

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Richland
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	NOV 26 1973

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Bellville Bandstand
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
North Bellville Municipal Park			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Bellville		17th	
STATE:		CODE	COUNTY:
Ohio		039	Richland
			CODE
			139

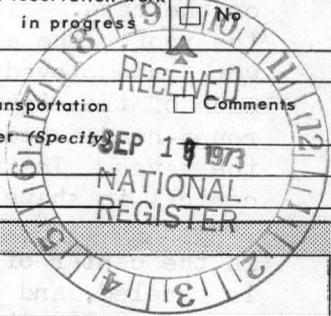
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
City of Bellville			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Bellville Municipal Building			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Bellville		Ohio	039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Richland County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Courthouse Square			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
Mansfield		Ohio	039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
Ohio Historic Survey, Phase One			
DATE OF SURVEY:	1967	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State
<input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
Ohio Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Ohio Historical Center			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Columbus		Ohio	039

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bellville Bandstand is an octagonal structure measuring approximately twelve feet in diameter. It is about twenty feet in height at the peak of its roof. The bandstand is constructed of wood, and was built in July and August, 1879.

Originally painted in some unknown contrasting colors, the bandstand now sports glossy white on the frame, and green on the roof. The original wood base has been replaced within the last twenty years because of deterioration. A new concrete block foundation, and slab floor were placed beneath the framework of the bandstand. The entrance is located on the east side of the bandstand, and is reached with four concrete steps.

Detailing on the structure is excellent. This High Victorian Gothic bandstand was designed by a carpenter-gardener turned architect, which no doubt accounts for the gazebo-like appearance of the bandstand. An eighteen inch high railing is constructed on the base. Eight square wooden posts provide support for the roof. The eight openings are arched, and gingerbread lattice work is employed in the space above the arch. In the center of each of the eight sides, the roof line is arched, forming decorative round-headed pediments. Scroll brackets with pendants support the eaves. The roof is metal, eight sided, and is generally conical in shape.

In the center of the roof is an octagonal cupola. The cupola is paneled, and extends approximately three feet above the peak of the roof. The roof of the cupola is flat, and eight brackets extend to a pointed finial supporting an eagle.

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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 CenturySPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **built July and August, 1879**

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

The impetus for the construction of the Bellville Bandstand came from the citizens and town council of Bellville late in the 1870's. It is unknown how the architect was paid or how he was contracted, but a man name William Lash did design the structure.

William Lash worked for the Harris James Family in Cleveland. Lash was originally from Bellville, as at least one Lash appears in a Bellville city directory from this period. The James were florists in Cleveland, and had a large Second Empire mansion of Euclid Avenue. Lash was the gardener for the James, and was also a carpenter. His mixed background likely accounted for the appearance of the bandstand.

It is likely that Lash participated in the construction of the bandstand which took place during July and August of 1879. The dedication ceremonies took place September 10, 1879.

Since it was dedicated, the bandstand has been in constant use. Even today, during the summer, an ice cream social is held at the bandstand every Saturday night. The Bellville Bandstand is thought by most people to be the finest extant bandstand in the state of Ohio.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of the Bellville Town Council. Bellville, Ohio: circa 1878-1879.
(from records in the Bellville Municipal Building.)

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N 40° 37' 12"	W 82° 30' 42"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Larry Alan Beers

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: **April 21, 1973**

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. Beers

Title Ohio Historic Preserv.

Date 12 Sept. 1973

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

Robert L. Utley
Associate Director, Professional Services

Date 11/26/73

ATTEST:

Charles A. Henry
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11/14/73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Bellville Bandstand STATE Ohio

73001519.

WORKING NUMBER 9.19.73.3636

TECH REVIEW

Photos 2Maps 1

Richland

CONTROL REVIEW

Very nice

cm

9-21-

73

HISTORIAN

Nice
1 Good
photoOK
Accept

9-26-73

C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept

9/26/73

Very nice - let's all go
to the ice cream socials!Accept
KHC

10/9/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

State called to inquire about possible
nominations of district. They are looking into
it, but want bandstand on separately now.Call
10/14/73

KEEPER

Call
11/14/73National Register write-up 2-13-74Send-back 10.18.73Federal Register entry 1-1-74Re-submit 11.13.73Entered NOV 26 1973

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
7. Description. _____
8. Statement of Significance. _____
9. Bibliography. _____
- ☒ 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about 1 minute. Please check.
 - b. Acreage. OK J.K.
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. _____
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: [Signature]

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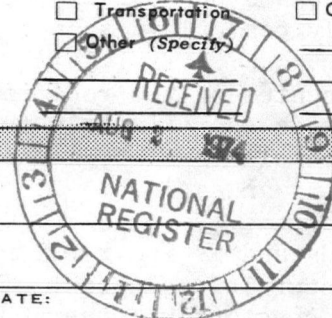
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CITY OR TOWN:	Mansfield
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STREET AND NUMBER:	Ohio Historical Center		
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		CODE	039

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Larry Alan Beers		DATE April 21, 1973
ORGANIZATION		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1932 Forest Village Lane		
CITY OR TOWN: Columbus	STATE Ohio	CODE 039

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National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Daniel A. Porter

Title

Ohio Hist. Preserv. Off.

Date

January 23, 1974

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

4/3
2/17 E 372440
N 4497480

PROPERTY <i>Bellville Bardstead</i>		STATE <i>Ohio</i>	<i>All ready on Register</i>
WORKING NUMBER <i>9.19.73.3636</i>			
TECH REVIEW			
PHOTOS _____			
MAPS _____			
CONTROL REVIEW			<i>am 8.6. 74</i>
HISTORIAN <i>changes marked in pencil . mostly - Jaynes for James</i>			<i>OK Accept W. R. Luce 8/14/74</i>
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN			<i>Accept Hryand 8/16/74</i>
ARCHEOLOGIST			
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF			
BRANCH CHIEF			
KEEPER			

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry _____

Re-submit _____

Entered _____



(1)

X

NPS Number Nov. 26, 1973

Title: Bellville Bandstand

Loc. Richland Co., Ohio
West elevation

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

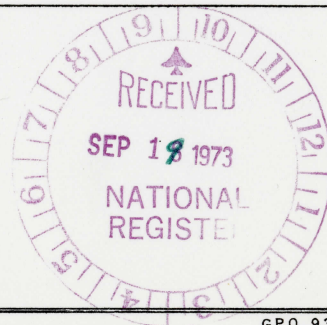
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COMMON Bellville Bandstand	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) NOV 26 1973
2. LOCATION		
STATE Ohio	COUNTY Richland	TOWN Bellville
STREET AND NUMBER North Bellville Municipal Park		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Larry Alan Beers	DATE April 3, 1973	NEGATIVE FILED AT The Ohio Historical Society Columbus, Ohio

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

West elevation.





NPS Number Nov. 26, 1973

Title: Bellville Bandstand
Bellville

Loc. Richland Co., Ohio
East elevation

Photo credit - Harry Alan Beers

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

1. NAME

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2. LOCATION

STATE Ohio	COUNTY Richland	TOWN Bellville
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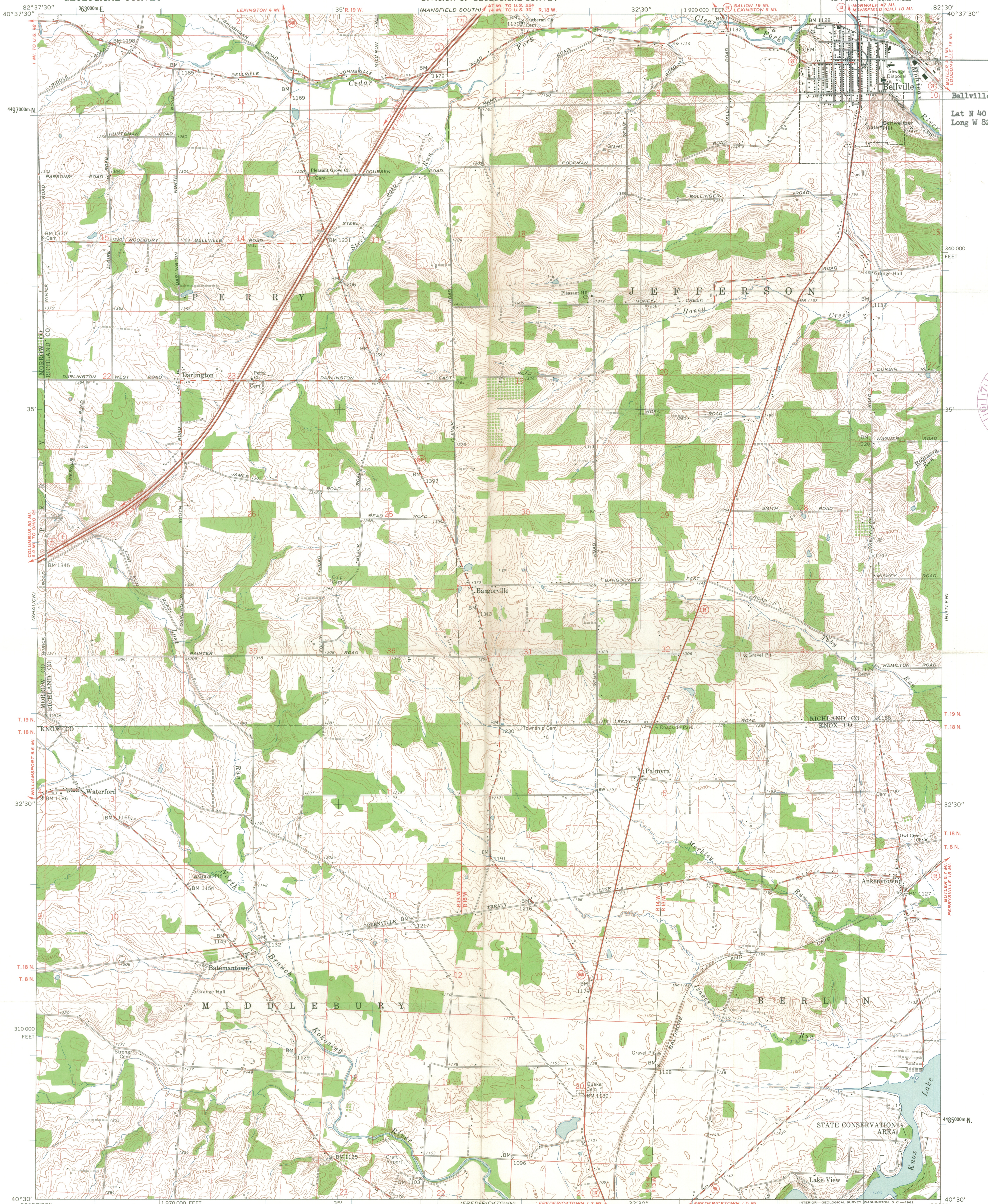
North Bellville Municipal Park

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Series, Bellville Quadrangle	DATE 1961	SCALE 1: 24,000
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:





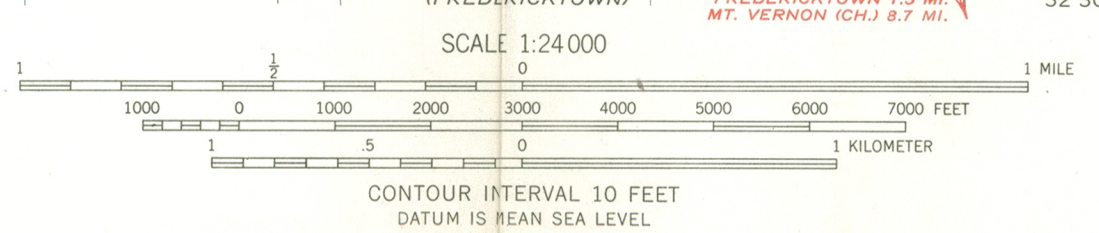
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E37440
N 4497400

Bellville Bandstand
Lat N 40 37' 12"
Long W 82 30' 42"



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1959. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Area north of Greenville Treaty Line lies within
Congress Lands north of the Old Seven Ranges
Land lines based on the Ohio River Base
Area south of Greenville Treaty Line lies within the
United States Military District. Land lines based on
the Base Line of the United States Military District
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1961



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt —————
Interstate Route — State Route —

BELLVILLE, OHIO
SE/4 SHAUCK 15' QUADRANGLE
N4030-W8230/7.5

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered NOV 26 1973

Name

Location

Cleveland Trust Company

Cleveland
Cuyahoga County

Bellville Bandstand

Bellville
Richland County

Also Notified

Hon. William B. Saxbe
Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.
Hon. James V. Stanton
Hon. John M. Ashbrook

Director, Northeast Region

PR MMott 11/26/73

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Daniel R. Porter
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Columbus, Ohio 43211