United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form  

NR: 10-4-89  

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property  
   historic name: Porter, Orin, House  
   other names/site number: N/A

2. Location  
   street & number: 240 College Street  
   city, town: Hudson  
   state: Ohio  
   code: OH  
   county: Summit  
   code: 153  
   zip code: 44236

3. Classification  
   Ownership of Property:  
   Category of Property:  
   Number of Resources within Property:  
   Contributing:  
   Noncontributing:  
   building(s): 1  
   district:  
   site:  
   structure:  
   object:  
   buildings: 1  
   sites:  
   structures:  
   objects:  
   Total: 1

   Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historic Properties of Hudson, Ohio
   Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

4. State/Federal Agency Certification  
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination □ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property □ meets □ does not meet the National Register criteria. □ See continuation sheet.
   
   Signature of certifying official:  
   Date: 8/16/89

   In my opinion, the property □ meets □ does not meet the National Register criteria. □ See continuation sheet.
   
   Signature of commenting or other official:  
   Date:

   State or Federal agency and bureau:

5. National Park Service Certification  
   I, hereby certify that this property is:
   □ entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
   □ determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
   □ determined not eligible for the National Register.
   □ removed from the National Register.
   □ other, (explain:)

   Signature of the Keeper:  
   Date of Action:
The house at 240 West College Street was built in 1861 by the noted local architect Orin Porter. The house was built on a fourteen acre tract of land lying between North Main Street and College Street. The east portion of the tract was sold in the early 1900s and the houses at 226 and 250 College Street were built at this time. The Orin Porter house now stands off a private lane that runs from West College Street, on a wooded, secluded lot.

The house is a frame Italianate building, with an irregular cross-shaped plan. The central section of the building is two stories high and has a hip roof. A two story, single bay projection dominates the center of the facade. It has a low pitch, gable roof with wide returns and pronounced brackets under the eaves. There is a bullseye window in the gable and twin arched windows just beneath. The projection contains a recessed entrance, which is capped by a pedimented hood and heavy brackets. There is a rear, gable roofed extension, that was originally only a single story. The roof was raised slightly in the 1960s in order to make a bedroom from the original attic space. A screened-in porch was also added to the east side of the house in the 1960s.

The interior has been little changed from its original form. The original poplar floors are still in use in the kitchen and in the upstairs bedrooms. The living room, dining room and hall floors are in oak, which covers the original floors. An outstanding curved walnut banister and stair rail rises to the right of the entrance. An off-center hall leads to the dining room and living room. A room opening from the dining room and to the left of the entry hall has had modern windows replacing the original to provide light for an artist's workroom. All other windows are original, including much of the original window panes. The house is well maintained and still has integrity of design and setting.

There is one non-contributing garage. The exact date of the garage is unknown, but was in a dilapidated condition when the current owner bought the property in the 1960s. This garage has been modernized for use as an artist's studio.

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See continuation sheet
8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally  ☐ statewide  ☑ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  ☐ A  ☑ B  ☑ C  ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  ☐ A  ☐ B  ☐ C  ☐ D  ☐ E  ☐ F  ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance
1861-1871

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person

Significant Person

Architect/Builder
Orin Porter

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Orin Porter House is significant under Criteria B for its association with the noteworthy local architect, Orin Porter, who designed, built and lived in this house for ten years; and under Criteria C as an excellent example of Italianate architecture. It conforms to Property Type FI, Domestic, Civic and Commercial Architecture, 1850/1907, relating to Historic Context Statement 3, Railroad Prosperity; Merchant Builders.

Orin Porter was one of a distinguished family of architects practicing in this area in the early nineteenth century. Architect-builder Lemuel Porter is recognized as one of the finest early architects; Simeon Porter, his eldest son and apprentice, became well-known in the Hudson and Cleveland areas as a practicing architect. Lemuel Porter died in 1829 before fulfilling his contract with Western Reserve College for the construction of the college chapel, the contract then turned over to Simeon Porter for completion. The success of this project began an illustrious career in architecture and building. In the early 1840s, Simeon Porter built a house on the parcel of land where 240 College Street now stands; it was destroyed by fire a few years later. Orin Porter, the youngest son of Lemuel, only nine years old when his father died, had by this time been trained by Simeon in the skills of the trade. In 1861, having successfully completed two projects still extant, 230 Aurora Street (1860) and 394 North Main Street (1857), he built his own residence on this land, replacing the burned-out Simeon Porter house.

The style of this house shows typical Porter characteristics and the influence of the popular Italianate and the local Greek Revival style tradition on Porter. The low front gable and long returns Porter also used on the Italianate house at 230 Aurora Street; the twin arched windows in the front facade, under a bulleye window, the pronounced brackets and the pedimented hood also are signature elements of Porter's work. Orin Porter lived in the house until his death in 1871. This house represents the culmination of his years of training in the profession. It has suffered very few changes, none affecting its integrity, and, as Porter's personal residence, of historic value in a community which was home to the illustrious Porter family of master-builders.

☐ See continuation sheet
9. Major Bibliographical References

See Multiple Property Documentation

Primary location of additional data:
☐ State historic preservation office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☒ Other
Specify repository:
Hudson Heritage Association Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property  Approximately 1/3 acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

In the Village of Hudson and County of Summit, beginning at a point on a private lane 250' north and 277' west of the intersection of College and High Streets; running thence north along the west boundary of the Richard Miller property 150'; thence west 100'; thence south 150'; thence east 100' to the place of beginning.

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Boundary Justification

Boundary is the lot boundary where the dwelling house is situated.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Porter, Orin, House, 240 College Street
Historic and Architectural Properties of Hudson, Ohio (MPD)
Hudson, Summit County, Ohio
Dates of Photographs: 1988
Location of Negatives: Hudson Heritage Association
Photographer: Lois Newkirk

1. Facade, looking
2. Looking Northeast
3. Roof detail, south facade
4. South elevation
5. Looking west
6. Rear, looking southwest
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89001449  Date Listed: 10/5/89

Orin Porter House  Summit  OH
Property Name  County  State

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper  Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The property is nominated for Criterion B, but the line for Significant Person is not filled in. Barb Powers with the OH SHPO says that this was a technical oversight and that the name of Orin Porter should be listed as the significant person. The form is now officially amended to make this addition.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)
November 27, 1989

M. Wilson
240 College Street
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear M. Wilson:

Re: Orin Porter House, 240 College Street, Hudson,
    Summit County, Ohio

This is to inform you that the Orin Porter House nomination has been
entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park
Service, Department of the Interior (NR listed 10/05/89).

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 as amended. 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,

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL/BAP:dh
Enclosure

x.c. Jeff Brown, Regional Coordinator
    Joseph Lawler
    NEFCO
    Lois Newkirk, National Register Consultant
    Eric Johannesen, Western Reserve Historical Society
    Barbara Burk, Hudson Heritage Association
    State Representative Thomas W. Watkins
    State Senator Roy L. Ray
National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Porter, Orin, House

County: Summit

MPD Cover Form: Historic & Architectural Properties of Hudson MPD

County Filed In: Summit

X Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

_____ Ohio Historic Inventory form

X Photograph(s)

_____ Photograph(s) (copies)

_____ USGS map(s)

_____ USGS map(s) (copies)

_____ Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

X Correspondence

_____ Other _______________________________________________________________________
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