

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

JUN 27 1979

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
Ohio Historical Center  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

No. //	4. Present Name(s) "Jim" Brown Tavern	1. No. //
County Summit	5. Other Name(s)	
Location of Negatives OHS		

3. Specific Location  
south side Boston Mills Rd.,  
approx. 150 feet west of  
Stanford Rd.

City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity  
Boston

Site Plan with North Arrow

16. Thematic Category C, N	28. No. of Stories 2
17. Date(s) or Period 1825 or 1826	29. Basement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Style or Design Federal	30. Foundation Material ashlar stone
19. Architect or Engineer	31. Wall Construction wood frame
20. Contractor or Builder	32. Roof Type & Material gable/asphalt shingle
21. Original Use, if apparent general store; tavern/hotel	33. No. of Bays Front 3 Side 4
22. Present Use vacant	34. Wall Treatment pilasters, clapboard siding
23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35. Plan Shape rhombus
24. Owner's Name & Address, if known unable to determine ownership Thomas Radtke	36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37. Condition Interior _____ Exterior poor
26. Local Contact Person or Organization Summit County Hist. Soc.	38. Preservation Underway? See #42 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27. Other Surveys in Which Included	39. Endangered? By What? neglect, unsympathetic restoration efforts Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Approx. Acreage: 1	40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 15' X 60'

Coordinates

Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ Long. \_\_\_\_\_

U.T.M. Reference

17	45	32	00	5	6	7	9	20
----	----	----	----	---	---	---	---	----

Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_

10. Site   
Building  Structure   
Object

11. On National Register? Yes   
No  Is it Eligible? Yes   
No

13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes   
No  14. District Potent'l? Yes   
No

15. Name of Established District \_\_\_\_\_

2. Further Description of Important Features

Building is constructed in unusual rhomboid shape. Pilasters divide building into 3 X 4 bays, though west elevation has been unfortunately altered (probably in attempt to "restore" the building) by removal of pilasters and new clapboard siding (see photo, over). There is a handsome elliptical fanlight in the pediment, which features flush siding. Much of the delicate classical ornamentation has been preserved, despite numerous alterations.

3. History and Significance

1825 or 1826, James ("Jim") Brown built on the west side of the Cuyahoga R. "two-story frame store-house, and, with one William G. Taylor, of Cleveland, embarked in trade...." Brown also kept a tavern in the building. Several years later, Brown sold his stock of goods and "removed the building, bodily, across the bridge to the east side of the river, and handsomely refitted it as a hotel...."

4. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

Brown sold the building to Henry Wadhams in the winter of 1837-38.

Building is situated immediately adjacent to the Ohio Canal bed, now dry; this vividly recalls its historical function as a hotel for canal travelers. The building is in the sleepy village of Boston.

5. Sources of Information

Samuel A. Lane, Fifty Years and Over of Akron and Summit County (Akron, O.: Beacon Job Department, 1892), pp. 877, 881.

History of Summit County, ed. William Henry Perrin (Chicago: Baskin & Battey, Historical Publishers, 1881), p. 542.

46. Prepared by  
Carol Poh Miller

47. Organization

48. Date  
5/76

49. Revision Date(s)

2. County  
Summit

4. Present Name(s)  
"Jim" Brown Tavern

5. Other Name(s)