1. NAME

Common:
Fort Island Works

2. LOCATION

Street and Number:
Approx. 600 ft. west of end of Fort Island Drive (Copley Twp.)

City or Town:
Akron

State:
Ohio

Code:
039

County:
Summit

Code:
153

3. CLASSIFICATION

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Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate):

- Agricultural
- Government
- Park
- Transportation
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Private Residence
- Comments
- Educational
- Military
- Religious
- Other (Specify)
- Entertainm
- Museum
- Scientific
- Vacant land

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Owner's Name:
(See continuation sheet)

Street and Number:

City or Town:

State:

Code:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, Etc:

Summit County Courthouse

Street and Number:

High Street

City or Town:

Akron

State:
Ohio

Code:
039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title of Survey:
Ohio Historic Landmarks

Date of Survey:
1967

DepositORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Ohio Historical Society

Street and Number:

Ohio Historical Center

City or Town:
Columbus

State:
Ohio

Code:
039
The site is an oval or elliptical earthen enclosure with exterior ditch on an elevated glacial drift. The earthen wall is just below the highest point of the nearly level interior.

The site is covered by secondary growth of brush and trees, not to the exclusion of several large trees. The enclosed area does not exceed five (5) acres.

The earthworks and enclosed area have never been excavated.
4. Francis B. Ross  
   825 Delaware Ave.  
   Akron, Ohio 44303  (1.5 acres)  

   Jack Keller  
   815 Mark Drive  
   Akron, Ohio 44313  (0.5 acre)  

   L. Remmy  
   Ridgewood Road  
   Akron, Ohio 44313  (3.0 acres)
### 6. SIGNIFICANCE

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**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

1000 - 1500 A.D.

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric [X]
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Dr. Raymond S. Baby, Curator of Archaeology, Ohio Historical Society, has examined the site and states:

"The Fort Island Works, an oval-shaped earthen enclosure built and occupied by the Late Woodland Indians, is an important site. It is not only one of the best preserved sites in the state of Ohio but the only one of its kind still in existence in northern Ohio. Three similar works near Norwalk, Ohio, surveyed by Col. Charles Whittlesey, are now obliterated.

"We strongly urge that every effort be made to preserve and develop this site."

*Fort Island and the Erie Indians,* by William I. Barnholth; Summit County Historical Society, Akron, Ohio 1958.

(Appended)

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:** five acres

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

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**NAME AND TITLE:**

William V. Wallace, Jr., Director

**ORGANIZATION:** Summit County Historical Society

**DATE:** Oct. 8, 1970

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 550 Copley Road

**CITY OR TOWN:** Akron

**STATE:** Ohio 44320

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [ ]
- State [X]
- Local [ ]

**Name:** Daniel [Signature]

**Title:** [Signature]

**Date:** 4 Nov. 1970

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

**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

**ATTEST:**

**Keeper of The National Register**
1. NAME
   COMMON: Fort Island Works

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: Approx. 600 ft west of end of Fort Island Drive (Copley Twp.)
   CITY OR TOWN: Akron

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
   PHOTO CREDIT: Summit County Historical Society
   DATE OF PHOTO: October 21, 1970
   NEGATIVE FILED AT: Summit County Historical Society, 550 Copley Rd., Akron, OH 44320

4. IDENTIFICATION
   DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
   West side of mound, looking northeast.
1. NAME
   COMMON: Fort Island Works
   AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: 600 ft. west of Fort Island Dr.
   CITY OR TOWN: Akron
   STATE: Ohio
   CODE: 039
   COUNTY: Summit
   CODE: 153

3. MAP REFERENCE
   SOURCE: U.S.G.S. Akron West, Ohio Quad.
   SCALE: 1:24,000
   DATE: 1957

4. REQUIREMENTS
   TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
   1. Property boundaries where required.
   2. North arrow.
   3. Latitude and longitude reference.
**National Register of Historic Places**

**Property Map Form**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

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

Name: Fort Island Works

County: Summit

X Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

_____ Multiple Property Nomination form

_____ Photograph(s)

X Photograph(s) (copies)

_____ USGS map(s)

_____ USGS map(s) (copies)

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

X Correspondence

X Other Newsclips

CES: 9/01