

Raymond, Frank Mason, House
Name of Property

Summit Co., Ohio
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
1		sites
		structures
1		objects
3	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Tudor Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation tile block

walls brick

stucco

roof slate

other wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1929

Significant Dates

1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Good, Albert H.; and Wagner, Edwin D.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 5.8

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jeffrey D. Brown/Regional Coordinator

organization Ohio Historic Preservation Office date December 29, 1993

street & number 201 3rd. Street NE telephone 216-438-0404

city or town Canton state Ohio zip code 44702

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources

street & number 1952 Belcher Dr. telephone (614)

city or town Columbus state Ohio zip code 43224

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The Frank Mason Raymond House is a 2 1/2 story, 20-room building completed in 1929 and located on the western edge of Turkeyfoot Lake, south of the city of Akron. Designed in the Tudor Revival style, the house was constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond pattern, with decorative half-timbering and stucco infill above portions of the first floor. Casement windows are clustered in groups of two to five, and the projecting front entry is framed in ornamental stonework. Decorative courses of brickwork in a diamond pattern are found at several exterior locations, and three massive chimneys of stone and brick are capped by individual chimney pots. The house's design incorporates a gabled slate roof with prominent cross gables and several small, hip-roof wall dormers.

The interior of the house is also largely intact. Arched doorways and built-in china cabinets, a carved wood staircase, a Tudor arch fireplace with oak paneling, and exposed beams in the living room, all enhance the overall architectural design. The kitchen still retains a butler's pantry and a servant call box; original tilework, pedestal sink, and other fittings remain in the bathroom; and the bedroom closets still exhibit their original built-in drawers and shelving.

The spacious setting of the Raymond House includes an embanked grotto constructed of stone just north of the house, a tennis court, and a small wood two-bay garage (built ca. 1948) with a front gable roof and a single 6/6 double-hung window on each side. The house, grotto, tennis court are all contributing resources. The garage is non-contributing due to age.

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The Frank M. Raymond House is significant under Criterion C as a distinctive example of the Tudor Revival style of architecture, exhibiting most of the defining elements of that style.

Completed in 1929, this house's asymmetrical plan, Flemish bond brick construction, decorative half-timbering above the first floor, gabled front entry with stone trim, and massive stone and brick chimneys with separate chimney pots, are the major design elements that distinguish the Tudor Revival style. The grouped casement windows, copper gutters, and slate roof with prominent cross gables further exemplify the Tudor Revival design of this house. The interior also reflects Tudor design in its arched doorways, carved wood staircase, prominent Tudor arch fireplace with oak paneling, and exposed beams in the living room.

The Frank Mason Raymond house was constructed and given to Raymond as a wedding present from his grandfather, Frank Mason, who was a senior executive of the B.F. Goodrich Company and had his large summer mansion adjacent to this house. Raymond served as vice-president of his father's firm, Akron Specialty Manufacturing Co., and his wife was the daughter of Byron Robinson, president of Robinson Clay Products. The house was sold in 1943 to locally prominent jeweler Henry B. Ball, who resided there until 1968, when Robert Fabbro's family purchased it. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, which had purchased most of Frank Mason's Brighton Farm estate to form the Portage Lakes State Park in 1954, bought the Raymond house in 1974. Since 1977, the house has been leased to and operated by Franklin Township as a civic center.

The Akron architectural firm of Albert H. Good and Edwin D. Wagner, who designed the house, were already known as architects for many of the city's elite, having designed the Portage Lakes Country Club in 1922. Their best-known commission was probably Akron's Art-Deco Y.M.C.A., completed in 1930 and now listed on the National Register.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lots #655 and 675, the legal description of which follows:

Deed Records of SUM. Co., Vol. 5565 page 656

Situated in the Township of Franklin, County of Summit and State of Ohio, and known as being a part of the Northwest quarter of Section 13, Franklin Township and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Franklin Township; thence N. 88° 30' W., along the Southerly line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 13, 1199.35 feet to a point; thence N. 1° 00' W. 1358 feet to a point; thence N. 86° 07' E. 386.56 feet to a point; said point being the place of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence S. 89° 28' E. 427.13 feet to a point; thence continuing S. 89° 28' E., about 25 feet to the shore of Turkeyfoot Lake; thence Northeasterly along the shore of Turkeyfoot Lake about 335.70 feet to a point; thence N. 81° 14' 50" W., about 22.00 feet to a point; thence continuing N. 81° 14' 50" W., 418.37 feet to a point; thence S. 15° 37' W. 399.74 feet to the place of beginning and containing 3.69 acres of land, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

Parcel 2: Situated in the Township of Franklin, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, and known as being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section No. 13 in said Township and more fully described as follows to-wit:

Commencing at a stone at the southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section No. 13, Franklin Township and thence along the South line of said Quarter Section, N. 88° 30' W., 1199.35 feet to a point; thence N. 1° 00' W. 1358.0 feet to a point; thence N. 86° 06' E. 386.56 feet to the true place of beginning of the parcel to be herein described and said point being also the southwest corner of a parcel of land as deeded to Zelletha R. Raymond as described in Deed Volume 1457, Page 263; thence South 86° 06' West 76.63 feet to the northwest corner of a 15.0 acre parcel as deeded to C.C. Raymond as described in Deed Volume 1987, Page 471, thence along the west line of said 15.0 acre parcel South 1° 30' West, 232.17 feet to an iron pipe in the center of a driveway (an iron pipe is N. 1° 30' E., 49.47 feet from this point); thence along the center line of said driveway, North 35° 39' 30" West 215.23 feet to an angle in the center line of said driveway; thence continuing along the center line of said driveway, North 45° 50' West 17.92 feet to an iron pipe (an iron pipe is N. 21° 29' E. 38.52 feet from this point); thence North 21° 29' East, 491.92 feet to an iron pipe; thence along a line which is the westerly extension of the northerly line of said Zelletha R. Raymond parcel, South 81° 14' 50" East 150.0 feet to an iron pipe at the northwest corner of said parcel; thence along the westerly line of said Zelletha R. Raymond parcel, South 15° 37' West 399.74 feet to the place of beginning and containing 2.11 acres of land as surveyed March 15, 1944 by Gehres & Kingsley, Surevyors, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal Highways.

Parcel 3: Situated in the Township of Franklin, County of Summit, and State of Ohio and known as all the easement or right of grantors, their heirs and assigns to use the roadway across the Easterly portion of a certain parcel of land for a distance of approximately 335 feet which parcel of land and which easement or right-of-way are more fully described in Deed Volume 1317, Page 128 of Summit County Records.

Boundary Justification

Boundary is based upon legally recorded lot descriptions, and includes the property historically associated with the nominated building.

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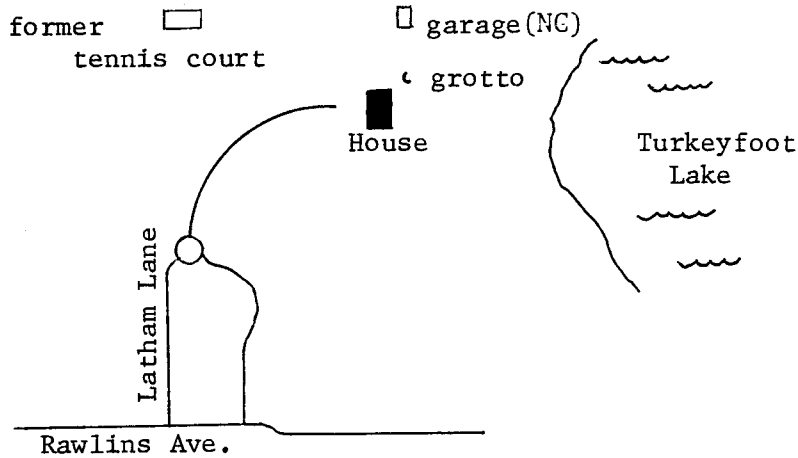
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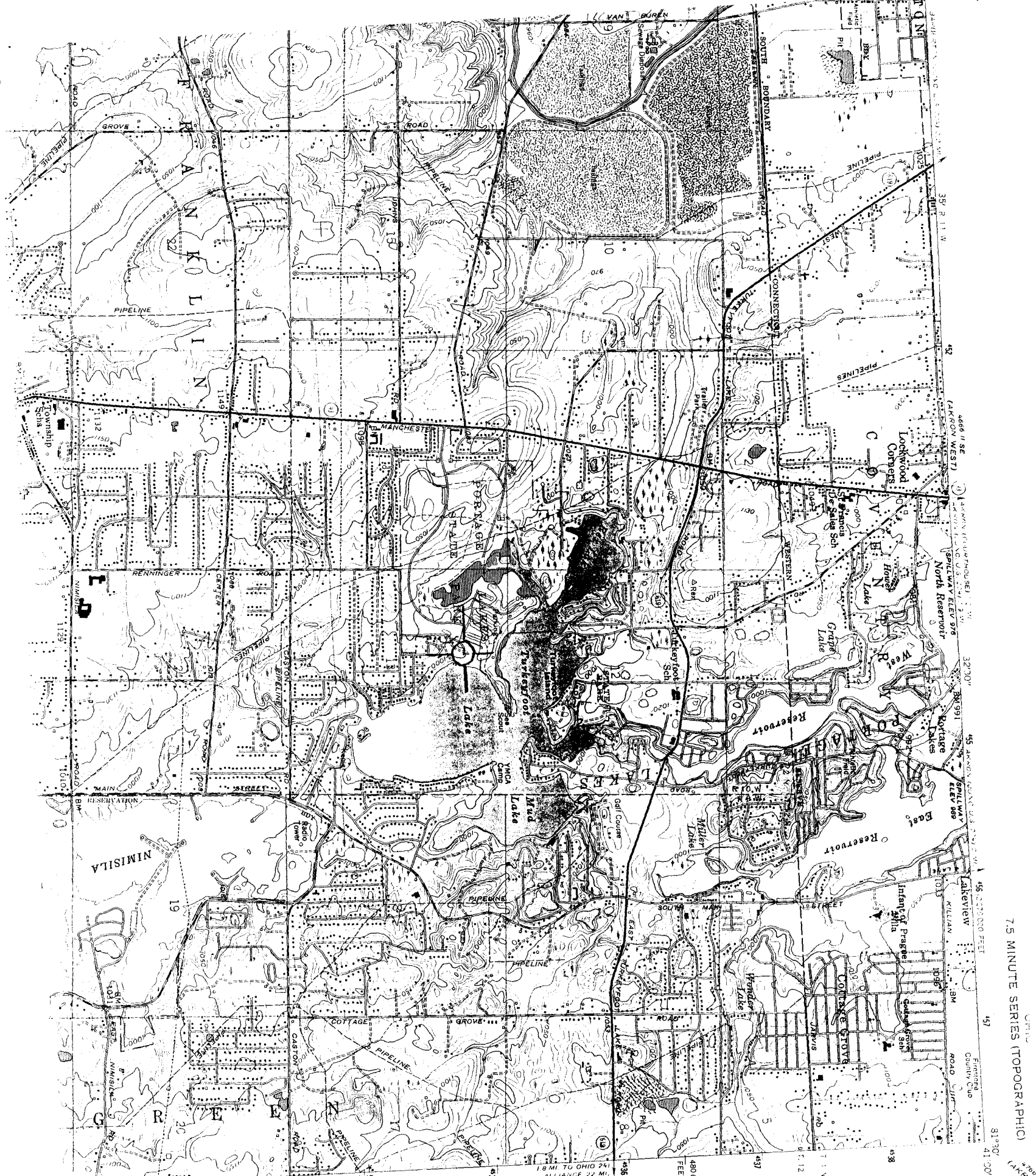
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Sketch Map

(not to scale)

NC -- non-contributing





7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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Raymond Frank M.
 655 Latham Lane
 17/454/30/4534
 Summit Co.

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 ALLIANCE 2.2 MI.

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SINCE 1885

May 19, 1995

Steve Walker, Park Manager
Portage Lakes State Park
5031 Manchester Road
Akron, Ohio 44319-3999

Dear Mr. Walker:

Re: Frank Mason Raymond House, Akron, Summit County, Ohio

This is to inform you that the above has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior (listed 04/20/95).

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 about the programs and services offered by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

Sincerely,

Barbara Powers
Department Head
Planning, Inventory and Registration

BAP:slw

Enclosure

xc: Jeff Brown, Regional Coordinator
Bob Lockhart, Chairman
State Senator Robert Nettle
State Representative Twyla Roman
Glen D. Alexander, Chief ODNR
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ODOT

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: Raymond, Frank Mason, House

County: Summit

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

Multiple Property Nomination form

Photograph(s)

Photograph(s) (copies)

USGS map(s)

USGS map(s) (copies)

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

Correspondence

Other _____
