

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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date entered

1. Name

historic Akron Rural Cemetery Group

and/or common Glendale Cemetery Group

2. Location

street & number 150 Glendale Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Akron _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 14
(John Seiberling)

state Ohio code 039 county Summit code 153

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name The Proprietors of the Akron Rural Cemetery

street & number 150 Glendale Avenue

city, town Akron _____ vicinity of _____ state Ohio 44302

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Summit County Recorder's Office

street & number 175 S. Main Street

city, town Akron _____ state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Akron Historic Landmark Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 _____ federal _____ state _____ county local

depository for survey records Dept. of Planning, City of Akron 166 S. High Street

city, town Akron _____ state Ohio

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The group consists of four stone structures at the main entrance of the cemetery: An office building, just inside the gate on the south side of the entrance drive; a bell tower on a hill behind the office; a caretaker's residence diagonally across the entrance drive from the office; Memorial Chapel, 225 feet southwest of the office.

CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE (1869)

Originally known as the lodge, this sandstone structure has rock-faced, coursed ashlar walls and a truncated hip roof of asphalt shingles. Main block has center entry under projecting gabled porch with pointed arch opening. Bays flanking entry have paired double-hung windows with stone surrounds, beveled sills and carved lintels. South bay has steep pitched mansard roof with truncated hip-roofed dormers containing lancet windows with diamond tracery. Triangular dormer above entry; gabled dormer above north bay of main block. Recessed wing to north has double-hung windows with diamond tracery. Gabled porch-entry that was formerly on south end of structure was severely damaged by a sewer line explosion in 1977 and has been removed. Cemetery officials hope to restore it.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL (1875-76)

Built on cruciform plan, this Victorian Gothic structure has random rock-faced ashlar walls with quoins. Steep-pitched gabled roof of gray slate is surmounted by a central spire. Raised open arcaded narthex of three Tudor arches has a colossal portal flanked by pictorial stained glass windows. Above entry in gable end is a pointed arch containing a rose window with tracery. Opposite this, at west end of nave, is a pointed arch window divided by heavy stone mullions into three vertical openings which terminate in Gothic points and intersect a five-pointed star above. Central panel of colored glass depicts Col. Lewis P. Buckley, former commander of 29th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. South transept window, of similar design, has vertical panels depicting George Washington, Oliver Hazard Perry and Abraham Lincoln. North transept window, damaged by the 1977 sewer line explosion, has been restored and will be reinstalled. It commemorates the wartime sacrifice and service of women.

BELL TOWER (1883)

This rock-faced random ashlar structure is 15 feet in diameter and 60 feet high. Open belfry, surrounded by a wood railing, is topped by a concave hipped roof. Just below the belfry are four evenly spaced stone turrets that project from the tower as half-rounds. Below and centered between them at varying heights are four slit windows.

OFFICE BUILDING (1903)

This rock-faced, coursed ashlar structure has central gabled wall dormers on all four sides of its hipped, asphalt shingle roof. A veranda supported by square wooden posts on stone pedestals extends across the facade and wraps around the west end. Central entry is flanked on both sides by three double-hung windows.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1869, 1875-76 ~~Builder~~/Architect Frank O. Weary (Chapel and Bell Tower)
1883, 1903

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The four stone structures at the main entrance of the cemetery constitute the most significant group of Gothic buildings in the city of Akron. The centerpiece, Memorial Chapel, is a superlative example of the high Victorian Gothic style and one of the finest buildings designed by a notable local architect of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Frank O. Weary. (Other buildings by Mr. Weary include the Akron Art Institute, which was formerly the city's Carnegie Library, and Buchtel Hall at the University of Akron.)

Memorial Chapel was erected in 1875-76 at a cost of \$25,000 with funds raised by Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic. It was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1876, to the memory of Akron area soldiers of the Union army who died in the Civil War. The chapel is listed in the historic landmark survey that was conducted in 1978 for the city of Akron's Department of Planning and Urban Development. That survey recorded only three other Akron buildings that are truly representative of the high Victorian Gothic style: St. Paul's Sunday School and Parish House, 354 E. Market St. (added to the National Register in 1976); Hammel-Actual College, 57 E. Market St.; and the Kaiser Building, 325 S. Main St., which has suffered greatly from street level "modernization" since the landmark survey was completed.

Also included in the landmark survey are the cemetery office building and the caretaker's residence. These well designed and interesting structures, together with the handsome bell tower, complement Memorial Chapel by their siting and are in architectural harmony with it.

Akron Rural Cemetery, chartered in 1839, was headed for the first 41 years of its existence by Simon Perkins, Jr., one of Akron's most prominent figures and a son of the city's co-founder, General Simon Perkins. As the years passed, the cemetery's environs became more urban than rural. For that reason and because it is bounded on the north by Glendale Avenue, people began to call it "Glendale" and it is now known to the public only by that name. Nonetheless, the corporate name remains Akron Rural Cemetery.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Memorial Chapel (Buckley Post No. 12, G.A.R., Akron, Ohio 1876)
Samuel A. Lane, Fifty Years and Over, Akron and Summit County
(Akron, Ohio 1892), 232 ff.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.8 acres

Quadrangle name Akron West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at north side of cemetery's main gate, then 150' NW along chain link fence; then 300' SW along base of Prospect Hill to Cypress Ave.; then 175' S along west side of drive encircling Chapel; then 300' E to fence; then 225' N along fence to starting point.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title William V. Wallace, Jr., Consultant

organization _____ date February 1980

street & number 282 Somerset Road telephone 216/867-5037

city or town Akron state Ohio 44313

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

David L. Brook

title

SHPO

date

7/1/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

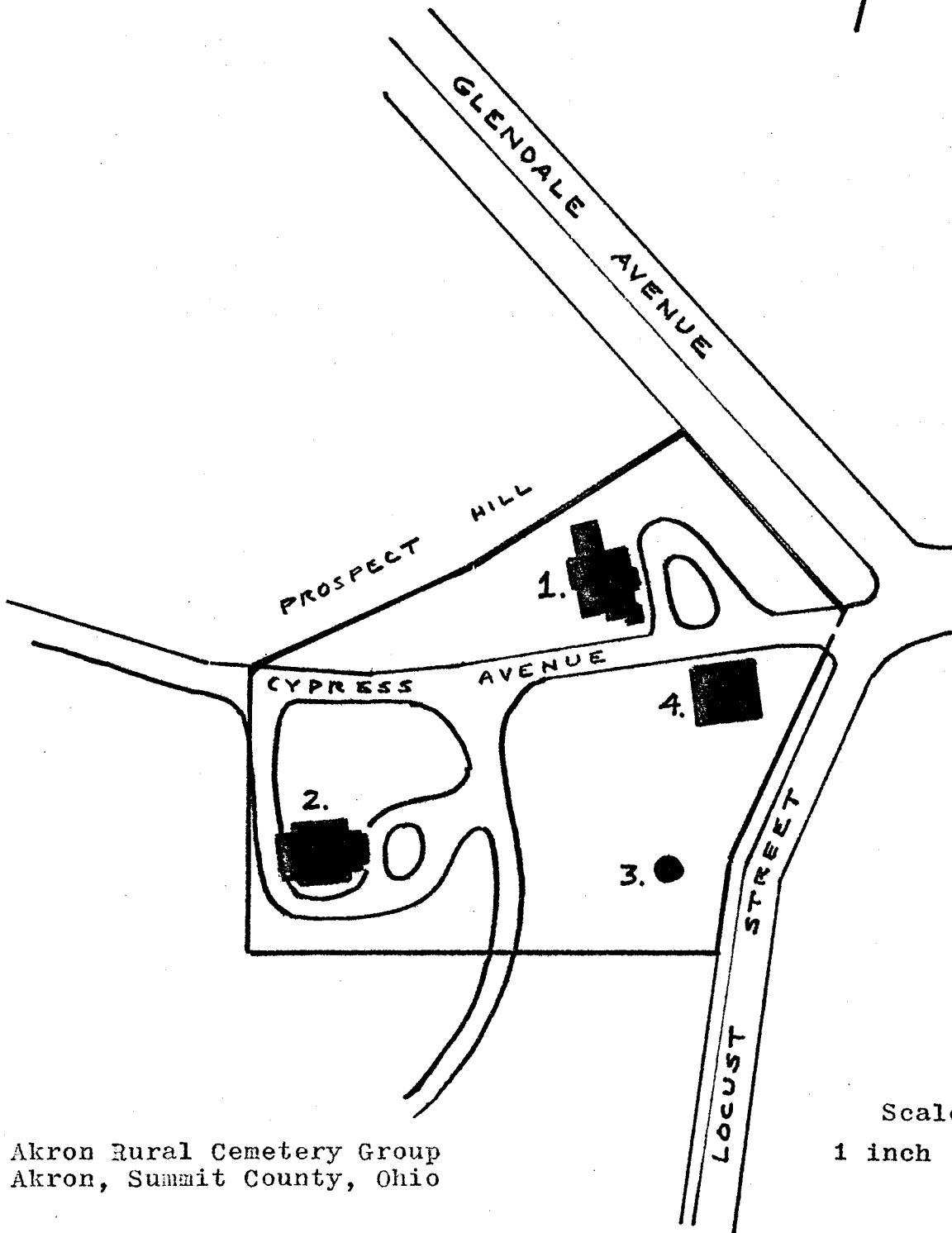
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

- 1 Caretaker's Residence (1869)
- 2 Memorial Chapel (1875-76)
- 3 Bell Tower (1883)
- 4 Cemetery Office (1903)

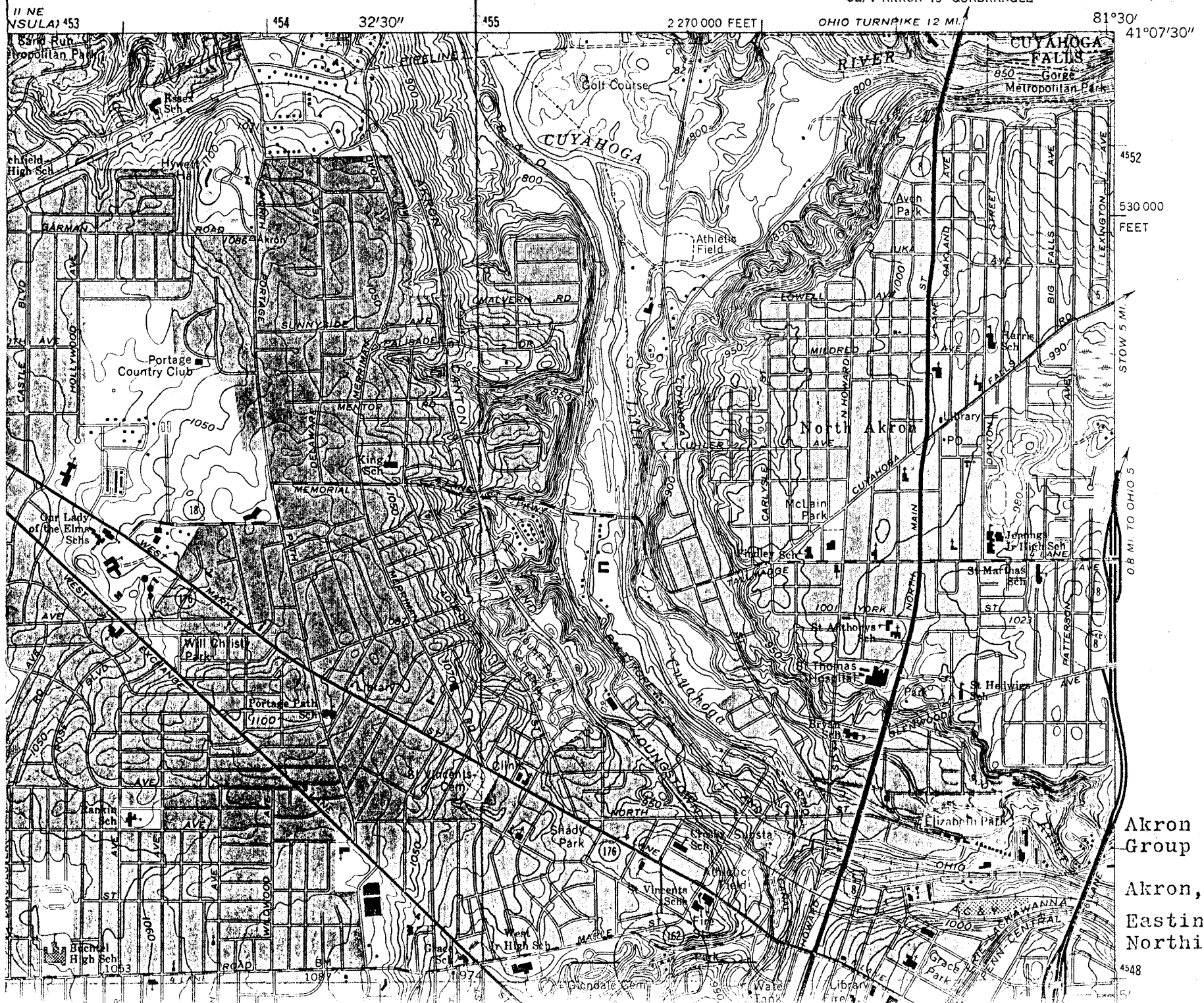


Akron Rural Cemetery Group
Akron, Summit County, Ohio

Scale
1 inch : 100 feet

OHIO-SUMMIT CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 AKRON 15' QUADRANGLE

4766 III N
(HUDSON)



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32°30'

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OHIO TURNPIKE 12 MI.

81°30'

41°07'30"

4552

530 000
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Akron Rural Cemetery
Group

Akron, Summit Co

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Northing: 4548,

4548

Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board

October 21, 1980

Proprietors
Akron Rural Cemetery
150 Glendale Avenue
Akron, Ohio 44302

Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to inform you that the Akron Rural Cemetery Group, 150 Glendale Avenue, Akron, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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,

Dellas H. Harder
Acting State Historic
Preservation Officer

DHH:DAS:djd
enclosures
xc: Mayor of Akron
NEFCO
Eric Johannesen, RPO

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-8727

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: Akron Rural Cemetery Buildings

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 _____
