NAME
Historic Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House
AND/OR COMMON Guise, Cornelius, House

LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER 147 South Main Street
CITY, TOWN Munroe Falls
STATE Ohio

CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY DISTRICT
BUILDING(S) X
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT
OWNERSHIP PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED
STATUS X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO
PRESENT USE AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
MILITARY
MUSEUM
PARK
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
RELIGIOUS
SCIENTIFIC
TRANSPORTATION
OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME T. L. Migchelbrink
STREET & NUMBER 147 South Main Street
CITY, TOWN Munroe Falls
STATE Ohio

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Summit County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER 217 South High Street
CITY, TOWN Akron
STATE Ohio

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
This is a group of two buildings on the same property, one a single-story stone building and the other a two-and-a-half story residence in the Queen Anne style. The older building is the stone structure to the west of the house. It is a rectangular block approximately 18 feet by 22 feet, constructed of random rubble. There is a doorway in the center of the east end and a window in the center of the north and south elevations. These have stone lintels and sills. The gable roof is covered with shingles. The building stands on a slight rise so that the west wall is taller than the east one. Inside, there is a wooden floor. The predominant feature is a great fireplace hearth at the west end. On its north side there is a bake oven in the wall. On its south side there is a large masonry base for a basin or kettle. There are only a few light ceiling joists, and the room is open up to the roof.

The residence is a large frame structure with an irregular plan. The basic rectangular form runs north and south. There are small ells projecting to the west and east. The latter one embraces part of a veranda and a two-story porch. The roofs are steep gables. The most unusual feature is a square rectangular bay which projects from the southeast corner at a 45° angle. There is also a back (west) porch. The porches have spindle and jigsaw ornament in the Eastlake idiom. The architraves of the window frames are also Eastlake in detail.

The interior is very well preserved and maintained. The woodwork consists of a typical bull's-eye corner block and reeded architrave design and is intact in every room. There are two mantelpieces of painted imitation marble characteristic of the style. The entrance hall has an excellent late Victorian staircase. The only significant alteration has been the combining of the original kitchen and pantry into one large modern kitchen area.
Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House

8. Architecturally, the Guise house is a fairly typical example of the Queen Anne style. It would be quite unremarkable in a large metropolis, but is one of only a handful of rather grand houses in the small village of Munroe Falls, and its interior is remarkably well preserved. However, the architectural significance of the two buildings together is that they represent two generations of style and construction methods, and thus symbolize the periods and the family relationship of their builders.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

William H. Perrin, History of Summit County (Chicago, 1881), 923-924.
Combination Atlas Map of Summit County (Philadelphia, 1874), 86.
Illustrated Summit County, Ohio (Akron, 1891), 181.
Interview, Carl Donaldson (b. 1890 ), June 13, 1975.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

UTM REFERENCES

| A  | 1,7 | 4 | 6,3 | 0,5,0 | 4,5 | 5,3 | 6,1 | 0 |
| ZONE | EASTING | NORTING |
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION
Western Reserve Historical Society

DATE
June 1975

STREET & NUMBER
10825 East Boulevard

TELEPHONE
216-721-5722

CITY OR TOWN
Cleveland

STATE
Ohio

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE SHPO

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

GPO 585-445
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LOCATION
CITY, TOWN
Munroe Falls
VICINITY OF

COUNTY
Summit
STATE
Ohio

PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT
E. Johannesen
DATE OF PHOTO
June 1975
NEGATIVE FILED AT
Western Reserve Historical Society

IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
South and east elevations of stone kitchen, looking northwest.

STONE KITCHEN AND REAR (WEST) ELEVATION OF HOUSE, LOOKING EAST.

PHOTO NO
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

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AND/OR COMMON  Guise, Cornelius House

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CITY, TOWN  Munroe Falls  VICINITY OF
COUNTY  Summit  STATE  Ohio

MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE  U.S.G.S. Hudson Quadrangle
SCALE  1:24,000  DATE  1970

REQUIREMENTS
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES
This is a group of two buildings which complement one another in history, style and construction, and which symbolize a continuity in family and local history that is rarely shown in just this way. Together they are more significant than either one would be individually.

The original owner of the property was Samuel Thornton. Little is known of him, but he is presumed to be the builder of the stone building. Whether it was an outbuilding for an earlier residence or whether it actually served as a dwelling is not known. In 1871 Cornelius Guise married Viana, the daughter of Thornton. Guise was born in Summit County in 1849, his father having arrived there in 1835. He attended high school in Akron. After his marriage, he received 117 acres from Samuel Thornton. Guise built the existing house in 1884. The stone building continued in use, either as a summer kitchen, or as local oral tradition suggests, for slaughtering.
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East facade of Guise House, looking west.

South elevation of Guise House, with stone kitchen at left, looking north.
May 19, 1976

T. L. Migchelbrink
147 South Main St.
Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262

Dear Mr. Migchelbrink:

I am pleased to inform you that the Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House, 147 South Main Street, 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 information explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Smith
Director, Ohio Historical Society
State Historic Preservation Officer

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enclosure

x.c: Mayor of Munroe Falls
Eric Johannesen, Western Reserve Historical Society
THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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: Thornton - Guise, Kitchen & 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

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