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Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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OWNER'S NAME:			
Summit County Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
550 Copley Road			
CITY OR TOWN:	CODE		
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COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Summit County Building			
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72 South High Street	CODE		
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
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This is a very large two-story mansion of coursed sandstone ashlar construction, in the Greek revival style. The house stands on a commanding site overlooking the city of Akron, surrounded by more than ten acres of beautiful grounds. It is much larger than photographs suggest, as the handling of classical scale is deceptive. Its dominant feature is a full two-story portico of four Tuscan columns. The east facade has five bays, with a monumental Greek doorway, and massive stone lintels over the window and door openings. A kitchen wing of the same construction projects to the rear of the house.

The interior has a central hall plan, with four large main rooms on each floor. The interior woodwork is in one of the simplest late Federal patterns, a fluted pilaster with squares containing circles at the corners. The simple stair balustrade is also a late Federal design. The mantelpieces are nearly unornamented. The rooms contain some of the original Perkins furnishings, as well as other nineteenth century items for display. The main floor rear hall has been partitioned to provide a bath. The kitchen was completely modernized, but is now being restored by the historical society. Basically, however, the structure of the house is unaltered.

Adjoining the house is a frame structure formerly used as a laundry house. Its date is unknown. It is one and a half stories, the lower story having wooden siding and the upper parts shingled. The roof is a combination of hip and gable. At the east end there is a steeple tower with a concave pyramidal roof, surmounted by a windmill. The north and south elevations have symmetrical porch stoops whose roofs are a continuation of the main roof line. The interior has been remodeled for the offices of the Summit County Historical Society. The ground floor houses the reception and publication offices, and the upper floor the office of the director.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is unequivocally one of the great houses in Ohio. It is large in scale and at the same time simple, where a lesser client might have been tempted to ostentation. The deceptive simplicity gradually leads to an appreciation of a masterful handling of scale, proportion and detail.

Colonel Simon Perkins was born in Warren, Ohio, in 1805. His father General Simon Perkins was one of the founders of the village of Akron in 1825. Colonel Perkins purchased 115 acres ther in 1832. He and his wife moved to Akron in 1835. The mansion was constructed between 1835 and 1837. Colonel Perkins was largely instrumental in the formation of Summit County in 1840, and was one of the active promoters of the Cleveland, Zanesville and Cincinnati Railroad. The mansion was occupied by descendants of the Perkins family until 1945, when it was purchased by the Summit County Historical Society.

The Greek revival mansion, including its accessory building on the half-acre fronting on Copley Road and Portage Path, constitutes a major architectural and historical Ohio landmark.

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Form 10-301 (July 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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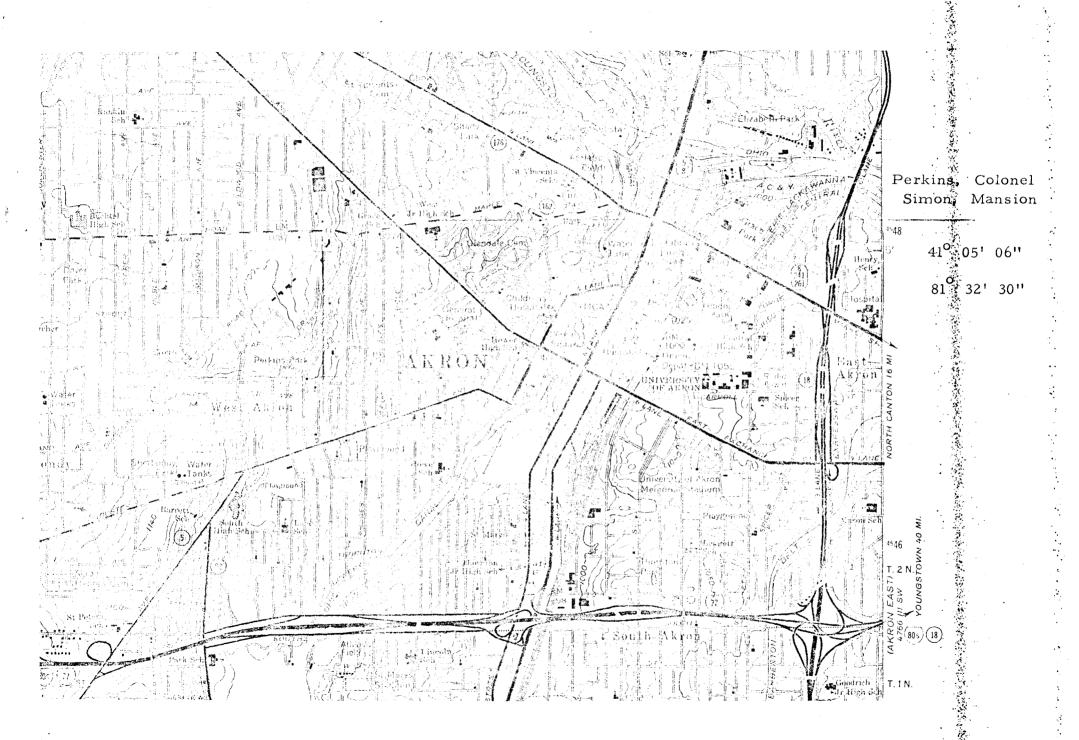
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Southwest corner of mansion, looking northeast

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.



August 26, 1974

Summit County Historiaal Society 550 Copley Road Akron, Ohio 44320

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to inform you that the Colonel Simon Perkins Mansion, 500 Copley Road, Akron, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The nomination was made in consection 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 a boothure explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations for recognizing the importance of, and theeneed for, the careful and sensible preservation of Ohio's landmarks. Your farsightedness will surely serve as aneexample to other individuals and organizations in this state.

Sincerely,

Judith Kitchen Architectural Historian and Administrator Historic Preservation Office

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THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The foll	owing materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for
Name: ₋	Perkins, Col. Simon, Mansion
County:	Summit
X	Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
	Multiple Property Nomination form
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	USGS map(s)
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	Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)
X	Correspondence
X	Other <u>oversize plans</u> , news clip