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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House

AND/OR COMMON Guise, Cornelius, House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 147 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Munroe Falls

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

14 - John Seiberling

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY

Summit

CODE

153

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME T. L. Migchelbrink

STREET & NUMBER 147 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Munroe Falls

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio 44262

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Summit County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 217 South High Street

CITY, TOWN Akron

STATE

Ohio

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a group of two buildings on the same property, one a single-story stone building and the other a two-and-a-half story residence in the Queen Anne style. The older building is the stone structure to the west of the house. It is a rectangular block approximately 18 feet by 22 feet, constructed of random rubble. There is a doorway in the center of the east end and a window in the center of the north and south elevations. These have stone lintels and sills. The gable roof is covered with shingles. The building stands on a slight rise so that the west wall is taller than the east one. Inside, there is a wooden floor. The predominant feature is a great fireplace hearth at the west end. On its north side there is a bake oven in the wall. On its south side there is a large masonry base for a basin or kettle. There are only a few light ceiling joists, and the room is open up to the roof.

The residence is a large frame structure with an irregular plan. The basic rectangular form runs north and south. There are small ells projecting to the west and east. The latter one embraces part of a veranda and a two-story porch. The roofs are steep gables. The most unusual feature is a square rectangular bay which projects from the southeast corner at a 45° angle. There is also a back (west) porch. The porches have spindle and jigsaw ornament in the Eastlake idiom. The architraves of the window frames are also Eastlake in detail.

The interior is very well preserved and maintained. The woodwork consists of a typical bull's-eye corner block and reeded architrave design and is intact in every room. There are two mantelpieces of painted imitation marble characteristic of the style. The entrance hall has an excellent late Victorian staircase. The only significant alteration has been the combining of the original kitchen and pantry into one large modern kitchen area.

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Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House

8. Architecturally, the Guise house is a fairly typical example of the Queen Anne style. It would be quite unremarkable in a large metropolis, but is one of only a handful of rather grand houses in the small village of Munroe Falls, and its interior is remarkably well preserved. However, the architectural significance of the two buildings together is that they represent two generations of style and construction methods, and thus symbolize the periods and the family relationship of their builders.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

William H. Perrin, History of Summit County (Chicago, 1881), 923-924.

Combination Atlas Map of Summit County (Philadelphia, 1874), 86.

Illustrated Summit County, Ohio (Akron, 1891), 181.

Interview, Carl Donaldson (b. 1890 ), June 13, 1975.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION

Western Reserve Historical Society

DATE

June 1975

STREET & NUMBER

10825 East Boulevard

TELEPHONE

216-721-5722

CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE SHPO

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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E. Johannesen

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**4** IDENTIFICATION

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South and east elevations of stone kitchen, looking northwest.

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Stone kitchen and rear (west) elevation of house, looking east.

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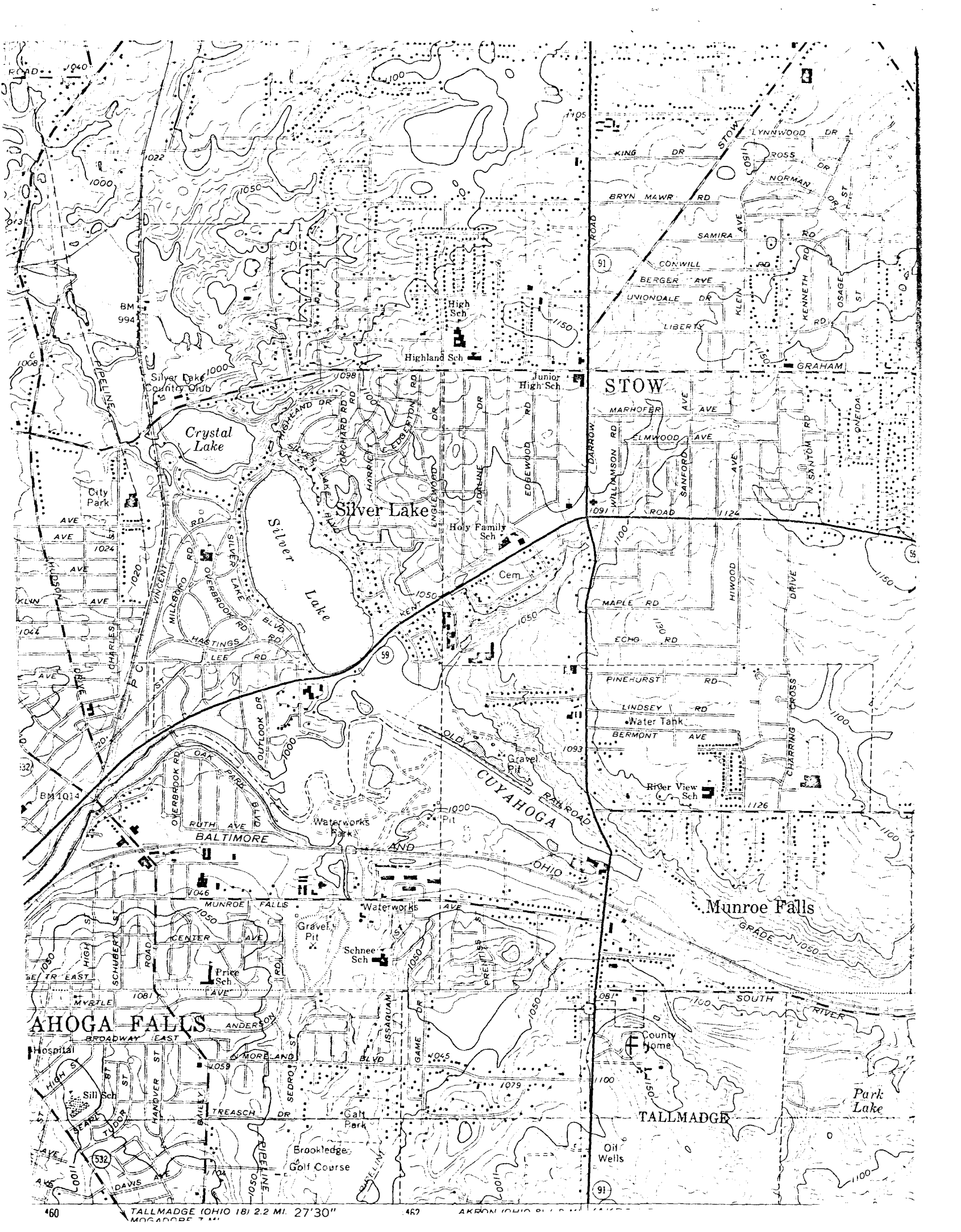
SOURCE U. S. G. S. Hudson Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000 DATE 1970

**4** REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Silver Lake County Club  
City Park  
Crystal Lake

STOW  
MUNROE FALLS

460 TALLMADGE (OHIO) 181 2.2 MI. 27' 30" MOSAIC 74

462 AKRON (OHIO) 181 2.2 MI. 27' 30" MOSAIC 74

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a group of two buildings which complement one another in history, style and construction, and which symbolize a continuity in family and local history that is rarely shown in just this way. Together they are more significant than either one would be individually.

The original owner of the property was Samuel Thornton. Little is known of him, but he is presumed to be the builder of the stone building. Whether it was an outbuilding for an earlier residence or whether it actually served as a dwelling is not known. In 1871 Cornelius Guise married Viana, the daughter of Thornton. Guise was born in Summit County in 1849, his father having arrived there in 1835. He attended high school in Akron. After his marriage, he received 117 acres from Samuel Thornton. Guise built the existing house in 1884. The stone building continued in use, either as a summer kitchen, or as local oral tradition suggests, for slaughtering.



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East facade of Guise House, looking west. 1

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South elevation of Guise House, with stone kitchen at left, looking north. 2

May 19, 1976

T. L. Migchelbrink  
147 South Main St.  
Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262

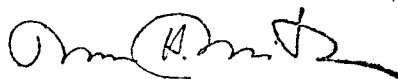
Dear Mr. Migchelbrink:

I am pleased to inform you that the Thornton-Guise Kitchen and House, 147 South Main Street, 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 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. 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,



Thomas H. Smith  
Director, Ohio Historical Society  
State Historic Preservation Officer

THS:jp  
enclosure

x.c: Mayor of Munroe Falls  
Eric Johannesen, Western Reserve Historical Society

**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**  
**Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-8727**

# Ohio Historic Preservation Office

## National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

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

Name: Thornton - Guise Kitchen & House

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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