

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Ohio

COUNTY:

Franklin

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ENTRY DATE

MAR 20 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:

Franklinton Post Office

AND/OR HISTORIC:

(Deardurf, David, House)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

72 South Gift Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbus

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

15

Chalmers P. Wylie

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY:

Franklin

CODE

049

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☒ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☒ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Private Residence
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

☐ Transportation☐ Comments☐ Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Phyllis C. Sells

STREET AND NUMBER:

64 South Gift Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbus

STATE:

Ohio

CODE

039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

380 South High Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbus

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

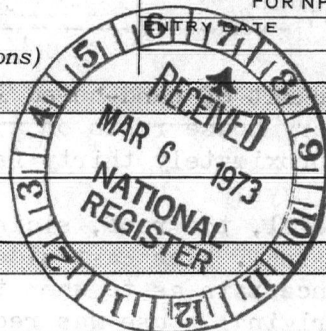
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☒ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: Built of hand-hewed logs circa 1800 by David Deardurf, this two story house rests on a limestone foundation. It measures approximately thirty feet by fifteen feet, and is four bays by two bays.

In general, the roof, siding and addition on the East side are not original. The East side lean-to was added circa 1860, but it is uncertain as to when the siding was added to the house. Thus, the original house was rectilinear, and its exterior was no doubt exposed logs.

First floor features include the recessed door embrasure on the North side. The door is not original. Rectangular, double-hung sash windows, have been added sometime during the life of the house. It is not known what type of windows were originally employed.

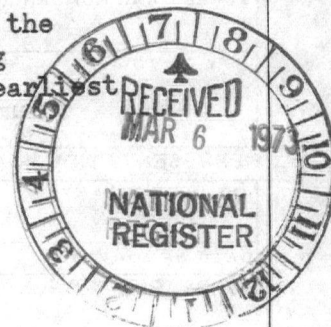
The exterior above the first floor contains additional windows and the eaves have received a simple treatment in the form of box cornice. Roofing material presently consists of asphalt shingles which are in fair condition.

The general condition of the exterior is fair. The present owner hopes to put the building into a better state of repair.

Interior: The interior is in fair condition. Floors are constructed of oak and ash planks. Plaster has been added to the interior walls which originally consisted of exposed logs. The first floor consists of two rooms in the original part. The woodwork is of oak with dove-tailed joints. It is likely that this woodwork was added during the late Nineteenth Century. The second floor houses two bedrooms.

The Sells, who are the present owners, are attempting to restore the house to its original condition. Mr. Sells plans to remove the lean-to on the East side and to repair the roof. The interior will be cleaned, and the early alterations will be removed. When the Sells purchased the house and lot in 1962, they prevented the building from being razed, and the site being converted into a parking lot.

Unfortunately, the Sells cannot devote full-time to the restoration, and the building is again in danger of being razed. It deserves recognition as one of Franklinton's earliest landmarks.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

built 1807

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Franklinton, the first settlement to be laid out in Central, Ohio, was founded in 1797. Its founder and surveyor was Lucas Sullivant. Sullivant, eager to have the area grow quickly, laid out many free parcels of land on a street he called "Gift Street!" Many settlers came to Franklinton and the earliest were given land upon which to build houses.

The Deardurf family was among the earliest settlers of Franklinton and they received free land on Gift Street. David Deardurf built this house for himself in 1807. It was in the front room of the Deardurf home that the first post office in Franklinton was established.

Since the nearest post office was in Chillicothe, a treacherous three day ride over a crude forest trail was necessary to bring the mail to Franklinton. The first mail courier was Andrew McElvain, a boy thirteen years of age. But despite the hazards and the age of McElvain, the mail went through successfully once per week.

Over the years the house has had many occupants. As Franklinton was annexed and gradually was overshadowed by Columbus, the neighborhood in which the house stands decayed into slums. It is surrounded by old homes and commercial eyesores. The Sells purchased the house on April 9, 1962 in an effort to save it from being razed. Unfortunately the Sells have been less than successful in their venture.

On September 13, 1972 the City of Columbus declared the house "unfit for human habitation." Now an effort must be made to publicly recognize this early log house and first post office in Franklinton. Its historic significance alone is enough to qualify its placement on the National Register of Historic Places.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arter, Bill, Columbus Vignettes, Columbus, Ohio, Nida-Eckstein Printing, 1966.

Elmer, Frank L., The Preservation of Environmental Character, Columbus, Ohio, The Ohio State University, 1971.

Williams Brothers, History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, Chicago,

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/3 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Larry Alan Beers

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: November 17, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 1932 Forest Village Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 ☐ Local ☒

Name

Daniel R. [Signature]

Title

Ohio Liaison Officer

Date

2 March 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

3/20/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date

3.14.73

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PROPERTY

Franklin Post Office

STATE

Ohio

WORKING NUMBER

3.6.73. 2491

TECH REVIEW

Photos

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Maps

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Franklin

CONTROL REVIEW

HISTORIAN

locally hist. sign.

Accept. AmL
3/8/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

local interest group.

ACCEPT
KH
3/8/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cath
3-9-73

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
3/14/73
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KEEPER

National Register write-up

Send-back

Federal Register entry

5-1-73

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Ohio Historic Preservation Office

1985 Velma Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211
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OHIO
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
SINCE 1885

October 21, 1985

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear *Carol* ~~Ms. Shull~~:

In order to update our records of National Register properties in Washington we request that the following changes be made. We regret to inform you of the demolition or destruction of the following properties which should be removed from the National Register.

- Turtle Creek Culvert and Embankment, New Barn vicinity, Shelby County. The culvert has been demolished.
- Stemen Road Covered Bridge, Violet Township Rd. 226 at Sycamore Creek, Fairfield County. Destroyed through arson June 18, 1985.
- Everett Road Covered Bridge, Peninsula vicinity, Summit County. Destroyed by flood.
- Holy Name High School, 8318 Broadway, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. Demolished.
- Central School, corner of Hickory and S. Fourth Sts., Martins Ferry, Belmont County. Demolished.
- Salway, William, House (Samuel Hannaford & Sons Thematic Resources), Gray and Winton Streets, Cincinnati, Hamilton County. Demolished in 1984.
- Loucks Covered Bridge, Fairfield County. Demolished.
- Achauer-Linser Brewery and Mansion, 976-988 E. Main St., Zanesville, Muskingum County. Demolished.
- Smith Place School, N. South Street, Wilmington, Clinton County. Demolished.
- Exchange Hotel, 202-204 E. Water St., Sandusky, Erie County. Demolished following a fire.

Oct 29 1985

• Newburgh Town Hall, 9213 Miles Road, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. Demolished following a fire.

• Wheeler Block, 402 Monroe St., Toledo, Lucas County. Demolished.

Ohio Theatre (Sandusky MRA), 205-207-211 W. Market St., Sandusky, Erie County. Demolished.

Zanesville YMCA, 34 S. Fifth St., Zanesville, Muskingum County. Demolished.

• Idora Park Merry-Go-Round, Youngstown, Mahoning County. Dismantled and sold to David Walentas, Two Trees, 30 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

Spreng, Wilfred, J. House (Park Avenue West MRA), 414 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Richland County. Demolished.

Gardner Building (Park Avenue West MRA), 114 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Richland County. Demolished.

Mather House, 30027 River Rd., part of the East River Road Historic District 1, Perrysburg Township, Wood County. Demolished, marked on enclosed map.

ADDRESS CHANGES: (new ownership)

Frank, Charles, House, Medina County. Brian Slosarik, 2425 Ridge Rd., Hinckley, Ohio 44233.

Hopewell Mound Group, Chillicothe vic., Ross County. The Archaeological Conservancy, 415 Orchard Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 07501.

Neff, Conrad, House, 3967 Canfield-Boardman Rd., Canfield, vic., Mahoning County. Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Cochran farm, 2900 OH 129, Millville vic., Butler County. Gerald and Priscilla Morris, 2980 Hamilton-Scipio Rd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013.

Hine, Horace, House, 4624 W. Prospect St., Mantra, Portage County. Gail Shuss, same address as property.

✓ Franklinton Post Office, 72 S. Gift St., Columbus, Franklin County. Walter Reiner 5030 Westerville Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229.

Sunbury Tavern, Northwest corner OH 37 and Galena Rd., Sunbury, Delaware County. Board of Directors, Community Library, Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

Pomeroy, Alanson House, Pearl Rd., Strongsville, Cuyahoga County. Homestead Association, c/o Richard Kleinman, Kleinman and McFadden Co., LPA, 1255 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

McLain-Gillmer House, 720 Mahoning Ave., Warren, Trumbull County. Trumbull Art Guild, address same as the property.

Thompson, Cassius, Clark, House, 305 Walnut St., East Liverpool, Columbiana County. East Liverpool Historical Society, P. O. Box 60, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920.

Jones, W.H., Mansion, 731 E. Broad St., Columbus, Franklin County. Dennis Riga, address same as the property.

McPherson, Major General James, House, 300 E. McPherson Highway, Clyde, Sandusky County. Mrs. Harry F. Meyer, 951 Vine St., Clyde, Ohio 43410.

Baker, John S. House, 1887 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, Hamilton County. Dr. George Colombell, same address as property.

Connecticut Land Company Office, 7071 S. Ridge Rd., Madison vic., Lake County. Bert W. and Jean Fielitz, 7632 Wilson Mills, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

Elden Prehistoric District, South of Old Colorado Rd., Lorain, vic., Lorain County. Thompson Landscaping Company, 2247 N. Jefferson Blvd., Lorain, Ohio 44054.

Gwynne Building, 602 Main St., Cincinnati, Hamilton County. Equity Financial and Management Company, 10 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois 60603.

Morrison House, 750 Ludlow Ave., Cincinnati, Hamilton County. John N. Hall, III, Address same as property.

Laundon, Thomas W., House, 307 W. Avenue, Elyria, Lorain County. Lorain County Historical Society, Inc., 509 Washington Ave., Elyria, Ohio 44035.

Stonehurst, U.S. Route 68, Ripley, vic., Brown County. Mary Martin Bick and J.R. Bick, Route 1, P. O. Box 98, Ripley, Ohio 45167.

Wellington-Huntington Road Multiple Resource Area, Wellington, vic., Lorain County:

Benjamin Wadsworth House, M.J. Wilhelm, 24578 OH 58
Whitney Clark House, Louis Wilson, 46471 W. Bursley Rd.
Darlon Allen House, William Bates, 26140 OH 58
Huntington Twp. Grange, Huntington Grange, 27255 OH 58
Huntington Twp. Hall, Huntington Twp. Trustees, 26840 OH 58

Sacred Heart Academy, 525 Lafayette, Cincinnati, Hamilton County. The City of Cincinnati, 800 Plum St., Cincinnati.

Rockwood Pottery, Celestial and Rookwood, Cincinnati, Hamilton County.
Rockwood Highland Tower Investment, 1077 Celestial, Cincinnati, Ohio
45202.

Worth, Gorham, House, 2316 Auburncrest, Resor, William, House, 254 Greendale
Ave., Cincinnati, Hamilton County. Joseph Allen Prenter, address same
as Resor House.

Twin Oaks, 629 Liddle Lane, Wyoming, Hamilton County. Thomas Rohrer,
address same as property.

Florence Corners School, OH 113 at Division St., Florence, Erie County.
Eva J. Valenti, Florence Twp. Clerk, P.O. Box 92, Birmingham, Ohio
44816.

Newton, Judge Eben, House, 105 N. Broad St., Canfield, Mahoning County.
Rosemary Raver, address same as the property.

Kent, Zeno, House, Aurora-Hudson Rd., Portage County. Richard Fetzer,
Cleveland Trust Company, Euclid and E. 9th, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Western Reserve Building, 1468 W. 9th, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. Higabee
Development Corp., address same as the property.

Mason, John Wesley, Gothic Cottage, Braceville, Trumbull County. Karl
Steinman, R.D. No. 2, Newton Falls, Ohio 44444.

Sawyer-Wayside House, 9470 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Lake County. Colpetzer-
Woods Consulting Company, address same as the property.

OTHER CHANGES:

Tiedmann, Hannes, House, 4308 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Cuyahoga
County. Omitted from Federal Register.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL/BAP:rs
enclosures

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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Franklinton Post Office
Franklin Co. OHIO

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ACCEPTED
(new ownership)

for Keeper Melvin Byers 10/29/85



NPS Number 3/20/73

Title: Franklinton Post Office

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Loc. Franklin, Ohio

East and North Sides

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Loc. Franklin, Ohio

West and South Sides

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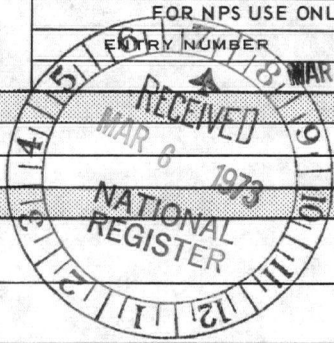
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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

STATE Ohio	
COUNTY Franklin	
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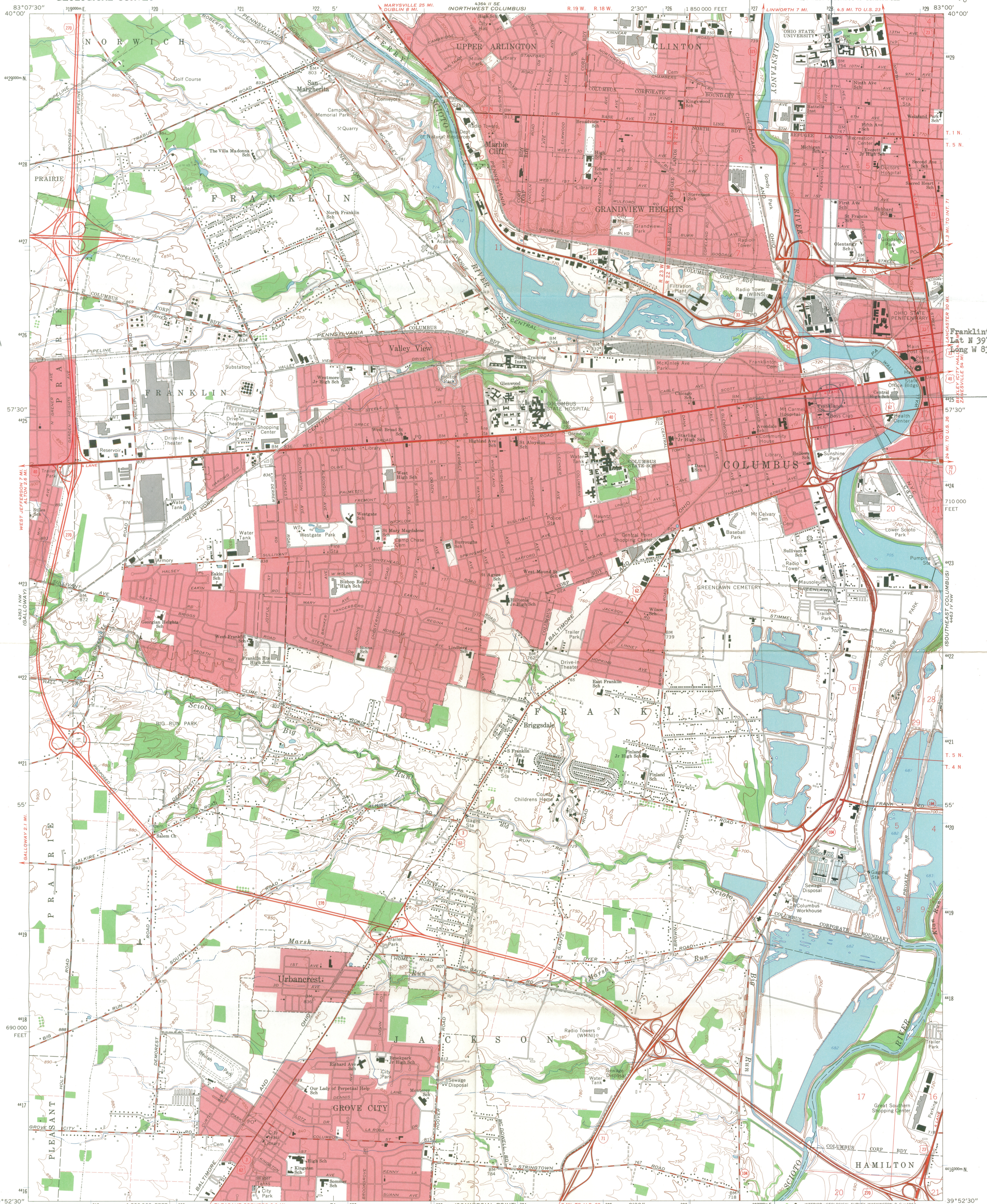
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AND/OR HISTORIC: Deardurf, David, House			
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STREET AND NUMBER: 72 South Gift Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Columbus			
STATE: Ohio		CODE: 039	COUNTY: Franklin
			CODE: 049
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. Topographical Map, Southwest Columbus Quadrangle, 7½'			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
DATE: 1965			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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SOUTHWEST COLUMBUS QUADRANGLE
OHIO—FRANKLIN CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 WEST COLUMBUS 15' QUADRANGLE



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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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Area north of Base Line lies within the United States Military District
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District
Area south of Base Line lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River
Land lines based on the Scioto River Base

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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered MAR 20 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hubbard (Col. William) House	Ashtabula Ashtabula County
Franklinton Post Office	Columbus Franklin County
Warren Public Library	Warren Trumbull County
Pansy Methodist Church and Pansy School District	Vicinity of Clarksville Clinton County
Administration Building (Lake Erie College)	Painesville Lake County
Founders Hall, Heidelberg College	Tiffin Seneca County
E. 2nd St. District (Abraham Hivling-Coates Kinney House & John Allen House)	Xenia Greene County
Cleveland Arcade	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Sullivant (Lucas) Building	Columbus Franklin County

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