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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: **Porter-Aue House**

other name/site number: **Ohio Historic Inventory #SUM 1534-19**

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2. Location

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street & number: **2798 North Street**

not for publication: **N/A**

city/town: **Village of 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 Pavee*

*Dept. Head  
Planning, Inventory & Registration*

*July 5, 2002*

Signature of certifying official

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	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	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: Greek Revival Colonial Revival

Other Description: New England One and a Half

Materials: foundation Sandstone, clay tile roof: Asphalt Shingle walls 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: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance:

Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1846-1927

Significant Dates: Historic; 1846, ca. 1920

Significant Person(s) :N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

\_X\_ 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
\_X\_ Federal agency
\_ Local government
\_ University
\_ Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 0.25

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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2) 4)

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet. The nominated property is located in Summit County, Franklin Township, Pumroy Lot 38.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet. The nominated property contains the building that is historically associated with the canal 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:3/2002

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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 1927 Sanborn Insurance map.

Figure 2 Site and photo map.

Figure 3 Basement Plan

Figure 4 First Floor Plan

Figure 5 Second Floor Plan

Figure 6 1856 Map of Clinton

Figure 7 1900 Map of Clinton

Figure 8 Tax Parcel Map

**Photographs**

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Village of Clinton  
Summit County, Ohio

**Description**

The Porter-Aue House is located in the Village of Clinton at 2798 North Street on Lot 38. The nominated property is situated on the south side of North Street. Residential dwellings are situated directly to the east and west of the Porter-Aue House. The house's setback is approximately 20 feet from street. The house is located one block north of Main Street and 350 feet east of the Ohio & Erie Canal. Many of the houses near the Porter-Aue House date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and are similarly modest in size and scale (photos 21-24).

The house is the only contributing resource within the nominated area. The garage, south of the house, is considered non-contributing because its construction date, 1960, occurred outside the period of significance for the property.

Built in 1846, the house is a wood-frame, side-gabled, New England One-and-a-Half, Greek Revival (photo 1). The house has a rectangular plan with a one-story, shed-roof rear addition along the south/west section of the house (photo 5 and 6). There are no visible chimney stacks in the original core section of the building. One exterior chimney is located along the south elevation of the house (photo 6).

The façade of the house has three bays with the main entry door located in the center (photo 1). The house is clad with wood clapboard siding with corner boards and the roof is covered with asphalt tab shingles. The entablature along the eave oriented elevations contain a wide frieze panel and architrave, and the gable ends have broad cornice returns (photo 2).

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**Description** (continued)

The house contains a hipped-roof, wraparound porch along the north and west elevations (photos 1 and 4). The porch is supported by round and square columns and appears to have been part of a Colonial Revival update during the 1920s. There are two doors located on the west side of the house (photo 4).

Full size windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash and contain plain surrounds and wood shutters (photo 2). The Porter-Aue House also has a large, 9 light, picture window on the south (rear) elevation (photo 6). The basement windows are single light fixed.

The house has a rough-cut, sandstone rubble foundation and contains a full basement under the core section of the house (photos 8 and 9, figure 3). A crawl space exists under the 1920s one-story addition along the south side of the house. The addition's foundation is constructed of structural clay tile block.

The basement floor is poured concrete. A basement bulkhead door is located in the southwest corner of the basement (photo 13). The exterior bulkhead door is concealed within the floor of the southwest end of the porch.

A large, hand-hewn summer beam (9"x 11") spans the length of the basement (photo 12). Many of the other wood floor beams still retain tree bark (photos 10 and 11). A set of wooden stairs, in the center of the basement, lead to the first floor.

The interior of the house includes original wood trim with molded lintels, baseboards, and sills. All of the wood trim is plain-faced. All of the interior doors are two-paneled and

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appear to date from the original construction of the house (photos 17-19).

A steep set of stairs, located in the center of the plan, lead from the first to the second floor (photo 20). Doors on the second floor are "board and batten" and contain box, or rim, locks with keeper latches (photos 14-16).

A concrete walkway leads to a noncontributing garage that is located on the southwest section of the lot. The gable-roofed, wood-frame garage is clad with wood novelty siding and the roof is covered with asphalt tab shingles (photo 7). The building faces the rear alleyway and was built outside the house's period of significance.



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**Photographs**

The following information is the same for all photographs.

Name of Property: Porter-Aue House  
County and State: Summit County, Ohio  
Photographer: Sam Tamburro  
Date of Photograph: March, 1999  
Location of Negatives: Cuyahoga Valley National Park

1. House, façade elevation, facing south.
2. House, west elevation, facing east.
3. House, façade elevation, facing south.
4. House, southwest elevation, facing northeast.
5. House, south elevation, facing north.
6. House, south elevation, facing north.
7. Garage, south and east elevations, facing northwest.

The following information is the same for all photographs.

Name of Property: Porter-Aue House  
County and State: Summit County, Ohio  
Photographer: Sam Tamburro  
Date of Photograph: February 2002  
Location of Negatives: Cuyahoga Valley National Park

8. House, basement wall, facing south.
9. House, basement wall, facing east.
10. House, basement floor joists.
11. House, basement floor joists.
12. House, basement summer beam.
13. House, basement bulkhead door, facing west.
14. House, interior door, second floor.
15. House, interior door, second floor.
16. House, interior door hardware, second floor.

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17. House, interior two-paneled door, first floor.
18. House, interior two-paneled door, first floor.
19. House, first floor living room.
20. House, center stairwell between the first and second floor.
21. North Street, facing west, Porter-Aue House in the center of the frame.
22. Porter-Aue House, facing east.
23. North Street, facing west.
24. North Street, facing west (north side of the street).

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**Statement of Significance**

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

The Porter-Aue House is significant under Criterion C for representing a building that embodies the distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction. The house is a New England One-and-a-Half, a building type identified in the Clinton MPD as significant.

The Greek Revival style is indicative of the influence of the opening of the Ohio & Erie Canal on the growth of the community. The New England One-and-a-Half in the Greek Revival style is strongly associated with the northeast Ohio building tradition. These building styles were extended to the Clinton area, in part, by the construction of the Ohio & Erie Canal.

There are only two New England One-and-a-Half, Greek Revivals in the Clinton MPD study area, and the other building, the Rhoads-Harter House, has experienced substantial alterations to its massing and fenestration patterns that have compromised its historic integrity. Within the Clinton area, the Porter-Aue House represents the most intact example of a New England One-and-a-Half.

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**Statement of Significance** (continued)

Moreover, the modest Colonial Revival porch is expressive of the impact of industrialization on the canal village of Clinton. As the Clinton MPD notes, many of Clinton's Greek Revival style houses received Colonial Revival updates, reflecting the increasing influence of industrial prosperity in the community.

**Historical Background**

Like all the land in Franklin Township (Summit County), the U.S. Government originally owned Pumroy Lot 22. The entire township was created out of the Congress Lands. With the completion of the Ohio & Erie Canal in 1832, the land directly east of the canal prism became a prime area of commercial development.

In 1837, William and Francis Pumroy purchased a large parcel of land in Section 35 of Franklin Township east of the Ohio & Erie Canal and south of the Village of Orradeen, which was founded in 1835. The brothers named the area the Village of Pumroy, divided it into approximately 70 lots and quickly began to sell property.

In 1845, William Pumroy sold lot 38 to James Patterson and the following year he sold the property to John Stotler.<sup>1</sup> According to the Summit County Tax Auditor's Duplicates, Stotler constructed a frame house on lot 38 in 1846. Stotler only retained ownership of the house for one year, selling it in 1847 to William Porter.

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<sup>1</sup> Summit County Tax Auditor's Duplicates, 1845.

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**Historical Background** (continued)

Porter, a day laborer in the Clinton area, owned the house for approximately 20 years. Circa 1870, William Aue purchased the house. The 1850 US Census, Schedule of Population lists Aue as a boatman and in the 1860 Census he is listed as a day laborer.<sup>2</sup> However, the 1883-84 Akron City Directory notes that Aue was a boatman on the O&E Canal.<sup>3</sup>

By 1910, Jacob and Anne Burgy acquired the house from Aue. Two years later, Jacob, his daughter Daisy, and two of her children Elizabeth and William, were killed in a fatal train accident.<sup>4</sup> Anne would retain ownership of the house for a few more years and eventually sold the property to Willis Fye circa 1920.<sup>5</sup>

The house has remained in the Fye family ever since that period. The Porter-Aue House also received a number of Colonial Revival updates during the Fyes' ownership.

Between 1916 and 1927, a hipped roof porch was added along the north and west elevations of the house and the one-story, shed-roof, rear wing was added to the building to serve as the new kitchen. Both of the alterations appear to have occurred prior to 1927 and each is represented on a 1927 Sanborn Insurance Map.<sup>6</sup> The noncontributing garage situated at the southwest section of lot 38 is not represented on the 1927 Sanborn Map (Figure 1).

The Fye Family has remained in the Clinton community since the early twentieth century. Willis C. Fye worked for Firestone Tire

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<sup>2</sup> US Census, Schedule of Population, 1850 and 1860.

<sup>3</sup> Akron City Directory, (NH Burch & Company, 1883-84), 634.

<sup>4</sup> Dreurey, The Clinton Story, 121.

<sup>5</sup> Summit County Tax Auditor's Maps, 1920.

<sup>6</sup> Sanborn Insurance Map for the Village of Clinton, 1927.

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**Historical Background** (continued)

and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio and eventually served as Mayor of the Village of Clinton from 1942 to 1945. The house is currently owned by Lawrence Fye, Willis' son.

**Criterion C: Architecture**

The Porter-Aue House is a significant example of distinctive construction practices associated with the Village of Clinton's "Canal Era" as defined by the Canal, Railroad, and Industrial Resources of the Clinton/Warwick Multiple Property Documentation Form. The Porter-Aue House also contains elements of the Colonial Revival style, which is associated with the "Industrial Boom Era."

Even though the Porter-Aue House is a modest, New England One-and-a-Half , it retains significant architectural elements of the Greek Revival style, a building style directly associated with Clinton's "Canal Era." The house has wide entablatures, cornice returns, and corner boards. The façade of the structure has a blind half story under the eaves, which is a common treatment for a New England One-and-a-Half.

The New England One-and-a-Half is a building type strongly associated with Ohio's Western Reserve "New England Extended" building tradition. Steve Gordon's, How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory, notes that the New England One-and-a-Half building type is most commonly found in areas that were settled by New Englanders. As settlers migrated to Northeastern Ohio

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**Criterion C: Architecture** (continued)

from New York and New England they transported the Greek Revival style to the Western Reserve.<sup>7</sup> But, as the Clinton MPD illustrates, a majority of the settlers in the Clinton area migrated from the Pennsylvania region and were native German/Pennsylvania Dutch. Additionally, the Clinton area was initially part of the Congress Lands. The predominance of Greek Revival canal era buildings demonstrates the significant impact the opening of the Ohio & Erie Canal had on the development of the Village of Clinton.

Nearly all of the extant canal era structures are Greek Revival and were built after the opening of the O&E Canal in 1827. The built environment strongly suggests that the canal transported ideas and building traditions, as well as passengers and freight.

Moreover, the Porter-Aue House appears to be an example of canal era worker housing in the Village of Clinton. William Porter was listed as a day laborer on the O&E Canal. William Aue, a subsequent owner, also worked as a day laborer in Clinton. The 1883-84 Akron City Directory notes that Aue worked as "boatman on the canal." Because of the modest nature of the New-England-One-and-a-Half it is reasonable to conclude that the building type served as housing for workers associated with the O&E Canal.

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<sup>7</sup> Talbot Hamlin, Greek Revival Architecture in America: Being an Account of Important trends in American Architecture and American Life prior to the War between the States, (New York: Dover Publications, 1964), 280.

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**Historical Integrity**

The historical integrity of the Porter-Aue House is well preserved. The nominated building has a high degree of integrity of design, still retaining its defining features, such as wide entablatures, cornice returns, end boards, and massing. Evidence of integrity of materials includes the wood clapboard siding and wood stylistic elements, which also evidence a high degree of workmanship. The house is in the same location it was during its period of significance (1846-1927), experienced no significant alterations to its profile and its effect in communicating its historic function as a residence. The small town setting surrounding the nominated property provides integrity of setting, feeling, and association with Clinton's Canal Era.



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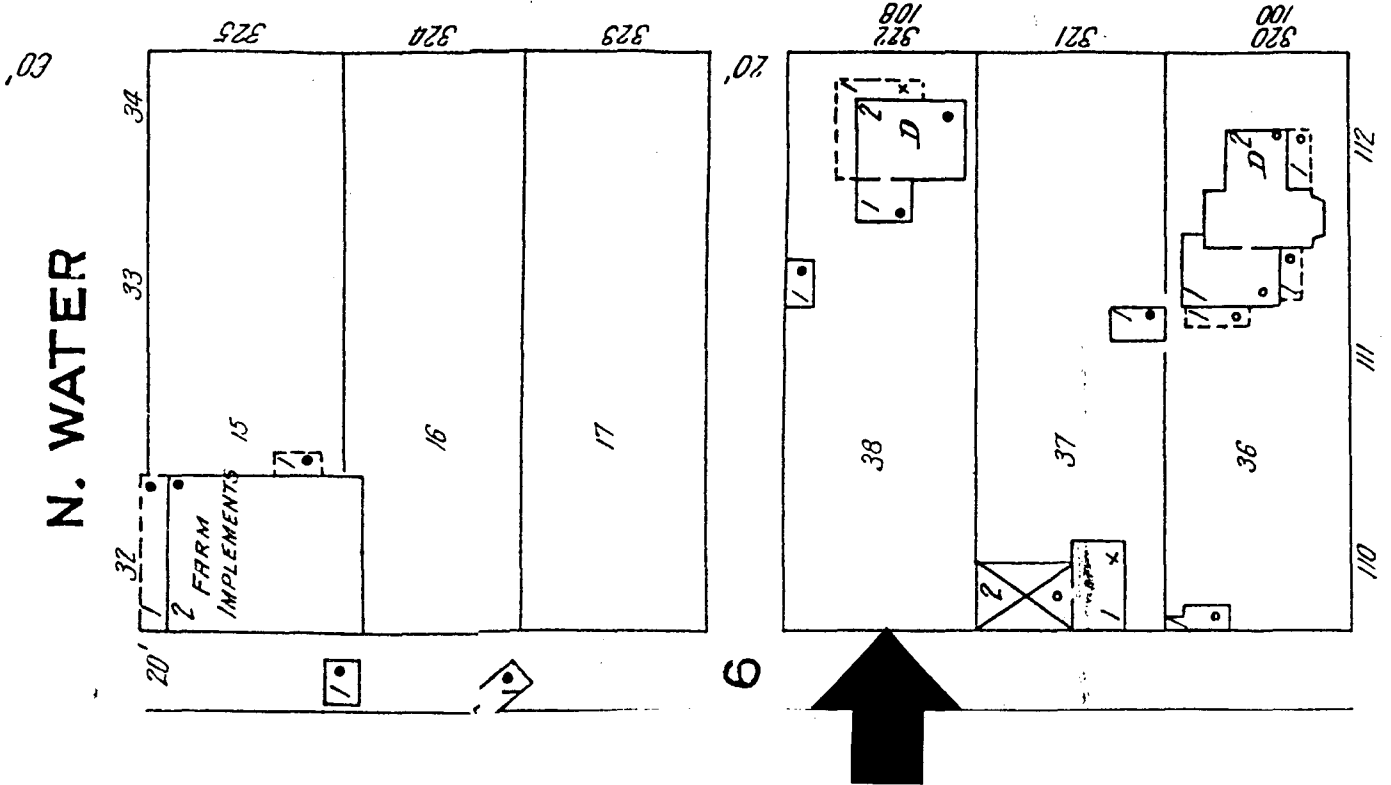
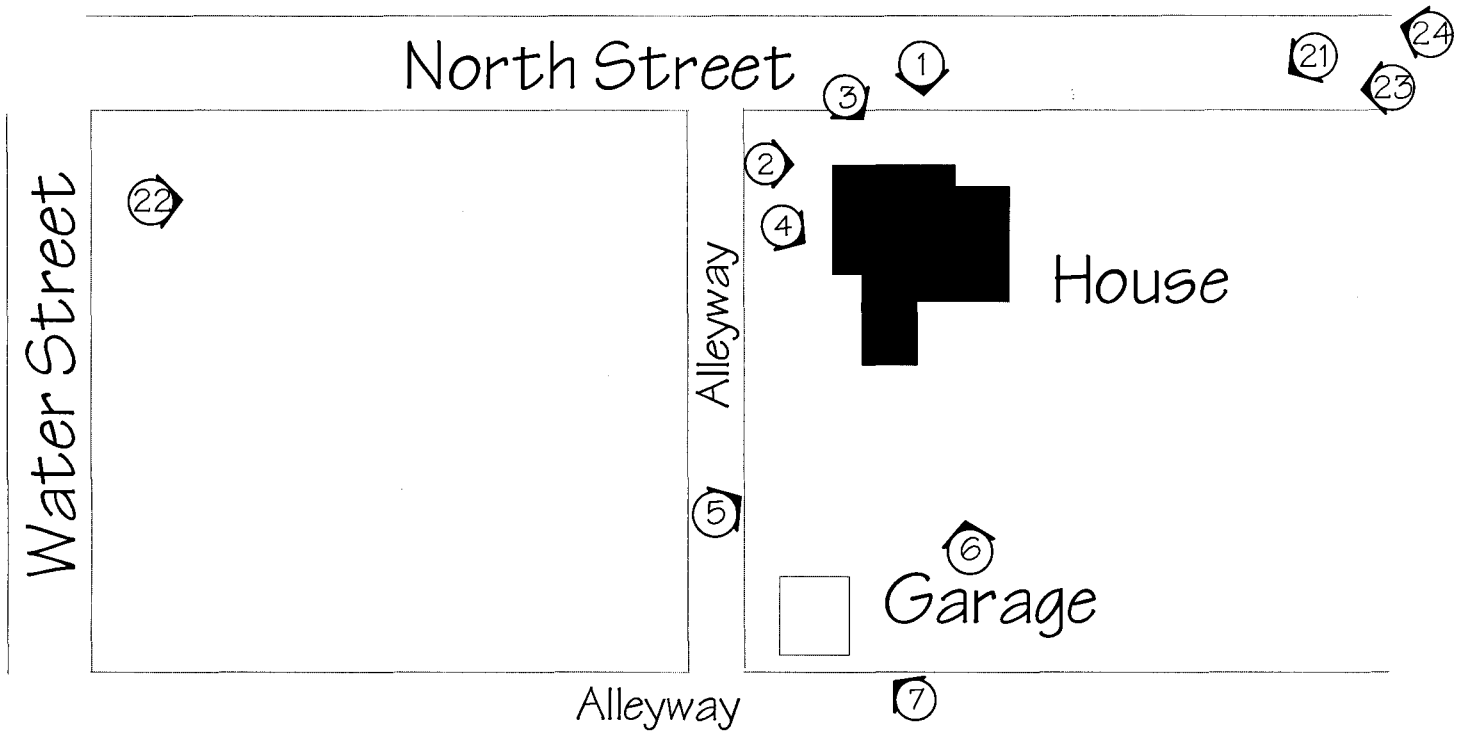
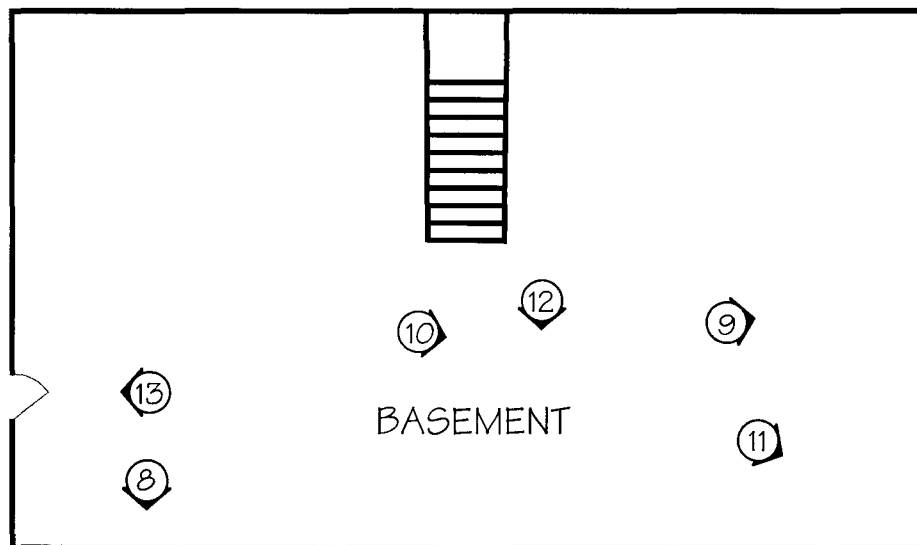


FIGURE ONE  
SANBORN MAP, 1927  
PORTER-AUE HOUSE  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO  
CLINTON VICINITY  
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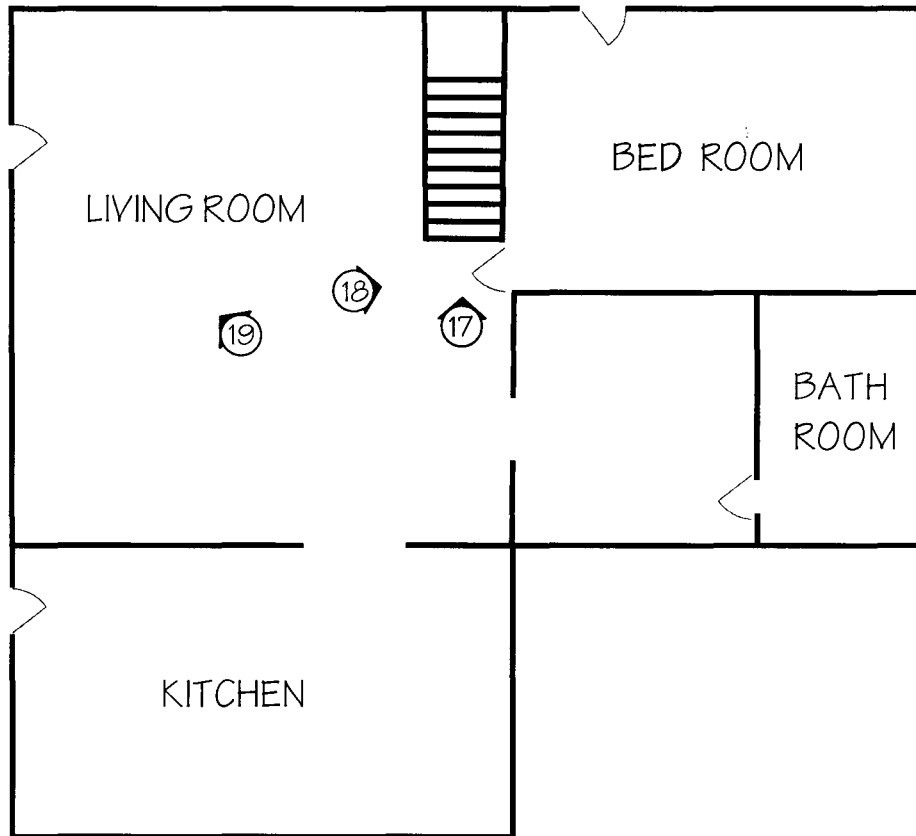
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 SITE & PHOTO MAP  
 PORTER-AUE HOUSE  
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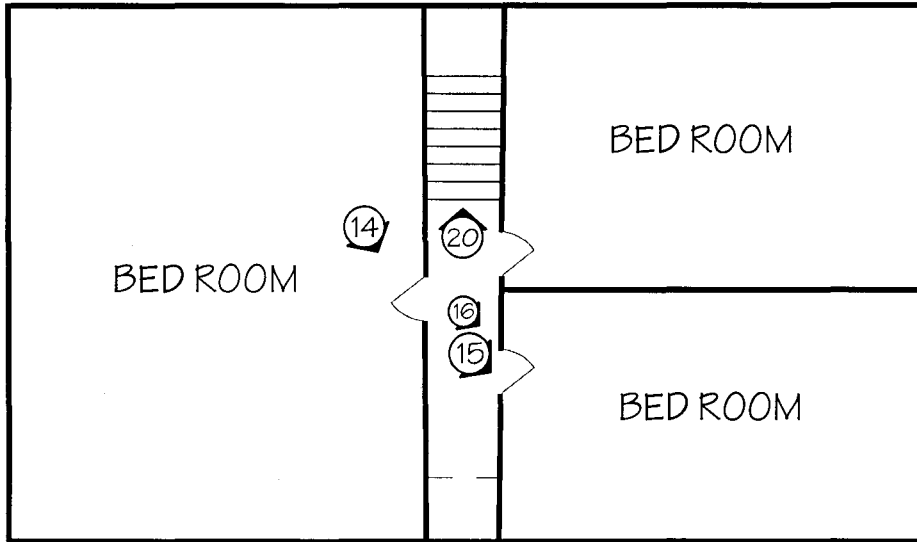
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FIGURE THREE  
BASEMENT PLAN  
PORTER-AUE HOUSE  
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FIGURE FOUR  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
PORTER-AUE HOUSE  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO  
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FIGURE FIVE  
SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
PORTER/AUE HOUSE  
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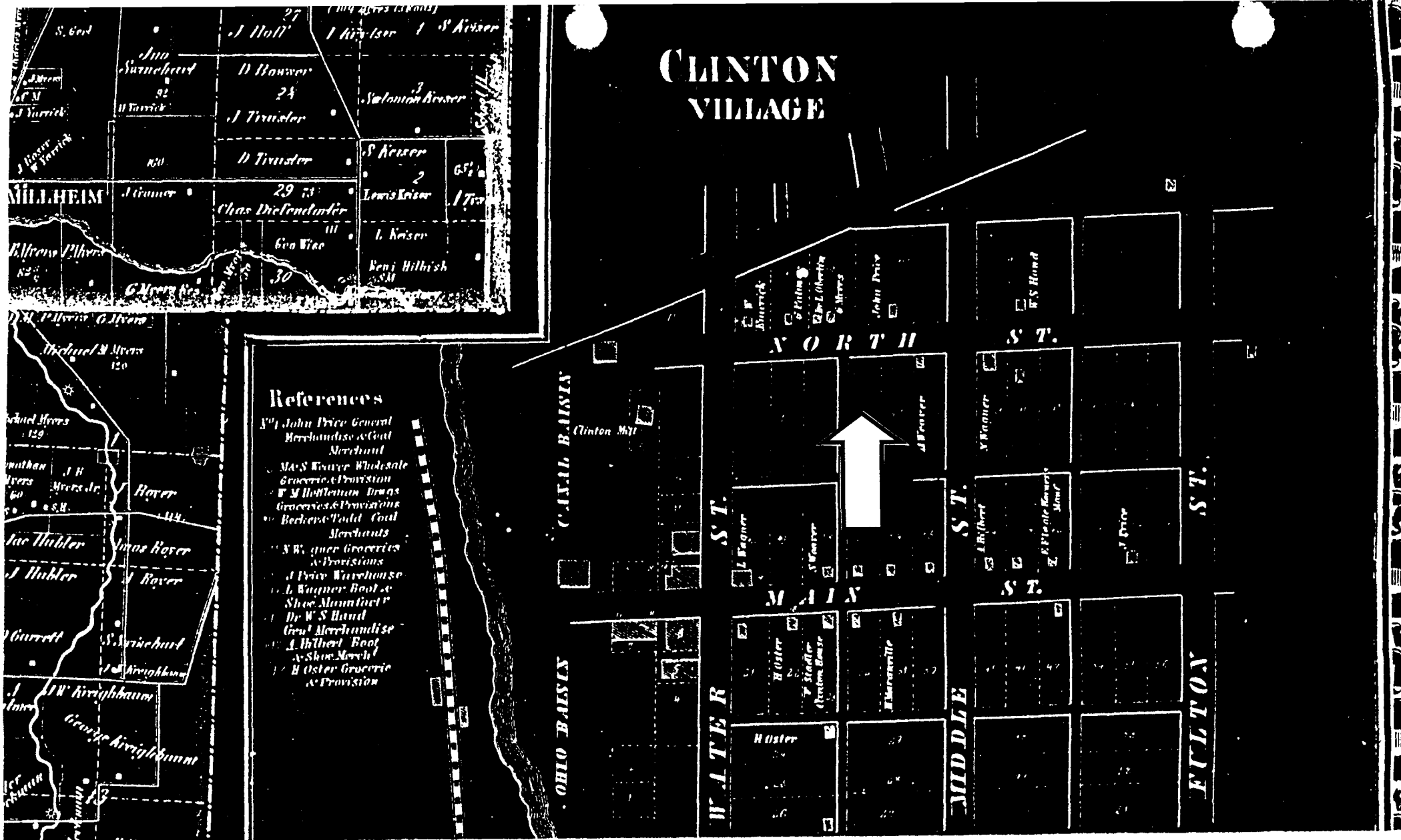
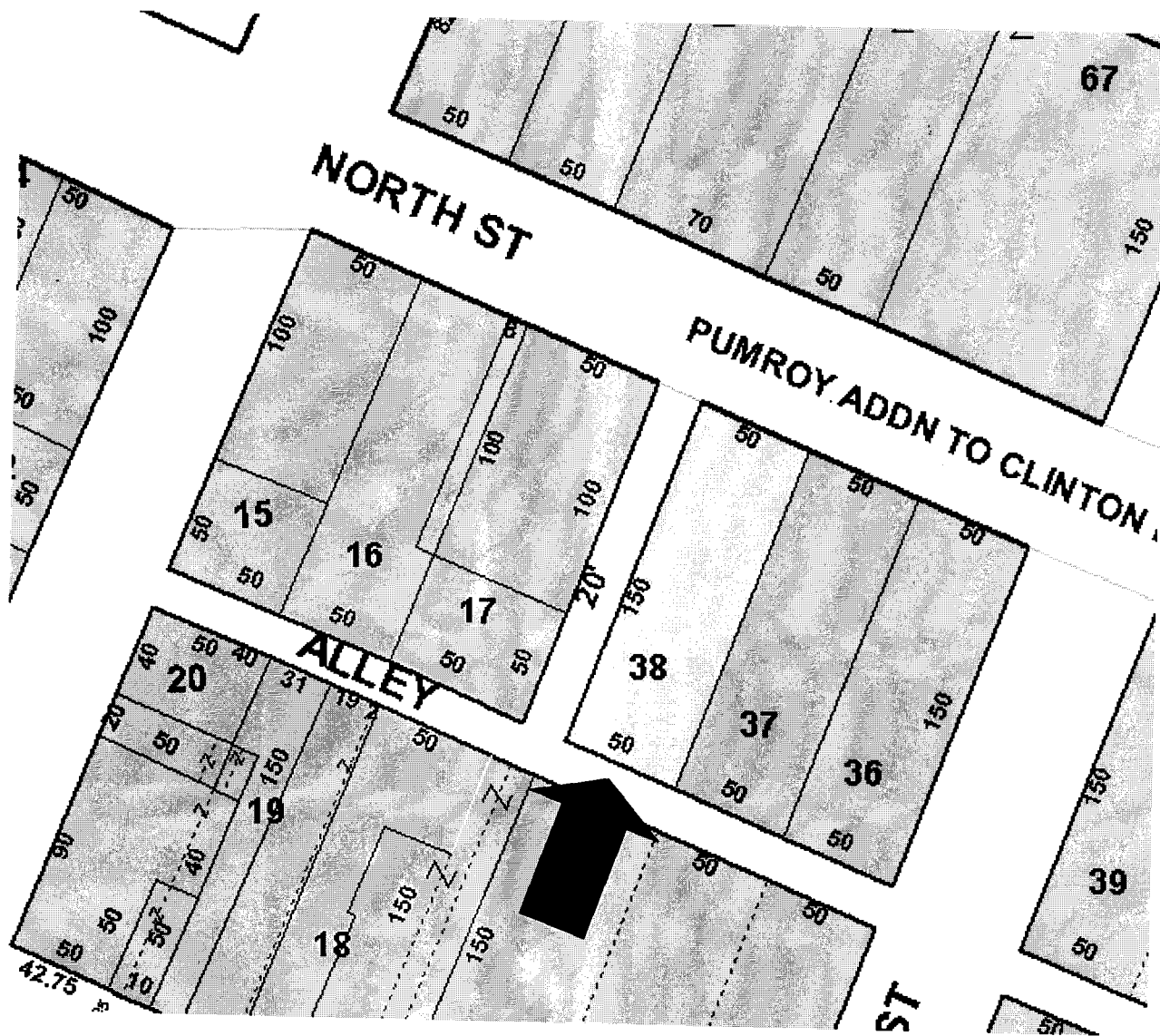


FIGURE 6  
1856 PROPERTY ATLAS MAP (VILLAGE OF CLINTON)  
PORTER-AUE HOUSE  
VILLAGE OF CLINTON  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

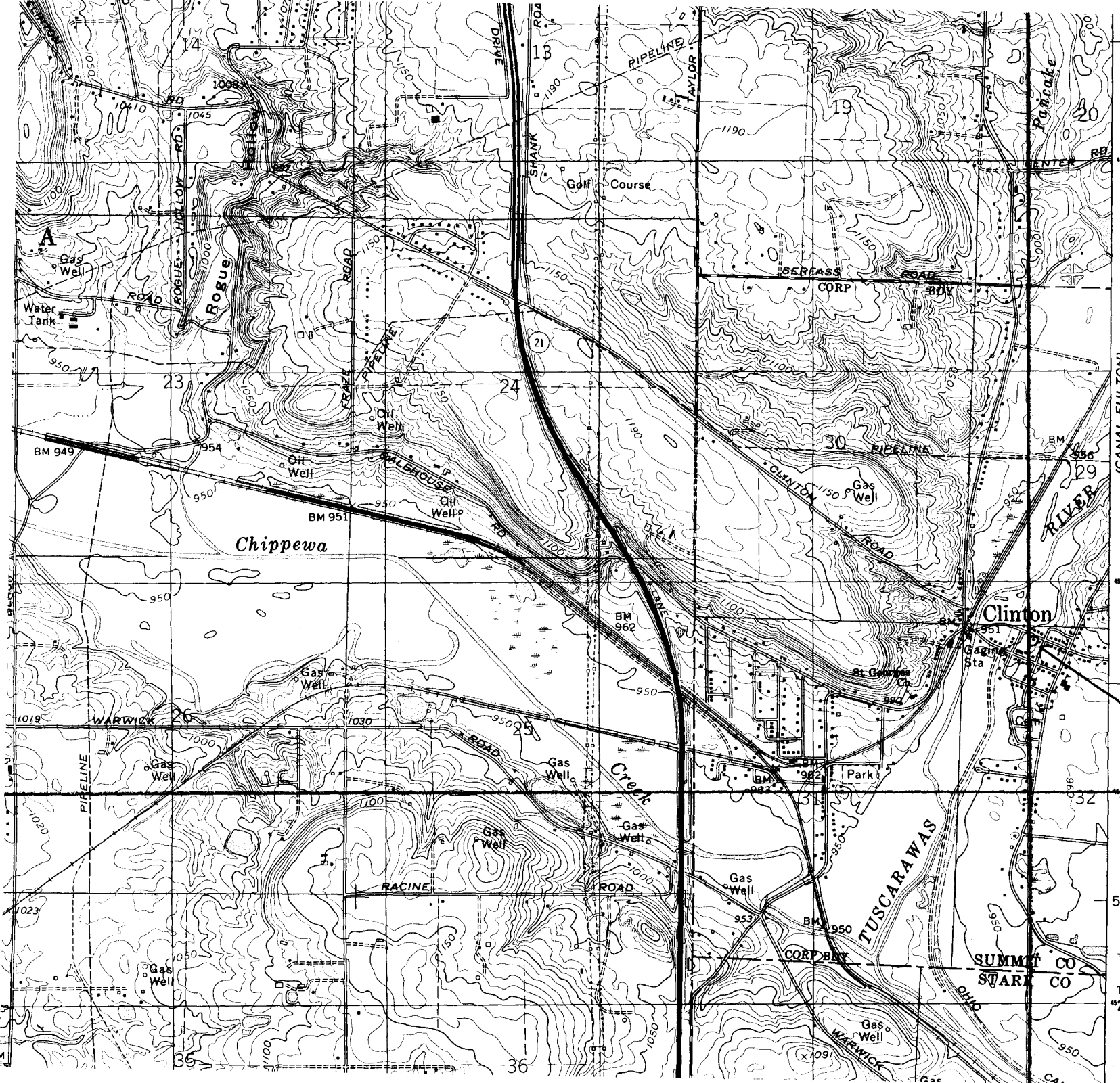






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FIGURE EIGHT  
 TAX PARCEL MAP  
 PORTER-AUE HOUSE  
 SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO  
 CLINTON VICINITY  
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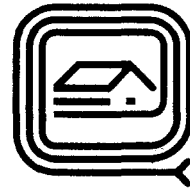
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October 7, 2002

Lawrence Fye  
159 W. Rayen Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Mr. Fye:

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 **Porter-Aue House** at 2798 North Street in Clinton, Ohio on September 6, 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  
Paul Graham, Ohio Department of Transportation