### Ohio Historic Inventory

**County:** Summit

**Location of Negatives:** OHS

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

**Original Use, if apparent:** general store; tavern/hotel

**Present Use:** vacant

**Owner's Name & Address:** Thomas Rodhe

**Historical Significance:**

- **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...

- **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.

**Sources of Information:**

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

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**Thematic Category:** C, N

**Date(s) or Period:** 1825 or 1826

**Style or Design:** Federal

**Architect or Engineer:**

**Contractor or Builder:**

**Original Use, if apparent:**

**Present Use:**

**Ownership:**

**Open to Public:**

**Condition:**

**Preservation Underway:**

**Endangered:**

**Visible from Public Road:**

**Distance from and Frontage on Road:**

**Approx, Acreage:** 1

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**Further Describing 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.