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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Summit
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ENTRY DATE	12/4/74

1. NAME

COMMON:
McKisson, Robert, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
7878 North Gannett Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Sagamore Hills Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
22 - Charles A. Vanik

STATE: Ohio CODE: 039 COUNTY: Summit CODE: 153

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
William McKee

STREET AND NUMBER:
7878 North Gannett Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Northfield

STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Summit County Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
72 South High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Akron

STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story frame house in the Greek Revival style. The principal entrance is on the long (south) side, the center one of five bays. A subsidiary entrance is in the center of the east end facing the modern road. The main entrance has a small porch with two columns. To the west there is a one-story wing with a porch across its front. The frieze board, cornice returns, and proportions of the building are those of the maturing Greek Revival style.

However, the interior has a floor plan typical of the earlier late Colonial style. Instead of a central hall, the entrance leads to a shallow vestibule in front of a large central chimney, whose fireplaces open into three principal rooms. The east room is the formal parlor, and its woodwork is more pretentious and purely Greek in style than any other room. There are wide window casings whose entablatures have recessed slightly pointed arches. The east exterior door in this room is wider than the others, a so-called "funeral" door. Two smaller rooms in the rear corners of the house make a total of five on the first floor. This is the typical colonial Connecticut central chimney plan.

All of the main structural timbers of the house, as well as the finish carpentry, are of walnut, as walnut trees were plentiful on the land. The cellar hearth foundations consist of two giant piers of cut sandstone, brought up from the nearby Ohio-Erie canal. Modern plumbing, heating and kitchen facilities have been installed, the cellar floor paved with concrete, and the central chimney was rebuilt under the supervision of a restoration architect in the mid-1960s. The house has undergone intelligent repair and restoration by the present owners since 1963.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1837-1838

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

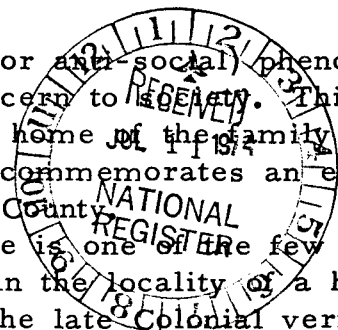
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a house in an excellent state of preservation with characteristic features of both the late Colonial and Greek Revival styles. The house was built in 1838 on the site of a celebrated murder. The builder Robert McKisson was the widower of the victim. Thus the house is a local reference point for an event which occupies ten pages in a standard county history. The murdered woman was the grandmother of the "spectacular" Cleveland mayor Robert E. McKisson (1895-1898), who laid the groundwork for the lakefront civic center.

The murder, which took place on July 24, 1837, was the result of a family quarrel, and the brother of McKisson, David, was found guilty of murdering his sister-in-law Catharine. David McKisson was executed on February 8, 1838, in Ravenna (Northfield then being a part of Portage County), and contemporary accounts estimate the attendance at the public hanging from several thousand to 15,000. This was the second execution in Portage County, the first having taken place in 1816. The present house replaced the log cabin in which the murder took place.

Murder is a social (or anti-social) phenomenon. At the very least, it is of intense concern to ~~the community~~. This house has always been known locally as the home of the family of the murdered woman, and by inference commemorates an early and notable event for the people of Summit County.

In addition, the house is one of the few existing and certainly best preserved examples in the locality of a house combining characteristic features of both the late Colonial vernacular and the mature Greek Revival style.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

L. V. Bierce, Historical Reminiscences of Summit County (Akron, 1854), 111-112.
 Samuel A. Lane, Fifty Years and Over of Akron and Summit County (Akron, 1892), 908-917.
 William Ganson Rose, Cleveland: The Making of a City (Cleveland, 1950), 401, 591, 597.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41° 19' 22"	81° 33' 51"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: The Western Reserve Historical Society DATE: April 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
10825 East Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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			153
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Eric Johannesen			
DATE OF PHOTO: April 1974			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Western Reserve Historical Society			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South facade, showing west wing, looking north.			

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

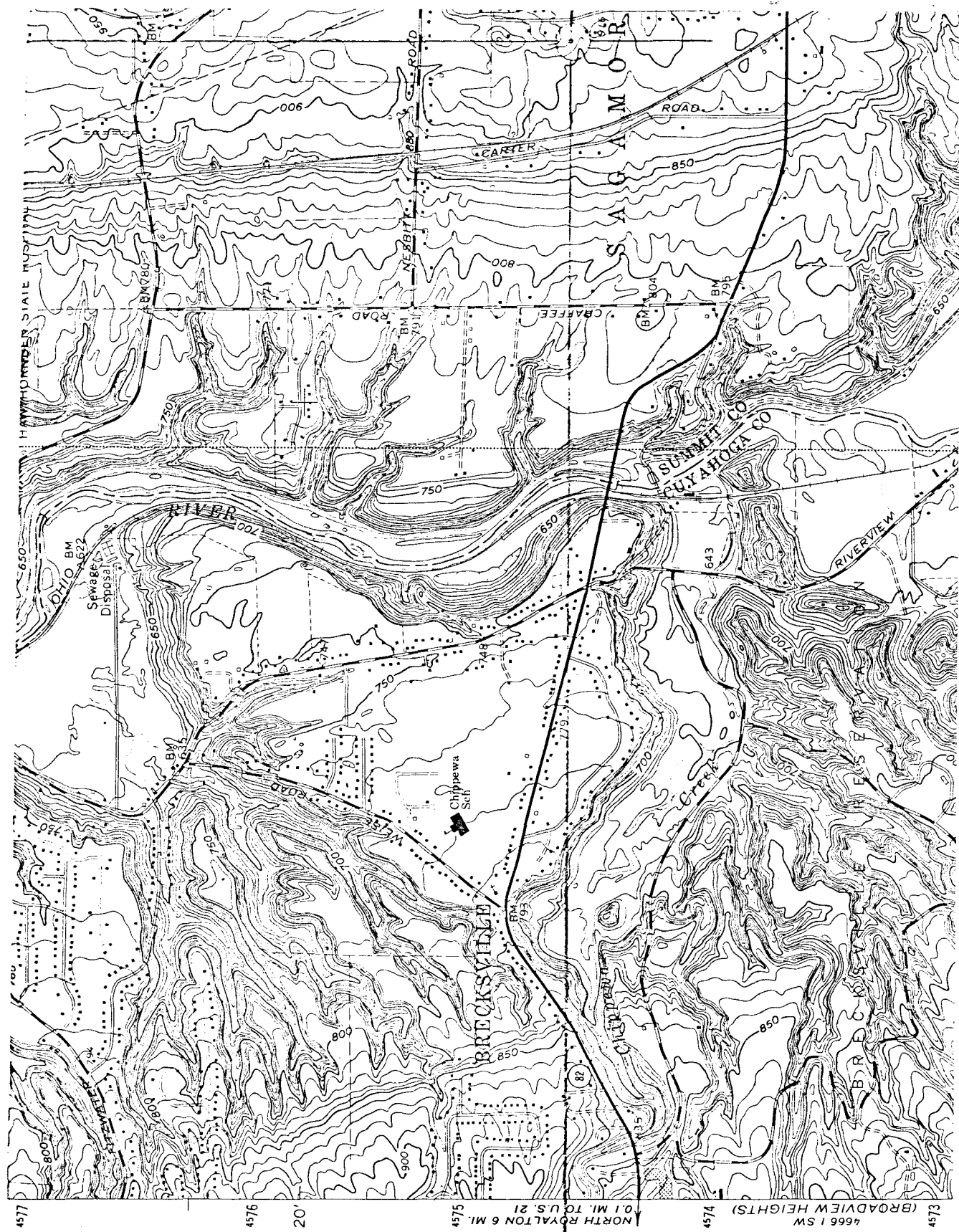
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U.S.G.S. Northfield Quadrangle

SCALE:
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DATE:
1967

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.



McKisson, Robert,
House

41° 19' 22"

81° 33' 51"

4577 4576 20' 4575 NORTH ROYALTON 6 MI. (0.1 MI. TO U.S. 21) 4574 4573 (BROADVIEW HEIGHTS) 4666 I SW

Historic Preservation Office

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8727

January 6, 1975

Mr. William McKee
7878 North Gannett Road
Northfield, Ohio 44067

Dear Mr. McKee:

I am pleased to inform you that ~~the~~ Robert McKisson House, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the 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.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Pratt, Acting Director
Acting States Historic Preservation Officer

CP/eml
enclosure

X.c: Summitt County Board of Commissioners

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: McKisson, Robert, 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 newspaper clippings

