NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

   COMMON:
   Herrick, Jonathan, House

   AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

   STREET AND NUMBER:
   8327 Darrow Road

   CITY OR TOWN:
   Twinsburg Township

   CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
   14 - John Seiberling

   STATE:
   Ohio
   CODE: 039

   COUNTY:
   Summit
   CODE: 153

3. CLASSIFICATION

   CATEGORY
   (Check One)
   □ District
   □ Site
   □ Structure
   □ Building
   □ Object

   OWNERSHIP
   □ Public
   □ Private
   □ Both

   PUBLIC ACQUISITION:
   □ In Process
   □ Being Considered
   □ Preservation work
   in progress

   STATUS
   □ Occupied
   □ Unoccupied
   □ No

   ACCESSIBLE
   TO THE PUBLIC
   □ Yes:
   □ Restricted
   □ Unrestricted

   PRESENT USE
   (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   □ Agricultural
   □ Government
   □ Park
   □ Transportation
   □ Comments
   □ Commercial
   □ Industrial
   □ Private Residence
   □ Other (Specify)
   □ Educational
   □ Military
   □ Religious
   □

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

   OWNER'S NAME:
   Mrs. Anna Lee Simonds, c/o Mrs. Oscar Ross

   STREET AND NUMBER:
   537 Lake Street

   CITY OR TOWN:
   Kent

   STATE:
   Ohio
   44240

   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
   039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

   TITLE OF SURVEY:
   Historic American Buildings Survey

   DATE OF SURVEY:
   1936

   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   Library of Congress

   STREET AND NUMBER:

   CITY OR TOWN:
   Washington

   STATE:
   D.C.
This is a stone house is the Greek Revival style. The front and side walls are of dressed sandstone ashlar, but the rear wall is uncoursed field stone. The monumental entrance consists of an architrave frame, two half-round Doric columns separating the sidelights from the doorway, and a massive lintel which is slightly gabled to suggest the pediment. The lintel cornice has akroteria. The first floor facade windows have a similar architrave treatment. The north and south end elevations do not have the cornice so characteristic of the "Western Reserve" house, but a blind lunette is set in the gable. There is a large square chimney on each end gable. The walls are twenty inches thick, and the interior plastering is directly on the stonework. The partition walls are made of boards nailed to studs and plastered. To the rear of the house a small enclosed utility porch was added at a later date. The structural condition of the house is somewhat deteriorated, and although moving has been contemplated, it would probably have to be done by dismantling and reassembling.
### SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [ ] 20th Century
- [ ] 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1845

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Aboriginal
- [ ] Prehistoric
- [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Phil.
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanit.
- [ ] Theatre
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other (Specify)

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house has been published in many of the standard Ohio works, it was recorded in the H.A.B.S. survey in 1936, and Campen refers to it as the finest Western Reserve stone house "east of the Cuyahoga." (Presumably its only rival is the Hurst house near Avon.) Kidney's comment is worth mentioning: the "solemn" house is "somewhat gloomy, as such buildings tend to be . . . the Grecian effect is not consistent; the architecture . . . tends to disappear as one rounds the corner." But the Herrick house is one of the few examples of building done by someone who wanted and was able to afford permanence and solidity.

That someone was Jonathan E. Herrick, who arrived in the Twinsburg area soon after 1828. In 1845 he erected the stone house, "one of the best in the township." Herrick lived in the house for 44 years, then moved to Akron with his daughter until his death in 1898. He was for several years one of the township trustees, and known as a "prominent citizen," having served as chairman of the committee which erected the soldiers' monument on the Twinsburg Public Square.
History of Twinsburg (Twinsburg Historical Society, 1967), 22.
Richard Campen, Architecture of the Western Reserve (Cleveland, 1971), 154-155.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: 
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: Western Reserve Historical Society

DATE: Sept. 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 10825 East Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland

STATE: Ohio

CODE

039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 ____________________________

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 ____________________________
Herrick, Jonathan, House

2. LOCATION
STATE  
Ohio
COUNTY  
Summit
TOWN  
Twinsburg Twp.

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT  
E. Johannesen
DATE  
Sept. 1973
NEGATIVE FILED AT  
Western Reserve Historical Society

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

House facade, looking east.

Rear of house, looking northwest.
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Requirements: Property boundaries, where required, and north arrow.
Herrick, Jonathan,
House

41° 17' 33"
81° 26' 25"
July 25, 1974

Mrs. Anna Lee Simonds
c/o Mrs. Oscar Ross
537 Lake Street
Kenty, Ohio 44240

Dear Mrs. Simonds:

I am pleased to inform you that the Herrick, Jonathan, House, 8327 Darrow Road, Twinsburg Township, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United Stated 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 Brite Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is a brochure explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations for recognizing the importance of, and the need for the careful and sensible preservation of Ohio's landmarks. Your farsightedness will surely serve as an example to other individuals and organizations in this state.

Sincerely,

Judith Kitchen
Architectural Historian and Administrator
Historic Preservation Office

JK: dal
enclosure
July 3, 1981

Dave:

The Jonathan Herrick House, Twinsburg (SUM), is being dismantled by the Historical Society because the site is being developed as an industrial park, and moved to the Hale Farm and Village. By the end of July its structural integrity will no longer support its eligibility for the National Register, and it should be removed. The dismantled house will be stored at the Hale Farm for later reconstruction in the pioneer village.

Gretchen:

What portion of staff time or expenses for this project, if any, may be counted toward the matching for the preservation office?

Sincerely,

Eric Johannesen

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: Herrick, Jonathan, House (Dismantled)

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 news clip

CES: 9/01