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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

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AND/OR COMMON

Barker Village Site

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Akron

X VICINITY OF

14th-John F. Seiberling

STATE

Ohio

CODE  
039

COUNTY  
Summit

CODE  
153

X NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

1.

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Akron Metropolitan Park District

STREET & NUMBER 975 Treaty Line Road

CITY, TOWN

Akron

X VICINITY OF

STATE  
Ohio

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC. Summit County Recorder's Office  
Summit County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 72 South High

CITY, TOWN

Akron

STATE  
Ohio

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE The Archaeological Collections

DATE

1975 ff

—FEDERAL X STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Archaeology Lab, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

CITY, TOWN

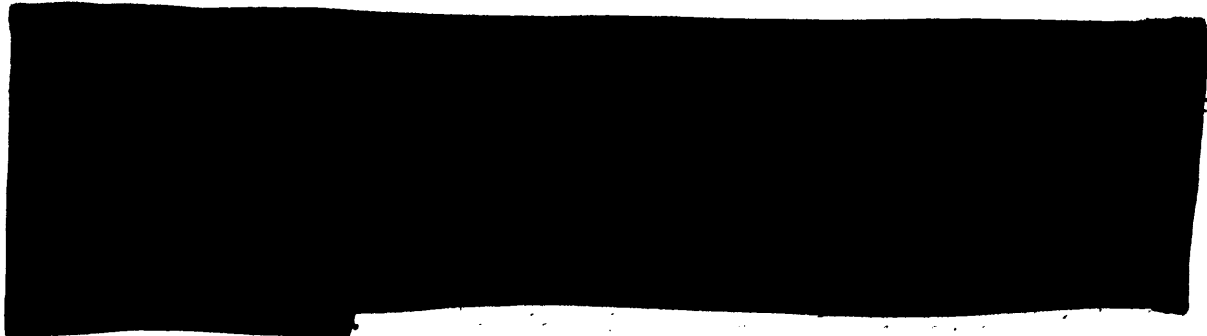
Cleveland

STATE  
Ohio

# 7 DESCRIPTION

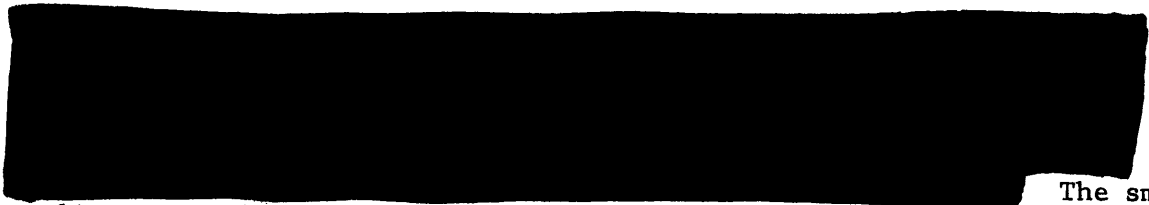
CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



The Cuyahoga River valley has been known for its prehistorical resources since the early 1800's. Campsites, villages, mounds, and fortified hilltop sites are the type of occupation areas in existence in this valley, ranging in time from the earliest inhabitants (8,000B.C.) through early European contact times. The preservation of many of these sites is next to none and has caused many of the cultures that once existed have only one or two known occupation sites still partially intact.

The Barker Village Site has been recognized as a prehistoric village in print since 1881 in William Perrin's History of Summit County, Ohio. Perrin reports that when the Ohio Canal was cut through this area, it exposed an unknown number of human skeletons. This cut was made through the extreme eastern portion of the bluff and site. Additionally, when the railroad (Baltimore and Ohio) was put through, thirty to forty human skeletons were also removed from the Barker Village Site bluff. No further record of these skeletons has been kept and there whereabouts is unknown.



The small saplings growing on the site are evidence of this fact.

Only two small testing operations have been recorded for this site. In 1966 Gary Biro of Peninsula, Ohio put three test pits into the village area and removed only broken fragments of cracked animal bone. Also in 1966 Steve Fuller of Stow, Ohio put in a test trench on the eastern central portion of the site. Through his efforts, triangular flint projectile points, bone beads, worked slate, and much shell tempered ceramics were recovered. The material was recovered from several trash and fire pits exposed during this limited testing. He also recovered one child burial. From the materials recovered, it appears that the site was occupied during a later stage of the Whittlesey Phase. This would give it a date of about A.D. 1200 on.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES A.D. 1200 on

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barker Village Site is one of many occupation areas recorded in the Cuyahoga River valley for prehistoric cultures. The preservation of many of these sites range from excellent to completely destroyed. Within the last ten years at least five late prehistoric sites have been subject to partial to complete destruction. Fortunately, the Barker Village Site is not one of these sites. For the Middle and Late Whittlesey periods in the Cuyahoga River Valley only a handful of sites are known. Therefore, the Barker Village Site is an important prehistoric occupation site to protect for it represents a culture with only a few examples of its remains left. From the preliminary reports of the site from Perrin (1881) and Fuller (1967) it appears as though the site may be one of the largest prehistoric villages from this time period in the valley.

There is no doubt that much information and remains are buried below the plow zone at Barker Village Site. The testing by Steve Fuller was extremely good for an amateur archaeologist and his records are sufficient to positively identify both firepits and trash pits. With the amount of human remains removed from the site, it is quite evident that the area was occupied for an extensive period of time. Careful examination of this village site could provide prehistorians with an excellent picture of the culture that inhabited the Cuyahoga River valley during late prehistoric times.

It is hoped that the placing of the Barker Village Site on the National Register of Historic Places will aid in the preservation of this important link to Ohio's past.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Perrin, William Henery, 1881. History of Summit County, Ohio, Chicago: Baskins and Batty.  
 Fuller, Steve, 1967. The Barker Site, Personal manuscript. (Copy on file at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History)

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]  
 UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 C [REDACTED] D [REDACTED]  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

OHPO, Regional Office, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

DATE

November 12, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATES:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

[REDACTED] SIGNATURE

*[Handwritten Signature]*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

Sept. 21, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE

*4/19/78*

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*4-13-78*