operation.

In 1896, with the help of her son W.K.L. Warwick, Maria founded Warwick Furnace Factory. By 1901, they opened the Warwick Glass Company. Both new businesses were located in the newly chartered "town." As the Clinton MPD notes, on 2 November 1901, a public auction was held to sell property lots in Warwick. A picture from the auction shows the Becker House in the background, one of only a few existing structures in the town (figure 5). The second-story porch along the south elevation of the house is evident as well as a widow's walk with an iron roof cresting that was situated on the roof of the house.

An additional historic photograph of a coal mine owners' picnic illustrates that changes have occurred to the façade elevation

⁷ Sandra Walsh Dreurey, The Clinton Story, (Clinton, OH: Clinton Historical Society, 1991), 23.

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of the house (figure 6). The photograph illustrates that the house contained a shed-roof porch with a metal balcony railing.

The porch was supported by machine-turned spindle posts with chamfered edges. The front porch was removed by the current owner but will be replaced in-kind.

The Warwicks' business operations were short-lived. The Warwick Furnace Factory closed in 1901 and the glass factory in 1915. By 1910, most of the Warwick's 223 acres was sold off to the Franklin Industrial Company. William Humberger, a Massillon, Ohio merchant and former business partner of W.L.K. Warwick, owned the house briefly.

In 1917, John Walsh, Supervisor of the Oliver Silica and Sand Quarry, purchased the house and his heirs retained ownership until the 1990s. Modest changes were made to the building, most notably the conversion of the southwest section of the basement into a one-car garage and the back porch's siding and columns were replaced. In 1997, Elizabeth Bailey purchased the Becker House and is rehabilitating the building.

Criterion C: Architecture

The Becker House is significant under Criterion C: Architecture for its evident characteristics and significant architectural elements of the Greek Revival style, a building style directly associated with Clinton's "Canal Era," as defined by the Canal, Railroad, and Industrial Resources of Clinton/Warwick Multiple Property Documentation Form.

The building contains classic Greek Revival elements such as wide freize board, dentils, and trabeated entryways. The house's

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Criterion C: Architecture (continued)

interior elements, such as shallow pediment door surrounds, wide, molded baseboards, and heavy newel posts with narrow balusters are also characteristic of Greek Revival interior treatments.

As with the other Greek Revivals in the Clinton area, the Becker House is indicative of the expansion of the community as a "Break-of-Bulk" point for shipments on the Ohio & Erie Canal.

Francis Becker owned a coal mining and warehousing operation in the Village of Clinton. The 1856 Summit County atlas for the Village of Clinton indicates that "Becker & Tod" were coal merchants and owned a warehouse on Lot 10.⁸ From all accounts, Becker & Tod's coal merchant operation was successful.

Similar to Jonathan Price's Gothic Revival on Main Street and Nicholas Waggoner's Greek Revival on North Street, the Becker House could be viewed as a historic, architectural expression of Francis Becker's economic success wrought by the opening of the O&E Canal.

⁸ Hosea Paul, 1856 Summit County Atlas, (Philadelphia, PA: Matthews and Taintor, 1856).

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Historic Integrity

The historic integrity of the Becker House is well preserved. The nominated building has a high degree of design integrity. The house is clad with wood clapboard and retains its character defining features. The house's full entablature, trabeated entrances, and massing and fenestration, retain significant integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. The building is in the same location it was during its period of significance (1854), has experienced no significant alterations to its profile, and is effective in communicating its historical function. The setting of the site has not been negatively effected by new housing development, and the property maintains integrity of setting and feeling.

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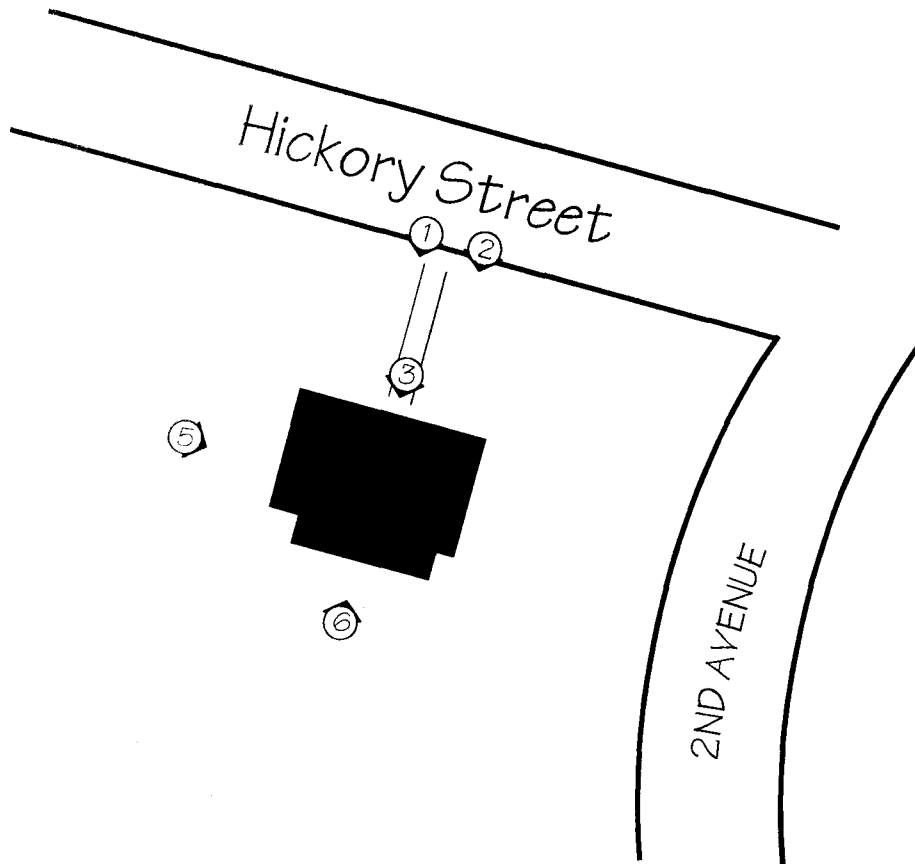
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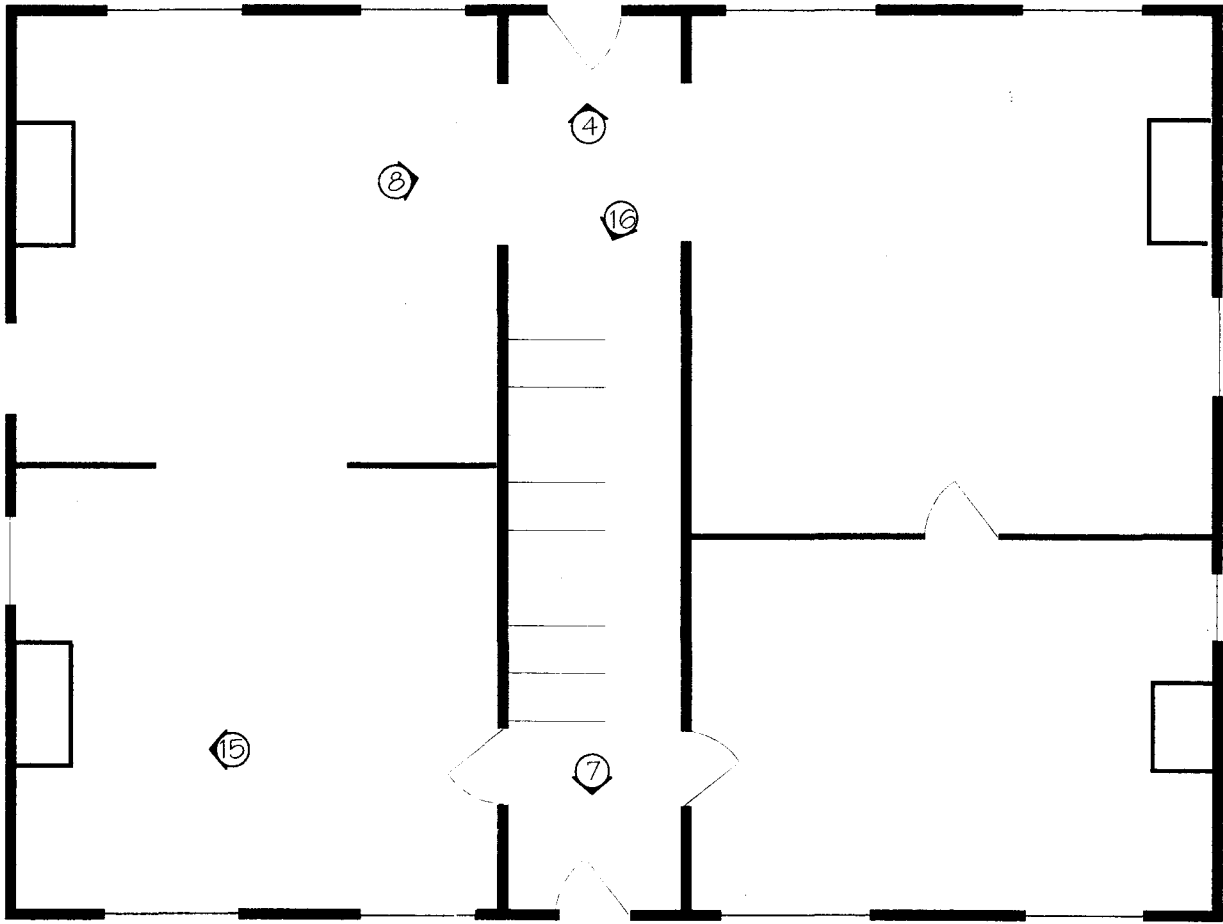
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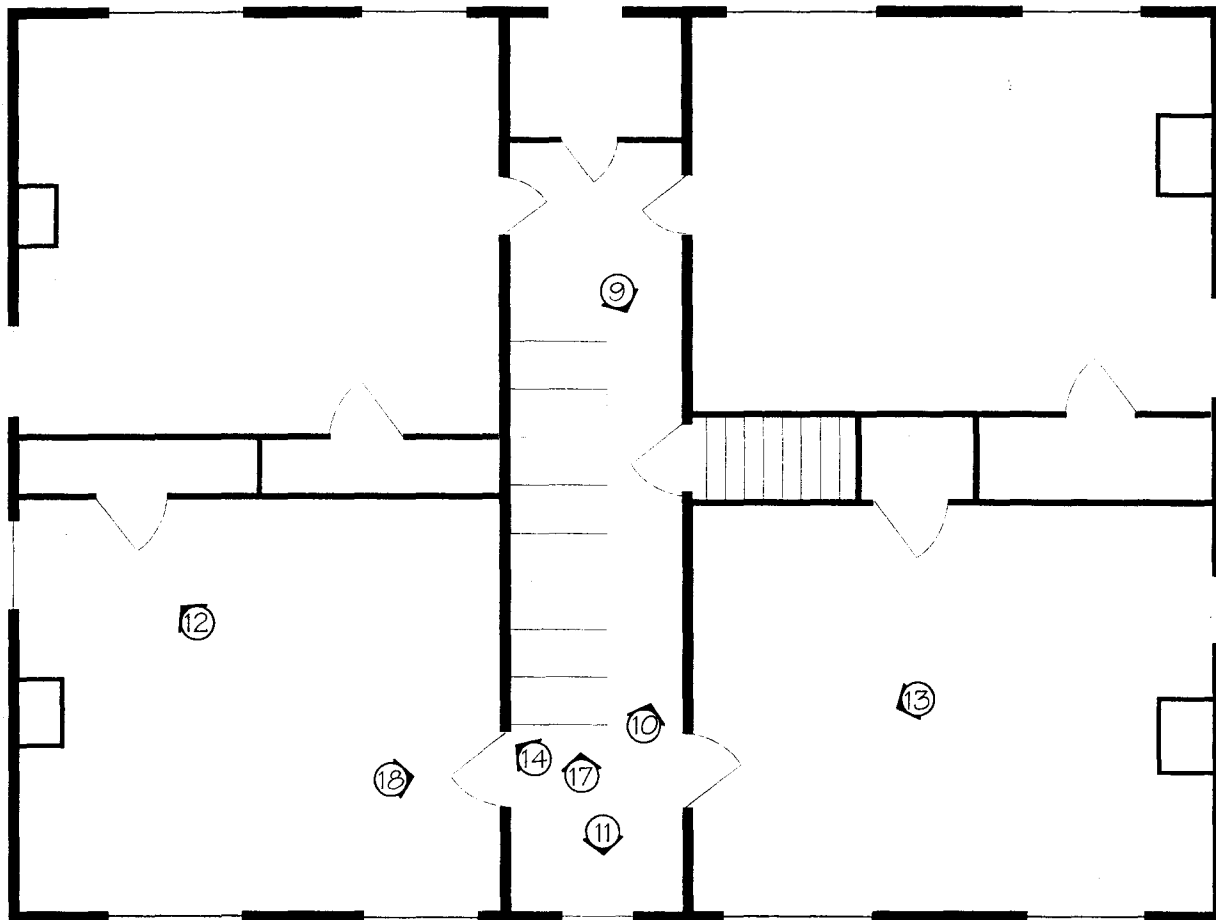
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 SITE & PHOTO MAP
 BECKER HOUSE
 SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
 CLINTON VICINITY
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FIGURE TWO
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
BECKER HOUSE
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
CLINTON VICINITY
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FIGURE THREE
SECOND FLOOR PLAN
BECKER HOUSE
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
CLINTON VICINITY
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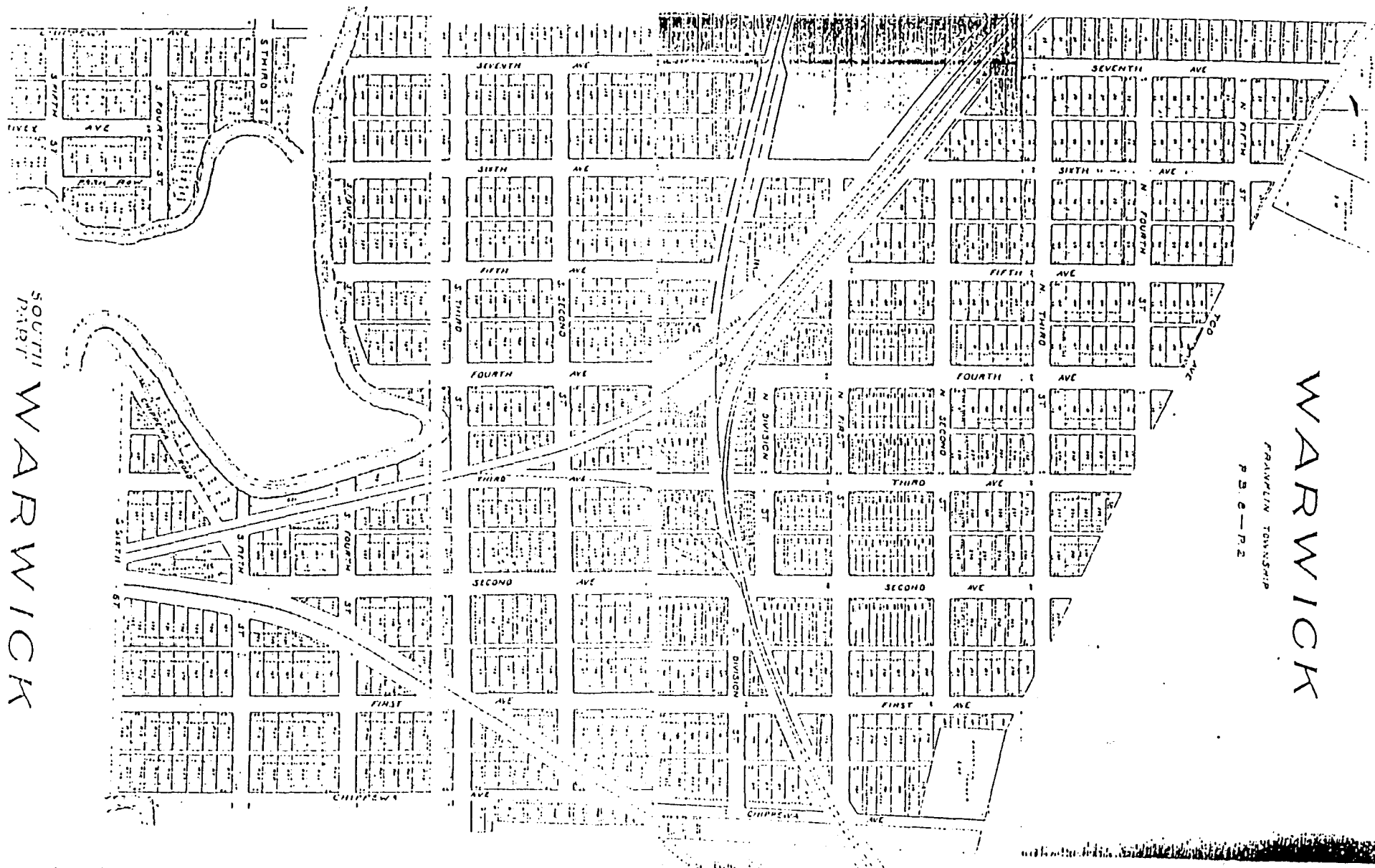


Figure 4
1891 Map of Warwick

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July 16, 2002

Elizabeth Bailey
6623 Van Buren Road
Clinton, Ohio 44216

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Congratulations on the recent listing of your property into the National Register of Historic Places!

The National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior listed the **Francis Becker House** at 3010 Hickory Street in Clinton, Ohio on June 24, 2002. 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.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) is available to advise you in maintaining the historic character of your property. As you know from previous mailings received from this office, there are no restrictions placed on your property following the National Register listing. However, the OHPO strongly encourages owners of historic properties to consider all options before completing work that could damage the structure or impair its historic integrity. Careful planning can facilitate the sensitive incorporation of contemporary alterations with the historic fabric. The OHPO provides free information on how to sensitively rehabilitate and repair historic properties, upon request.

Thank you for your interest in historic preservation and the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Powers
Department Head
Planning, Inventory, and Registration

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Mayor Tom Mayberry, City of Clinton
Senator Leigh E. Herington, District #28
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