

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: **Humberger House**

other name/site number: **Ohio Historic Inventory # SUM 3101-19**

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2. Location

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street & number: **7616 North 2nd Avenue**

not for publication: **N/A**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 Power Dept. Head
Signature of certifying official Planning, Inventory & Registration August 15, 2002
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 | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 2 | _____ | buildings |
| _____ | _____ | sites |
| _____ | _____ | structures |
| _____ | _____ | objects |
| 2 | _____ | 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:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Bungalow/Craftsman

Other Description:

Materials: foundation Sandstone roof: Asbestos Shingle
walls Sandstone/Wood other: _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. 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: 1903-1915

Significant Dates: Historic 1903, 1915

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: _____

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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: .17

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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| 2) | | | 4) |

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet. The building is located on Warwick Section 18, Lot 2, Franklin Township, Summit County.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet. The nominated property contains the building that is historically associated with the Industrial Era heritage of the Village of Clinton and continues to retain its historical integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Sam Tamburro, Historian for the Village of Clinton

Organization: NPS/ Cuyahoga Valley NP Date: 8 January 2002

Street & Number: 15610 Vaughn Road Telephone: (330) 657-2096

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 Map & Photograph Map

Figure 2 First Floor Plan

Figure 3 Second Floor Plan

Figure 4 Historic Postcard circa 1910

Photographs

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Summit County, Ohio

Description

The Humberger House is located on the west side of North Second Avenue on Warwick Section 18, Lot 2. The house is sited among several mature trees and bushes and a detached garage is situated northwest of the house. A poured concrete driveway is located north of the house and connects the garage with North Second Avenue. Likely constructed shortly after the house, the garage is considered a contributing resource in the nomination.

The Humberger House is a one-and-a-half story, steep-pitched hipped roof, sandstone bungalow. The house's style is best described as Craftsman. Four gable-roofed, wall dormers (photos 1, 4, and 6) pierce the roofline of the structure. The dormers along the north, east, and south elevations are constructed of rock-faced cut sandstone and have parapeted gables. The dormers all contain one triple window (photo 7). The west elevation's dormer is clad with wood shingles and has a single, one-over-one window. The roof is clad with asbestos shingles and contains two off center chimney stacks. The house's eaves contain brackets (rafter tails) that create a "raked-eave" aesthetic (photo 10).

All elevations of the house are constructed of rock-faced cut sandstone and a narrow sandstone water-table extends around the perimeter of the house.

All full-size windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash and have stone lintels and stone lug sills (photo 8). The basement windows are three-light fixed. The house also contains several ribbon mullion windows (photo 13).

The south elevation of the house has a small half-hipped roof entry porch that is constructed of rock-faced

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concrete block (photo 1 and 2). The porch is enclosed and contains ribbon windows and a glass paneled door.

The façade elevation (east) of the house contains a one-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch, which extends the entire length of the elevation (photo 4, 5, and 13). The porch has four sandstone piers and the remainder of the structure is constructed of rock-faced concrete block. Sandstone steps lead to a central entry, and the porch is enclosed by four large sliding windows with ribbon transoms (photo 13). The door is a nine-paneled glass door. The porch faces Second Avenue.

The house's west (rear) elevation has a one-story, wood-frame, shed-roofed, enclosed porch, clad with wood-shingle siding (photos 9 and 11). The porch's west elevation contains a large picture window. A chimney is situated in the south elevation of the porch. The interior of the porch is finished with knotty-pine paneling (photo 12).

The house has a full basement (sandstone foundation) with a concrete floor. There is a basement entryway with stairs located in the southwest section of the basement that leads outside (photo 1).

The Humberger House's interior has several Craftsman details such as beamed ceilings and pocket doors (photos 13 and 14). The interior also includes original wood trim with molded lintels, baseboards, and sills.

Approximately 25 feet northwest of the house is a two-car garage (photos 15 and 16). The garage is a one-story, wood-frame,

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hipped-roof structure. The garage is clad with wood siding and contains two overhead doors along the east elevation. The windows are six light fixed. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The foundation is glazed ceramic block and the floor is poured concrete.

There is a shed-roofed, lean-to addition along the rear (west) elevation of the structure. According to the present owner, the lean-to was added during the 1930s and served as a chicken coop. The garage is considered a contributing resource in the nomination even though it was built after the house.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs.

Name of Property: Humberger House
County and State: Summit County, Ohio
Photographer: Sam Tamburro
Date of Photograph: January 2000*
Location of Negatives: Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area

1. Humberger House, south elevation, facing north.
2. Humberger House, south elevation porch (east side), facing west.
3. Humberger House, south elevation, facing north.
4. Humberger House, east elevation, facing west.
5. Humberger House, east elevation, facing west.
6. Humberger House, north elevation, facing south.
7. Humberger House, north elevation, facing south.
8. Humberger House, north elevation window.
9. Humberger House, west elevation, facing east.
10. Humberger House, eaves all elevations of the house.
11. Humberger House, west elevation, facing east.
12. Humberger House, west porch, facing south.
13. Humberger House, east porch, facing northeast.
14. Humberger House, pocket doors.
15. Humberger Garage, east and north elevations, facing southwest.
16. Humberger Garage, east elevation, facing west.

* A recent visit in January 2002 to the property confirms that the photographs accurately represent the appearance of the Humberger House and Garage.

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Statement of Significance

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

The Humberger House is significant under Criterion C for embodying the distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction. The Humberger House is a Craftsman Bungalow and contains high style elements such as ribbon windows, raked eaves, and beamed ceilings. Moreover, the building material, sandstone block, is an expression of the importance of the rock quarrying industry in Warwick.

William Humberger, Clara Humberger's father, served as the president of the Warwick Glass Factory and the operation utilized the large silica deposits in the area to produce glass products and the house serves as an expression of the Warwick Company's mining and manufacturing operations.¹ The use of sandstone block as a building material is consistent with the Craftsman tradition of employing natural, local material in construction design.²

¹ According to Virginia & Lee McAlester's A Field Guide to American Houses, most of the Craftsman style houses that were constructed of stone, brick, stucco, or concrete block are found in northern and midwestern states.

² Lester Walker, American Shelter, (Woodstock, NY: Overlook Press, 1997), 180.

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Historical Background

The Humberger House is located in Clinton within the area formally known as Warwick, a town plotted and organized in 1901. According to the Summit County Tax Auditor's Duplicates, the Humbergers built the house in 1903 and the property was valued at approximately \$1,500.

William Humberger was the business partner of John G. Warwick and ran a dry goods store in Warwick's brick commercial building in Massillon, Ohio.³ The 1900 U.S. Census lists Humberger's occupation as a proprietor of a dry goods store and a resident of Massillon, Ohio.⁴ In 1901, William Humberger served as the president of the Warwick Glass Factory.

Isabella Humberger, William's daughter, was officially listed as the owner of the house in the tax records. However, shortly after the house was built, the deed was transferred to Laura Humberger, William's wife and Isabella's mother.⁵

The house remained in the Humberger family until 1915, when Laura Humberger sold the property to Charles Cline (sometimes spelled Klein).⁶ Two years later, Cline transferred the property to his wife Amanda.

The detached garage was most likely added during the Clines ownership of the property (photos 15 and 16). The garage's

³ Massillon Independent, 23 December 1975.

⁴ U.S. Census Population Schedule, Stark County, Massillon, Ohio.

⁵ Summit County Tax Auditor's Duplicates, 1915.

⁶ Summit County Recorder's, Deeds, 7 June 1915, Volume 530, p. 136.

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foundation is clay tile block, a popular building material in Ohio during the first two decades of the twentieth century.⁷ The Clinton Story notes that Amanda Cline was a wigmaker and ran a shop out of the garage.⁸ It is likely that the rear (west) porch of the house was also added during this time. The foundation material (clay tile block) of both structures is identical. Furthermore, the tax valuation for the property increased in 1915, possibly indicating the addition of the garage.⁹

In 1942, Cline sold the house to Mary Schmitt.¹⁰ Mary was married to Louis Schmitt, the owner of Schmitt Store on North First Street as well as a bar on Hickory Street in Warwick. In the following year, Mary Schmitt transferred the house to her daughter Ann Josephine Schmitt and her husband Elza Benjamin Lee. Ann and Elza Benjamin had one child, Barbara Lee. Elza Benjamin worked as a conductor for the B&O Railroad.

The Lees made only minor alterations to the house, such as the rear addition to the garage (chicken coop) and replacement of the roof with asbestos shingles in the 1940s. Since her mother's death in 1965, Barbara has retained ownership of the house.

⁷ Stephen Gordon, "Heart of it All: Materials and Innovation in Ohio's Historic Architecture," (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area Files, Hawkins Library), 4.

⁸ Sandra Walsh Dreurey, The Clinton Story, (Clinton, Ohio: Clinton Historical Society, 1991), 139, 142.

⁹ Summit County Tax Auditor's Duplicates, 1915.

¹⁰ Summit County Recorder's, Deeds, 12 December 1942, Volume 1993, p. 211.

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Criterion C: Architecture

The Humberger house is significant under Criterion C: Architecture for its association with the "Industrial Era" of Warwick as in the Canal, Railroad, and Industrial Resources of Clinton/Warwick Multiple Property Documentation Form.

The Humberger house retains significant architectural elements of the Craftsman style, a building style associated with the Industrial Era (1900-1930). The house contains Craftsman features such as raked eaves and ribbon windows. The interior of the house is detailed with beamed ceilings, pocket doors, and leaded-glass-paneled doors. The Craftsman style is indicative of the prosperity of the Industrial Era in Warwick. In 1901, Warwick maintained a glass factory, a furnace foundry, and several silica quarries. In the early twentieth century, the Craftsman style became a popular architectural expression, popularized by the designs of Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene, architects from Pasadena, California.¹¹ The Greens' designs were given extensive publicity in such magazines as *Western Architect*, *The Architect*, *House Beautiful*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Architectural Record*, *Country Life in America*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*, thus familiarizing the nation with the style.¹² Through these periodicals and magazines, the Craftsman became the most popular and fashionable house in the United States. The Humberger house is an example of this architectural trend in Warwick.

¹¹ McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, 454.

¹² McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, 454.

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Criterion C: Architecture

Moreover, the Humberger house is also significant for its building materials—cut sandstone. Humberger was the president of the Warwick Glass factory, one of the major employers in the community. His sandstone house is indicative of the silica mining operation that was a major component of the glass making operation. The Warwick area had several gravel and silica mines and the glass operation depended on silica for its operation. The sandstone for the Humberger house was most likely mined at one of the local quarries, and the building serves as a reminder of heritage of quarrying in the area. The Humberger house is the only building constructed of cut sandstone in the Clinton/Warwick area.

Historic Integrity

The historic integrity of the Humberger house is well preserved. All of the nominated buildings have a high degree of historic integrity. The house retains its defining Craftsman features. The house's cut-sandstone walls, massing and fenestration, and Craftsman elements retain significant integrity of materials and workmanship. The buildings are in the same location they were during the property's period of significance (1901-1915), experienced no significant alterations, and are effective in communicating their historic functions. The small town setting surrounding the nominated property provides integrity of setting, feeling, and association. The Humberger house reflects the industrial growth period of Warwick.

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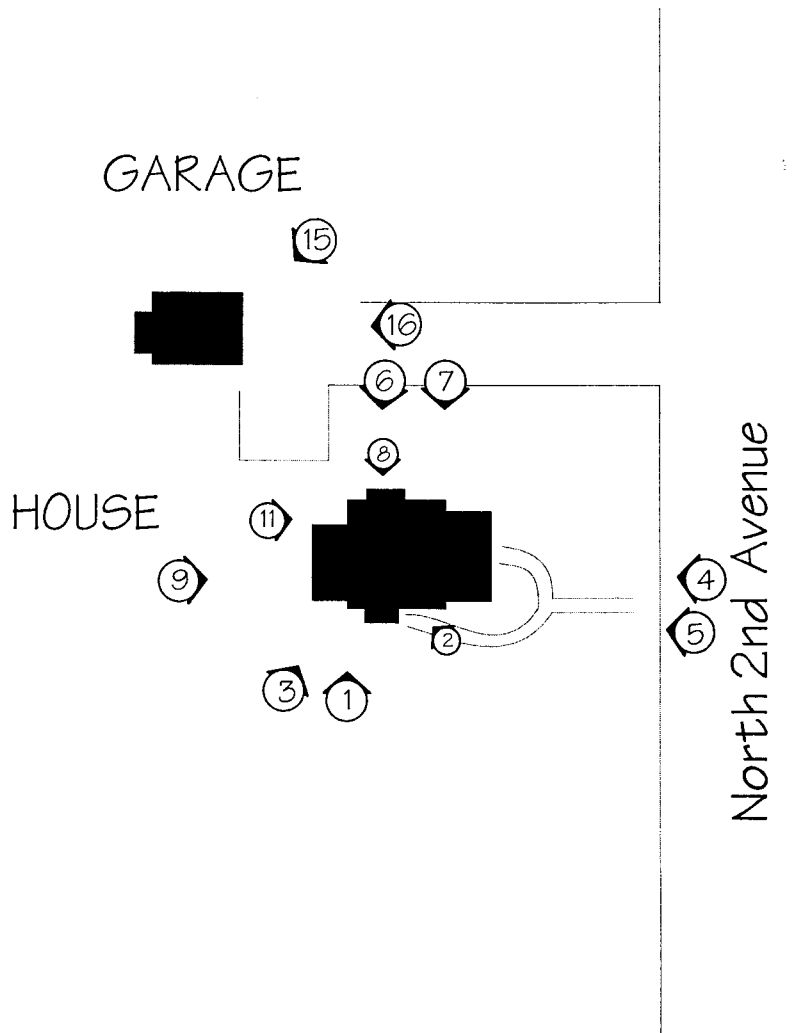
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- Photoview

FIGURE ONE
 SITE & PHOTO MAP
 HUMBERGER HOUSE
 SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
 CLINTON VICINITY
 JAN 2000



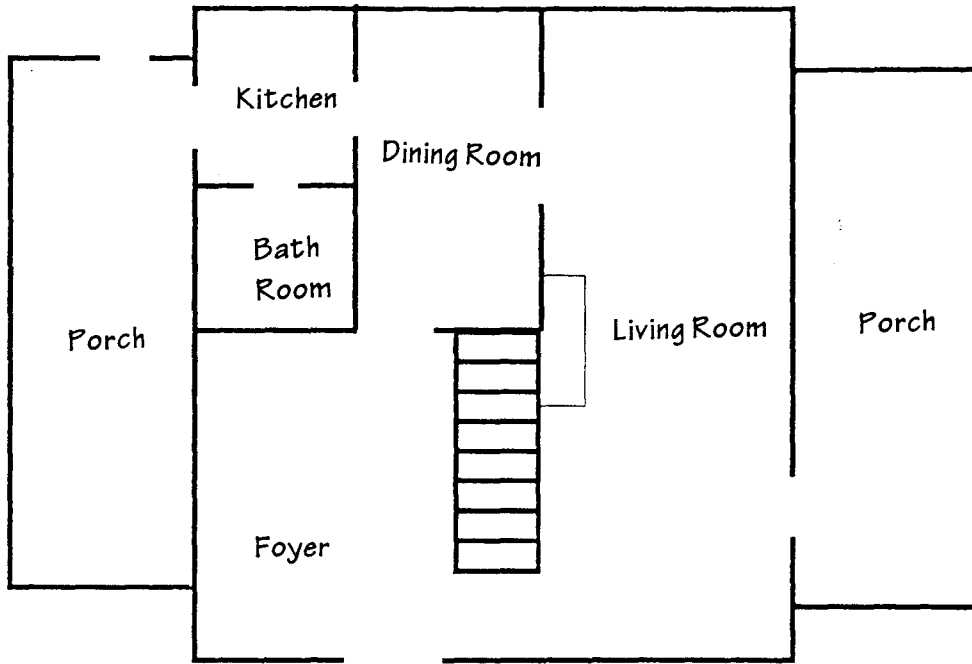


FIGURE TWO
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
HUMBERGER HOUSE
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
CLINTON VICINITY
JAN 2002

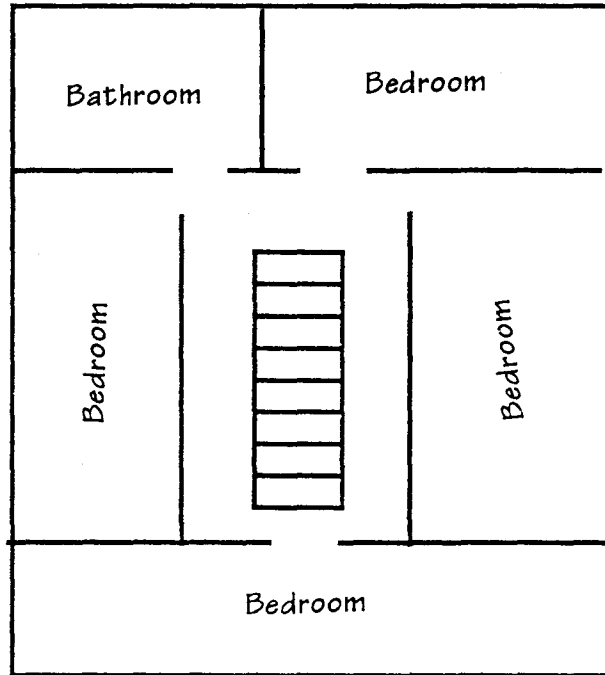
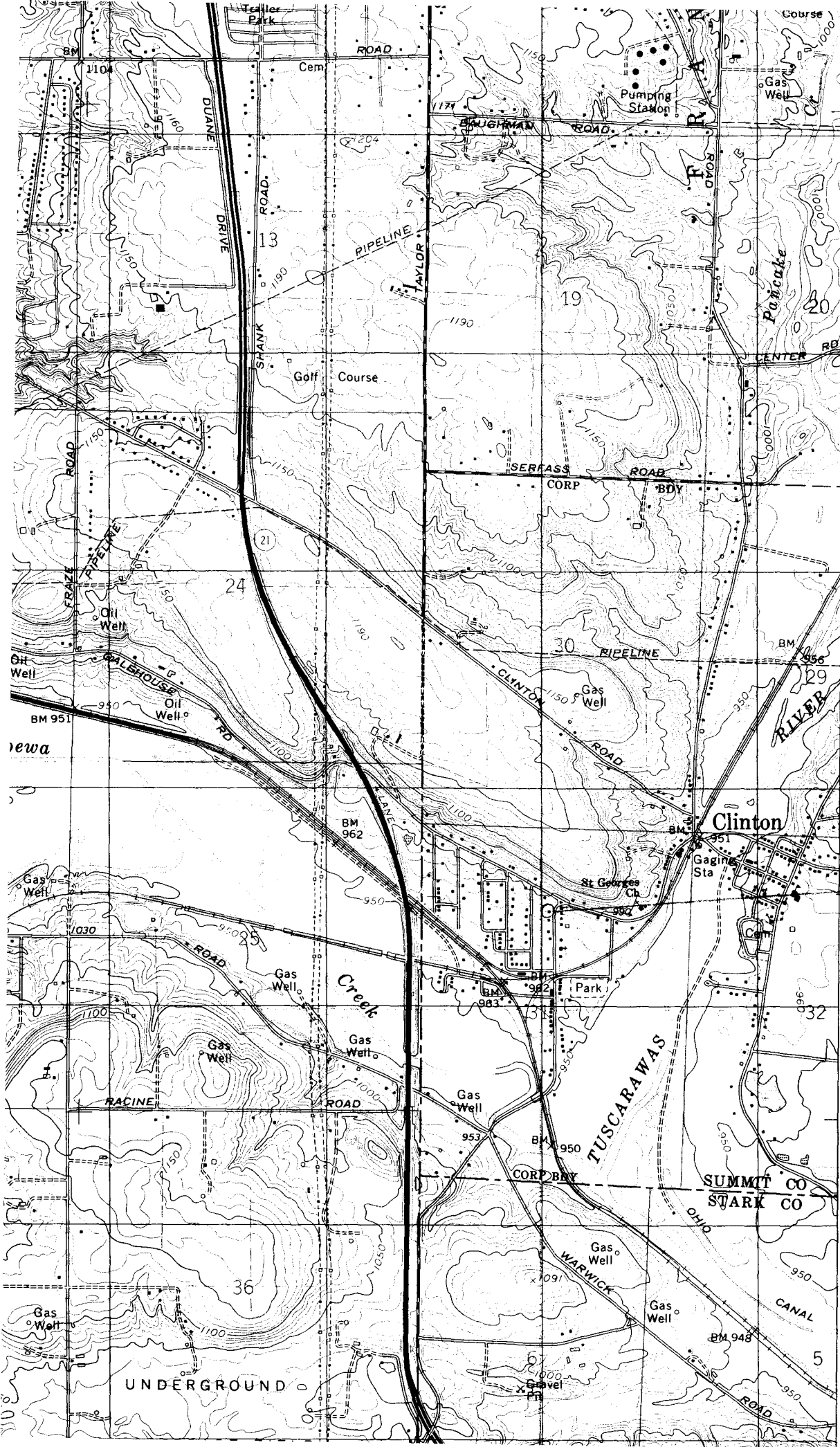


FIGURE THREE
SECOND FLOOR PLAN
HUMBERGER HOUSE
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
CLINTON VICINITY
JAN 2002



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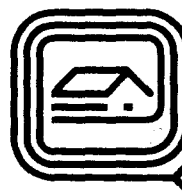
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November 5, 2002

Barbara Lee
7616 North 2nd Street
Clinton, Ohio 44216

Dear Ms. Lee:

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 **Humberger House** at 7616 North 2nd Street in Clinton, Ohio on October 11, 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

Cc: Sam Tamburro, National Park Service, Form Preparer
Mayor Tom Mayberry, Village of Clinton
Senator Leigh E. Herington, District #28
Representative Twyla Roman, District #48
Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
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