

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Ohio
 COUNTY: Geauga
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: AUG 13 1974

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1. NAME

COMMON: Claridon Congregational Church
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: U.S. Route 322
 CITY OR TOWN: Claridon CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 11 - J. William Stanton
 STATE: Ohio CODE: 039 COUNTY: Geauga CODE: 055

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

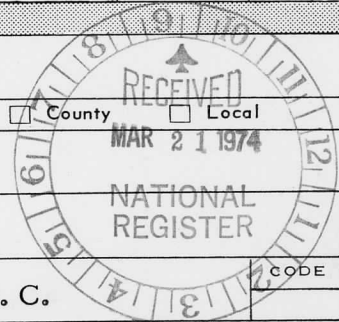
OWNER'S NAME: Claridon Congregational Church-United Church of Christ
 STREET AND NUMBER: Route 322
 CITY OR TOWN: Claridon STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Geauga County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: Public Green
 CITY OR TOWN: Chardon STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE:



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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

This is a large frame church in the Greek Revival Style. The basic form and proportion of the building are those of the late Adam Style. That is, the body of the church has a classical entrance frontispiece (as opposed to a free-standing portico), and the tower has three diminishing stages. However, the detail is Greek. The fretted pilasters are a common Asher Benjamin pattern. The frieze has the triglyphs of the Doric order. The tower stages are square, with paired square piers at the corners. An unusual feature is the fact that the frontispiece has two bays with two entrances, and three two-story pilasters. The doorways are framed by smaller pilasters of the same design, and heavy horizontal entablatures. The windows above the entrance and on the side elevations were Gothicized by the addition of blind pointed arches over the windows. This must have been done after 1832, as the windows on the interior are still rectangular with Greek Revival woodwork. The interior has undergone numerous changes. The pulpit was lowered and the choir moved from a rear gallery to the front of the sanctuary in 1873. The arrangement of the pulpit area was remodeled again since 1953. A room was added to the rear (east) of the building in 1880, and the kitchen and dining room were rebuilt in 1911. The building was recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1936.



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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1831

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church is widely recognized as one of the chief early Greek Revival monuments of the Western Reserve. Its excellence of proportion and detail, together with its transitional design, make it architecturally significant. The most unusual feature is the rare division of the entrance facade into two bays, instead of the usual uneven number of bays and even number of pilasters or columns.

The Congregational Church had been meeting in a schoolhouse when it was decided to make plans for a new church building in 1830. The actual construction began in the summer of 1831. The frame was soon completed, the finishing done during the winter and spring, and the building dedicated in 1832. The builder is unknown. The later Gothic arches do not detract from the appearance, but one can visualize the excellence of the design without them.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

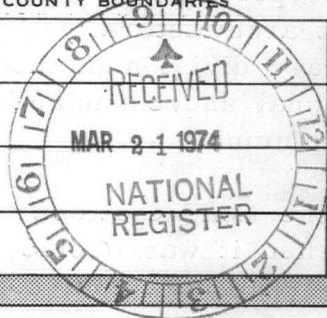
Pioneer and General History of Geauga County (Columbus, 1953),
472-473.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41°	31'	56"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		81°	08'	34"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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: Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: Western Reserve Historical Society DATE: Dec. 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 10825 East Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland 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. Carter

Title Ohio Hist. Preserv. Off.

Date 14 March 1974

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

A. R. Martensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/13/74

ATTEST: W. J. Martens
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8/1/74

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PROPERTY Claidon Congregational Church STATE Ohio

WORKING NUMBER 3. 21. 74. 457

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 2
MAPS 1

Geauga

CONTROL REVIEW
OK

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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
Accept
J.T.
5/26/74

ARCHEOLOGIST
Accept
M. BARNES
7 Jan 74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF
Accept
Cole
7/23/74

BRANCH CHIEF
Accept
Hunt
7-31-74

KEEPER
Wm
8/1

National Register Write-up 10/3/74

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry Oct. 1, 1974

Re-submit _____

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(6/72)

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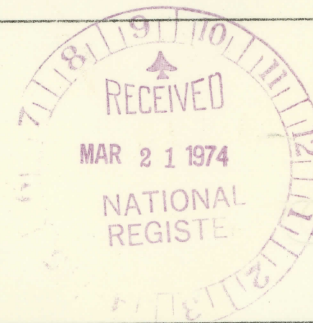
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT E. Johannesen	DATE 1973	NEGATIVE FILED AT Western Reserve Historical Society
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

/South elevation and 1880 addition, looking northwest.

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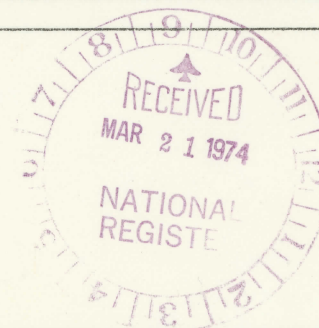
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West facade, looking southeast.

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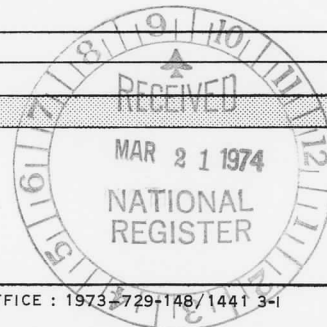
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Route 322			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Claridon			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Ohio	039	Geuga	055

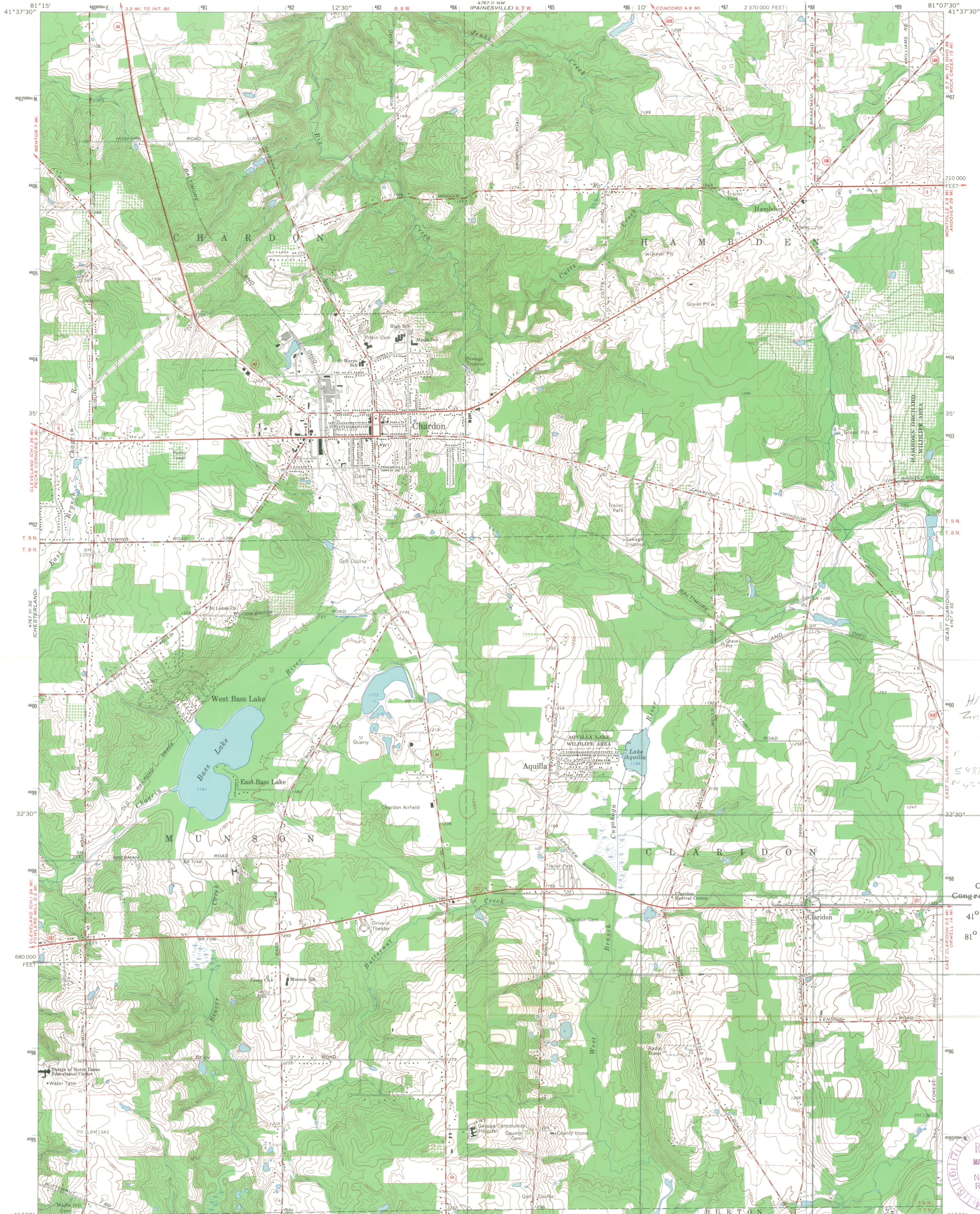
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:	U. S. G. S. Chardon Quadrangle
SCALE:	1:24,000
DATE:	1966

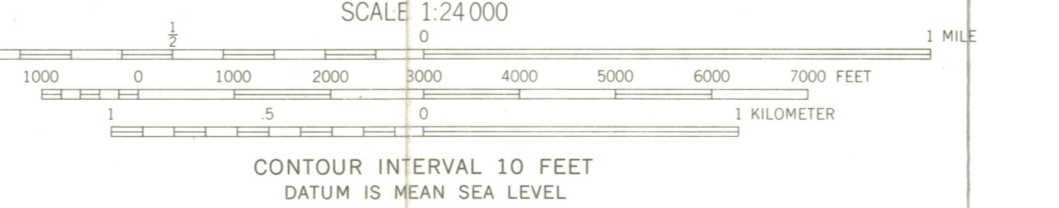
4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1952. Field checked 1953. Revised 1966
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
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Entire area lies within the Connecticut Western Reserve
and lines established by private subdivision of the
Connecticut Western Reserve



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

CHARDON, OHIO
SW/4 CHARDON 15' QUADRANGLE
N4130—W8107.5/7.5
1966
AMS 4767 II SW—SERIES V852

H/3
2/17
E 488600
N 4597000

Claridon
Congregational Church
41° 31' 56"
81° 08' 34"



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered AUG 13 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Palmer House	Northfield Center Summit County
Arlington Avenue District	Youngstown Mahoning County
Ferrey, Aaron, House	Brimfield Township (Kent vicinity) Portage County
Kuenzer, Joseph II, Residence	Independence Cuyahoga County
Mahoning County Courthouse	Youngstown Mahoning County
Claridon Congregational Church	Claridon Geauga County
Perkins, Colonel Simon, Mansion	Akron Summit County
Howard, C.R., House	Aurora Portage County

Also Notified

Hon. Howard M. Metzenbaum
Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.
Hon. Charles A. Vanik
Hon. Charles J. Carney
Hon. John F. Seiberling
Hon. William Minshall
Hon. J. William Stanton
Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Daniel R. Porter
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Interstate #71 at 17th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43211

PR MMott/row 8/16/74