1. Name of Property

Historic name: Viall Lodge

Other names/site number: Gate House of the East Akron Cemetery

2. Location

Street & number: 1135 East Market Street
City or town: Akron
State: Ohio
County: Summit

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this box 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 the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title: [Signature]
Date: 2-7-94

State of Federal agency and bureau: Ohio Historic Preservation Office

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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: [Signature]
Date of Action: [Date]
5. Classification

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Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

6. Function or Use

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7. Description

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

☐ B removed from its original location.

☐ C a birthplace or grave.

☐ D a cemetery.

☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

☐ F a commemorative property.

☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance
1912

Significant Dates
1912

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder

Fitcher, J. Adam (architect)

Courtiss & Gill Construction Co. (builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Record #

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository:
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  less than one acre

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 Zone  Easting  Northing
   1 1 7 4 5 9 2 8 0 4 5 4 6 2 1 0

2 Zone  Easting  Northing

3 Zone  Easting  Northing

4 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title  Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bosecker/Secretary; and Jeffrey D. Brown/Regional Coordin.

organization  East Akron Cemetery Company  date  July 14, 1993

street & number  1135 E. Market Street  telephone  216-784-7238

city or town  Akron  state  Ohio  zip code  44305

Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets
Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs
Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name  East Akron Cemetery Company

street & number  1135 E. Market Street  telephone  216-784-7238

city or town  Akron  state  Ohio  zip code  44305-3226

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.
Viall Lodge was constructed in 1912 as the superintendent’s home and office for the East Akron Cemetery. Designed in the Tudor Revival style, it rests on a slightly raised brick foundation accented by a stone waternacle. The brick walls of the 2 1/2 story house are laid in a running bond pattern, and the three-bay front facade is dominated by a prominent central entry porch, a 2 1/2 story wall dormer, and a tall brick chimney. The portico has arched openings, small stone-capped corner buttresses, and a front gable with a carved stone panel displaying the name "Viall Lodge" and the date "1912". A total of eight stone shields are inlaid at various locations in the exterior walls. Windows in the front facade are clustered in groups of three, and stone trim is employed around windows and doors. A large gabled port-cochere, extending off the east side of the house, displays Craftsman influence in its exposed rafters and open timberwork under the gable. The steeply pitched hip roof has a lower, parapeted gable on the east facade. Stone-capped parapets on the side gable, the entry gable, and the front portico are Jacobethan elements in the building’s design.

The interior of Viall Lodge still exhibits its oak staircase and doors. The fireplace has been altered, but the mantel was retained, and the bathroom still has its original wall tile, tub, and wood towel closets. Many of the other interior walls, however, have been paneled more recently (date unknown). The only other notable alteration to the building has been the replacement of the multipane first-floor windows with double-hung 1/1 wood sash windows (date unknown).

Viall Lodge’s setting displays a high degree of integrity, with mature trees, surrounding lawns, and metal fences supported by stone columns.
Viall Lodge is nominated under Criterion C as a significant example of Tudor Revival style architecture, exhibiting many of the design elements that distinguish this style.

The Tudor Revival style, based on English vernacular architecture of the late Medieval period, gained popularity in the United States by the end of the 19th Century. Sometimes combined with subtle elements of other contemporaneous styles, including Colonial Revival, Arts and Crafts, and Craftsman, it continued to be used for a variety of commercial, domestic, and institutional buildings through the late 1930s. Specimens of both high style and vernacular Tudor Revival are found throughout Ohio, largely in urban or suburban settings. Viall Lodge in many ways exemplifies Tudor Revival design. Its asymmetrical plan and roofline, and its masonry construction with extensive use of stone trim, especially around doors and windows, is representative of Tudor Revival designs. The prominent front entry gable and gabled portico with inlaid shields are also typical. The tall front chimney, multipane windows, parapeted gables, Tudor arch front entry, and oak interior woodwork, are additional elements reflecting the Tudor Revival design of this building.

This building was used as the home and office of the East Akron Cemetery superintendents until 1990, when the last superintendent retired. The office portion continues in its original use, but the remainder of the house is now a rental unit, and the cemetery is overseen by a general manager.
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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot numbers 33 and 34, in Lot No. 5 Tract No. 13 of Tallmadge Township, now in the City of Akron.

Boundary Justification

Boundary includes the two legally recorded city lots that have historically been associated with the nominated property.
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Major Bibliographic References

Minutes of meetings of the East Akron Cemetery Co., July through November, 1911.

A Centennial History of Akron, 1825-1925, by Herman Fetzer, 1925.
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The Following information is the same for all photographs

Name of Property: Viall Lodge
Address: 1135 E. Market Street, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.
Name of Photographer: William Wigley
Location of Negatives: East Akron Cemetery Co., 1135 E. Market Street
Date of Photograph: 1993
East Akron Cemetery Company
1135 East Market Street
Akron, OH 44305-3226

Dear Madam/Sir:

Re: Viall Lodge, 1135 E. Market St., Akron, Summit Co., Ohio

This is to inform you that the above has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior (listed 3/17/94).

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 about the programs and services offered by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL/JER:tls

Enclosure

xc: Jeff Brown, Regional Coordinator
    NEFCO
    Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
    State Senator Robert Nettle
    State Representative Vernon Sykes
    ODOT
National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

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

Name: Viall Lodge
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 ________________________________