1. NAME
   HISTORIC Daniel Tilden house
   AND/OR COMMON Daniel Tilden house

2. LOCATION
   STREET & NUMBER 2325 Stine Road
   CITY, TOWN Peninsula
   STATE Ohio
   VICINITY OF _NOT FOR PUBLICATION
   CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 14
   COUNTY Summit
   CODE 153

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY
   _DISTRICT
   X-BUILDING(S)
   _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
   _MUSEUM
   _COMMERCIAL
   _PARK
   _EDUCATIONAL
   _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
   _ENTERTAINMENT
   _RELIGIOUS
   X-GOVERNMENT
   _SCIENTIFIC
   _INDUSTRIAL
   _TRANSPORTATION
   _MILITARY
   _OTHER:

4. AGENCY
   REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)
   Department of the Interior
   United States National Park Service
   Midwest Region
   STREET & NUMBER 1709 Jackson Street
   CITY, TOWN Omaha
   STATE Nebraska
   _NOT FOR PUBLICATION

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
   Summit County Auditors Office
   Summit County Office of Deeds, Transfers, and Conveyances
   STREET & NUMBER 175 South Main Street
   CITY, TOWN Akron
   STATE Ohio
   _NOT FOR PUBLICATION

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE Combination Atlas Map of Summit County (Philadelphia: Tackabury, Head, & Moffett, 1874)
   DATE 1874
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
   University of Akron Archives
   CITY, TOWN Akron
   _NOT FOR PUBLICATION
The Daniel Tilden house is a large, two-story, wood-frame residence constructed in the Victorian eclectic style popular throughout the country in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The original portion of the house, constructed in 1872, consists of a cruciform plan which is echoed in the cross-gable roof. The existing kitchen was added to the northeast corner of the original structure in 1888; this single-story addition has a modified gambrel roof. In the 1950s a garage was added to the north of the kitchen addition; the garage has a gable roof with two dormers on both the east and west elevations. A screened-in porch was added to the southeast corner of the building, probably at the same time that the garage was constructed. There is a full basement under the entire structure, except for the garage.

The roof of the house is slate. The original portion of the building features a subtle imbrication of alternating rows of rectangular and hexagonal slates; this decorative pattern of roof slates is repeated in the 1888 addition. Asphalt shingles cover the roof of the garage. The exterior of the entire structure is covered with horizontal coved shiplap siding. The foundations of the house are large blocks of coursed sandstone; the garage foundation is concrete.

The windows on the body of the original structure feature highly decorative pedimented window hoods which include incised scrollwork. Similar window treatment is also found in the 1888 addition; this ornamentation may very well have been re-used from the windows on the original building which were obscured by this addition. These windows are equipped with louvered shutters. The south, east, and west gable ends are sheathed in vertical boards at the attic level and contain a pointed arch window at that level. These three gables are trimmed with wide bargeboard with incised scrollwork, the overall form of which frames and echoes the pointed arch attic window. This bargeboard includes exposed stick work and drilled brackets. The south gable contains a two-story bay which is terminated at the roof line with exposed diagonal stick work and panels of incised scrollwork. The north gable, which faces away from the main road, has no ornamentation or fenestration.

With the exception of the additions mentioned above, the interior plan configuration has not been altered. Each doorway and window is framed in an elaborate casing of decorative white oak. The wood is purported to have been cut from the site, sawn in Cleveland, and then carved back on the site. The bases of many of these massive casings feature hand-carved and wood-burned depictions of natural scenes (birds, flowers, etc.) no two of which are identical. Much of the original door and window hardware also remains throughout the house.
El SIGNIFICANCE PERIOD
—PREHISTORIC
—1400-1499
—1500-1599
—1600-1699
—1700-1799
—1800-1899
—1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW
—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
—AGRICULTURE
—ARCHITECTURE
—ART
—COMMERCIAL
—COMMUNICATIONS
—COMMUNITY PLANNING
—CONSERVATION
—CONSERVATION
—ECONOMICS
—EDUCATION
—ENGINEERING
—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
—INDUSTRY
—INVENTION
—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
—LAW
—LITERATURE
—MILITARY
—MUSIC
—PHILOSOPHY
—POLICS/GOVERNMENT
—RELIGION
—SCIENCE
—SCULPTURE
—SOCIETY/HUMANITARIAN
—THEATER
—TRANSPORTATION
—OTHER (SPECIFIC)

SPECIFIC DATES
Original construction: 1872
Additions: 1888, 1950s

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
The Daniel Tilden house is architecturally significant because it is a rare surviving example of Victorian eclectic architecture. Although the general style of the building was fairly common in the area in the 1870s, the high quality and level of the interior detailing is exceptional. The fact that the house has remained largely unaltered and that the interior and its outstanding woodwork and hardware have not been changed truly distinguish this structure from others of its genre.

Daniel Tilden was born in 1790. In 1832, he married Nancy Mather who, in 1836, gave birth to their only child to live to maturity, Daniel W. Tilden. By 1860, Daniel Tilden had acquired the 245 acres of land in Boston Township where he would later build this house and operate a successful dairy farm and cheese business. In 1873, this cheese business was named the Boston Union Cheese Company. With the death of his father in 1881, Daniel W. Tilden inherited this property and the cheese business, which he sold the next year to the Cassidy and McNeil Cheese Company.

Apparently, operation of this dairy farm and cheese business was quite profitable for the Tildens. In part, this success is reflected in the outstanding architectural qualities of their house. There were several dairy farms in the Cuyahoga Valley during the latter half of the nineteenth century, many of which remain to this day. Few, if any, however, were built with the same regard to design, attention to detail, or quality of craftsmanship as was the Daniel Tilden house. The area farmhouses of that period were simpler structures, which lacked the high quality of materials, degree of ornamentation, and overall design found in the subject property. Thus far, no other structures have been identified in the Cuyahoga Valley which share the significance of the architectural execution of the Daniel Tilden house.
GEORPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.5 acres (+/-)

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ORGANIZATION National Park Service, Cuyahoga Valley

DATE February 13, 1984

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X NO

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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN
EXISTING CONDITIONS APRIL 1982
PAINEL TILDEN HOUSE
OURING VALLEY 4TH-JUV. RECREATION AREA

DESIGNED:
OHMTN:
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PRICE:
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DANIEL TILDEN HOUSE - SITE PLAN