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Cuyahoga Falls

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

CITY OR TOWN:

Ohio

3. CLASSIFICATION

District

Agricultural

□ Commercial

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Entertainment

OWNER'S NAME:

CITY OR TOWN:

Akron

OWNER OF PROPERTY

960 Evans

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Summit County Court House

Site

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Chuckery Race (Gorge Metropolitan Park)

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Public Acquisition:

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7.	DESCRIPTION						
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The Chuckery Race is a structure constructed of hand cut sandstone blocks forming a wall eight to ten feet in height and about 1300 yards long. The wall is parallel to and about 30 feet from the sheer rock of the east wall of the Cuyahoga River Gorge. The rock was quarried on site from the east wall of the Gorge. The construction of the rock wall created a water channel eight feet deep and thirty feet wide. This raceway supplied waterpower to the industrial allotment of "Summit City". At the northernmost point of Chuckery Race, a dam and gate were constructed to divert water into the raceway. Though they no longer exist, their locations and rock boulder to which they were anchored are still evident.

This portion of Chuckery Race has remained largely intact since its construction in 1844. The storm drainage along with the natural drainage of the area have helped fill in the Chuckery Race with soil; trees as Well as low foliage are presently growing in this area. To prevent water from flowing into it, a hand-cut sandstone wall was constructed where the gate opening was located for the raceway. The flood of 1913 did no damage to the stone wall, and it remains completely intact.

The southerly portion of Chuckery Race was constructed as a result of dirt fill and excavation and is about three miles in length. Natural erosion has filled in and eroded this area over the years, however, some of its characteristics and major features can still be noted. Most of this area is used by Ohio Edison as a right-of-way for main power lines.

At the present time, the Ohio Department of Highways is in the process of constructing, with Federal Funds, the Moulton Highway. It is adjacent to and above the rim of the east wall of the Cuyahoga River Gorge. The freeway drainage through this portion of the City of Cuyahoga Falls will prove to be detrimental to the preservation of the Chuckery Race and to the plant life within it. Severe erosion and freeway salt are the two primary elements which are endangering this area. The intent is to preserve the Chuckery Race and to provide an area which can be preserved and developed in conjunction with the Akron Metropolitan Park District. It is hoped that the freeway drainage system can be redesigned to prevent harm to Chuckery Race.

8.

PERIOD (Check One or More as A	Appropriate)		
Pre-Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☐ 18th Century ☐ 19th Century	20th Century
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REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Che	ck One or More as Approp	riate)	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

After the completion of Akron's Cascade Mill Race in the 1830's, Dr. Eliakim Crosby began surveys which revealed that with the adequate right-of-way, territory and construction funds, a water power second in magnitude and accessibility to no other in the western country could be created. Plans for a new manufacturing town were begun - 200 of the 2500 acres acquired were platted as Summit City in the area presently designated as the North Hill area of Akron. Capitalists from the East were invited to invest in manufacturing, business and private lots. On February 27, 1837, a charter was granted to the Portage Canal and Manufacturing Company with authorization to sell bonds for the purpose of constructing a dam and canal, the purpose of which was to provide water power for the manufacturing developments in "Summit City". This project was to be called Chuckery Race, to be 4 miles in length.

Because of the severe topography of the area, and the sheer magnitude of the Chuckery project, numerous engineering difficulties had to be overcome. The Chuckery Race began at a dam, located in a gorge. Dam construction was completed in 1843. For two miles south of the dam, The Chuckery Race was either cut from solid rock or built up with rock and stone; it continued south, leaving the gorge, to the upper plateau of "Summit City" which was nearly 100 feet above the gorge. On May 27, 1844, the project was practically completed; the gates were opened, allowing the water to flow through the full four miles of the Chuckery Race. More work was still necessary, but never completed due to disharmony among the stockholders, legal problems, and lack of funds. Further, the location of the county seat in Akron led to the collapse of "Summit City".

The High Glens Park was constructed in Cuyahoga Falls in 1882. This park, encompassing the gorge, provided a setting which was duplicated nowhere else in Ohio. Various features included dining facilities, dance hall, roller coaster (credited as the first in the country), croquet, pedestrian suspension bridges, ferry boat, caves and treehouses. One of the most prominent features of the park was the main walkway through and along the Chuckery Race, called the "Grande Promenade" which utilized the rock wall and bed of the Chuckery Race. Various sitting, picnic and planted areas were developed along it. There are presently plans to reconstruct this park site.

							
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Chuckery Race (Gorge Metropolitan Park)

2. Location

Northern (stone wall) section: 30 feet wide and approximately 3,900 feet long, located to the east of the east wall of the Cuyahoga River Gorge, in the city of Cuyahoga Falls.

Southern (earth fill & excavation) section: approximately 16,000 feet long, located south of the southern wall of the Cuyahoga River Gorge, in and south of the city of Cuyahoga Falls.

10. Geographical Data

Northern (stone wall) section: latitude: NW 41° 07' 42"

NE 41° 07' 38"

SE 41° 07' 13"

SW 41° 07' 16"

longitude:

NW 81° 29' 00"

NE 81° 29' 7.5"

SE 81° 29' 29"

SW 81° 29' 27"

Southern (earth fill & excavation) section:

latitude: NW 41° 07' 10"

NE 41° 07' 32"

SE 41° 07' 02"

SW 41° 07' 42"

longitude:

NW 81° 31' 38"

NE 81° 29' 51"

SE 81° 29' 27"

SW 81° 31' 27.5"

11. Approximate acreage of nominated property

Northern (stone wall) section: 8.5 acres

Southern (earth fill & excavation) section: 36.5 acres

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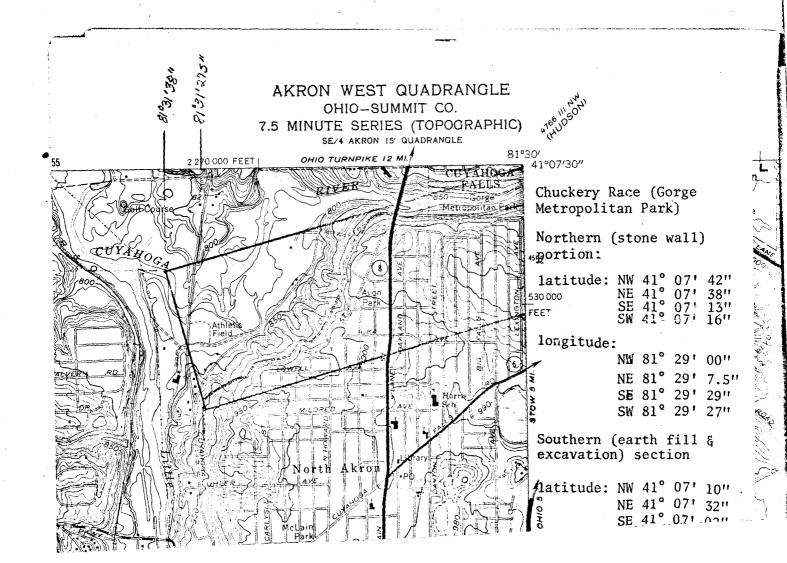
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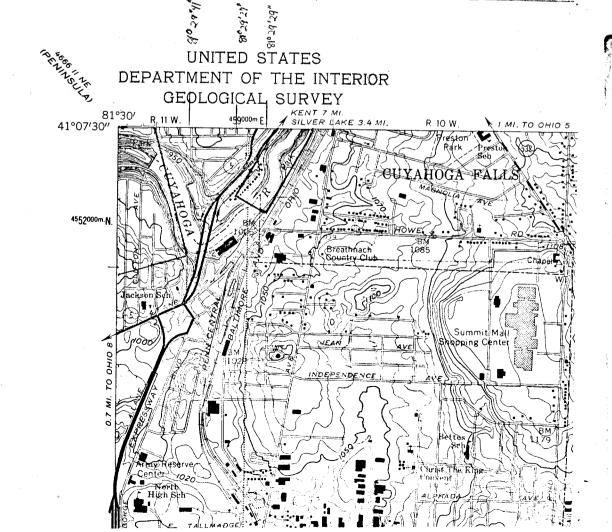
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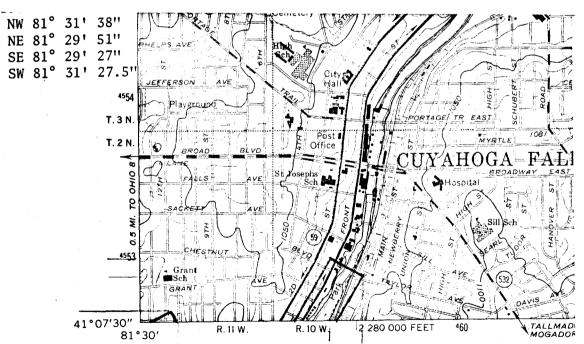
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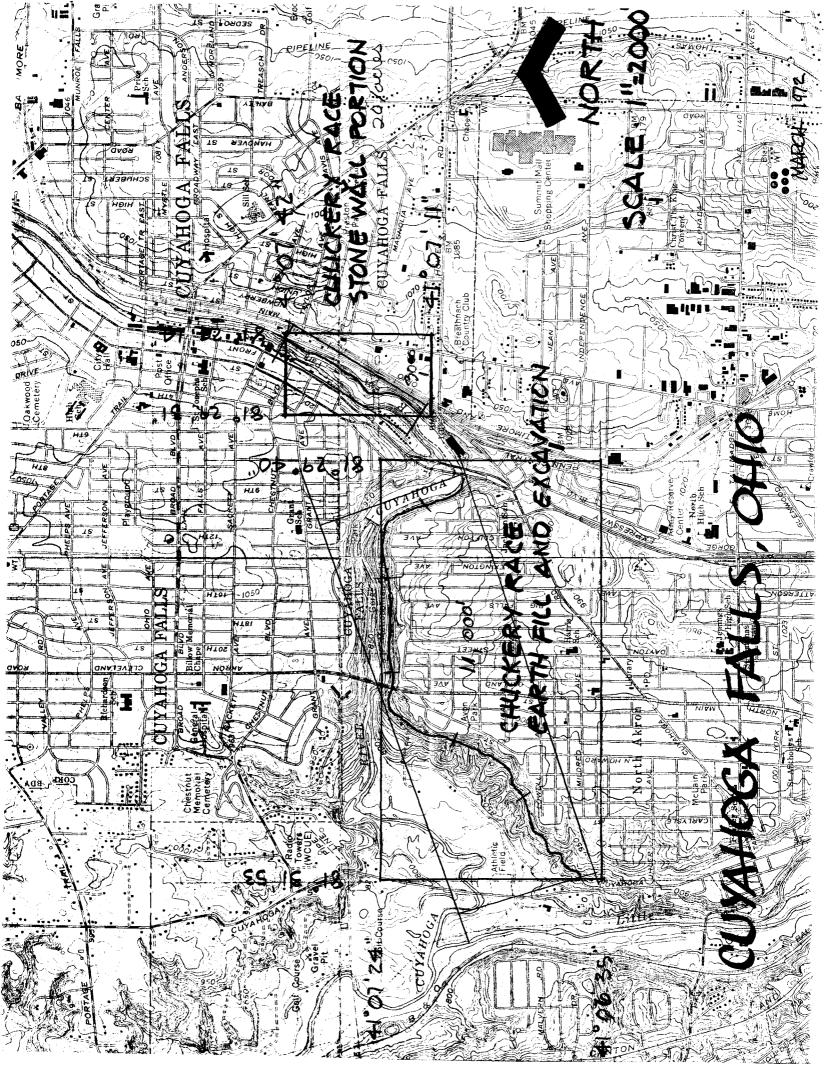
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January 2, 1973

Mr. William R. Coleman, Mayor City of Cuyahoga Falls 2310 Second Street Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am pleased to inform you that Chuckery Race has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior.

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. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

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

Congratulations for recognizing the importance of, and the need for, the careful and sensible preservation of Ohio's landmarks. Your farsightedness will surely serve as an example to other individuals and organizations in this state.

Sincerely,

Judith Kitchen Architectural Historian

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Ohio Historic Preservation Office

National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

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Name:	Chuckery Race
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	Multiple Property Nomination form
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