DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Butler
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 29 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: The Harding-Jones Paper Company District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3651 South Main Street (See Continuation Sheet)

CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Excello		Eighth - Walter E. Powell	
STATE: Ohio	CODE 039	COUNTY: Butler	CODE 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
[X] District [ ] Building [ ] Site [ ] Structure [ ] Object	[ ] Public [X] Private [ ] Both	Public Acquisition: [ ] In Process [ ] Being Considered	[X] Occupied [ ] Unoccupied [ ] Preservation work in progress	Yes: [X] Restricted [ ] Unrestricted [ ] No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

[ ] Agricultural	[ ] Government	[ ] Park	[ ] Transportation	[ ] Comments
[ ] Commercial	[X] Industrial	[X] Private Residence	[ ] Other *(Specify)*	
[ ] Educational	[ ] Military	[ ] Religious		
[ ] Entertainment	[ ] Museum	[ ] Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Harding-Jones Paper Company

STREET AND NUMBER: 3561 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Excello	Ohio	039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Butler County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Hamilton	Ohio	039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of Historical Features of Southwestern Ohio

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 [ ] Federal [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Ohio Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 1982 Velma Ave

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Columbus	Ohio	039

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	[X] Excellent	[ ] Good	[ ] Fair	[ ] Deteriorated	[ ] Ruins	[ ] Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	[X] Altered	[ ] Unaltered	[ ] Moved	[X] Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harding Jones Paper Company District includes a paper mill, two houses, a carriage house and a canal lock.

Mill: The original (1865 Harding Paper Company mill was a three-story wood frame structure built on a stone foundation. In 1871 it was replaced by a three-story brick structure constructed on the same foundation. The 1871 portion is now the center of the present mill complex and is little changed. This section is rectangular, nine bays long with intersecting gable-roofs. There was a square cupola at this intersection, but it was recently removed. The center 3 bays project forward and there is a centrally placed entrance on the second level, reached by a long, steep flight of stairs. Windows are flat arched, 6/6 and the entrance has a paned transom above the door. An addition to the north is almost identical in shape and size to the 1871 portion and still has its cupola in place on the roof. Another addition to the south is similar, though scaled down in height and with entrances on the first, rather than the second level. Through the years several other additions have been made. These are mostly two-story, flat-roofed brick structures and are found at the south, north and east facades. There is a concrete block addition to the rear for shipping and storage.

First A. E. Harding House: This house was built in 1864 as a temporary living quarters for Harding while his mill was being built. The house was a simple, two-story brick structure, built into the hillside. The house has been extensively remodeled and added to. It is now covered with aluminum siding. It is presently occupied by Idna Jones, a descendant of the founder.

Second A. E. Harding House: This was built in 1875 and is basically square in plan with a hip roof which has a deck. The main facade (west) is 3-bays wide. The entrance, placed to the left, has a handsome elliptical fanlight. Windows have segmental arches and are shuttered. The cornice is supported by carved, paned brackets. Three small gables pierce the roofline above the cornice over the three windows on the second floor. A flat roofed porch, supported by round columns has been added along the west and south facades. The porch on the south has been partially screened in. There are two chimneys in the south side and one on the north. A rectangular, two-story, gable-roofed addition runs along the rear of the house. The exterior is now covered with aluminum siding. The interior has been remodeled. The original floors, front and rear staircases, as well as the original wood reserve water tank in the attic, is still intact.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [x] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1827 (canal lock); 1871 (mill); 1875 (house)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal
- [ ] Prehistoric
- [ ] Historic

- [ ] Agriculture
- [x] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [x] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [x] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other *(Specify)*

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A. E. Harding, founder of the Harding Paper Company was born in England in 1829. His ancestors had been papermakers for centuries and he worked as an apprentice and attained journeyman status before migrating to the United States in 1850. For three years he worked in paper mills in Massachusetts. He came to Middletown in 1853 as foreman for Middletown's first paper mill. By 1865 he had saved enough money and with his associates founded the Harding, Erwin & Co. and built the Excello mill. The site he chose was located near the first lock which was completed in the Miami-Erie Canal system. The area where the mill was located became known as Excello, named after a brand of the paper produced there. It was the first mill west of the Allegheny Mountains to make fine writing paper. The mill was powered by a water slueth. With the ample water power provided by the lock and the canal nearby to get the products to market, the mill prospered. In 1865 the Excello mill produced 2,500 lbs of paper a day. (Today it produces close to 44,000 lbs a day.)

With the advent of industrial steam power, a Corliss steam engine was installed. Soon after, an Edison generator, the fifth one Edison built and now in the Henry Ford Museum, was installed. In 1897 a rolling machine, which took the paper from pulp to finished product was added and is still in use today.

In 1872 a second mill in Franklin was built; the partnership was dissolved and the Harding Paper Company was founded. In April, 1885 A. E. Harding died and both mills were sold in 1898 to the American Writing Paper Company of Massachusetts. The mills were managed by Thomas Jones, a son-in-law of A. E. Harding. In 1925 Jones purchased the mills and sold the Franklin mill. The Excello mill was re-organized into the Harding-Jones Paper Company. Today it is one of the foremost manufacturers of custom water marked fine writing paper. In recognition of his achievements, A. E. Harding's portrait hangs in the Smithsonian Institute.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39°	28'	39"	84°	25'	16"
NE	39°	28'	39"	84°	25'	03"
SE	39°	28'	21"	84°	25'	03"
SW	39°	28'	21"	84°	25'	16"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 18

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: Thomas James Lira, Gretchen L. Klimoski, Historic Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Ohio Historical Center, Historic Preservation Office

DATE: April 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: Apt. A, 213 S. Elm St. 1982 Velma Ave

CITY OR TOWN: Oxford Columbus

STATE: Ohio

CODE: 039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: Charles C. Pratt

Title: Acting State Hist. Pres. Officer

Date: 3/14/75

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A R Mortensen

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/29/75

ATTEST:

Charles A Flemming

Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5-23-25

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2. Location

Beginning at South Main Street and Lock #1 of the Miami-Erie Canal continue east to a point approximately 750 feet east of the lock, go south approximately 700 feet, go west until intersecting the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, go south approximately 200 feet, go west to the canal bed (approximately 300 feet), go north 900 feet, east to the point of beginning.

10. Geographical Data

UTM		Z		
	A	16	722150	4372760
	B	16	722150	4372500
	C	16	721840	4372500
	D	16	721840	4372760

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7. Description (continued)

To the north of the 1875 house there is an elaborate frame carriage house. Most of the alterations have been on the interior, though the carriage bays now have modern garage doors. The carriage house consists of two gable-roofed portions and a 3-story square tower on the west side. The servants quarters are now rented as an apartment.

Miami Canal Lock No. 1: Completed in 1826, this was the first lock in the Miami-Erie Canal system. Located just north of the Harding-Jones Paper Mill, on the east side of Main Street, the lock is constructed of limestone blocks and is in an excellent state of preservation. In 1967 the Middletown Historical Society, in co-operation with the Miami Conservancy and the Butler County Park Board, dedicated the site as a public park.

8. Significance (continued)

The Harding-Jones Paper Company District is significant as an early, and current, example of an Ohio industry. The mill, despite the numerous additions, retains much of its original charm. The homes have been continually owned by the Harding-Jones families and the 1874 house has been well taken care of. The lock, the first to be completed in the Miami-Erie Canal, is in excellent repair and attests to the importance of the canals to Ohio's commerce.

Together the elements of the district are fine examples of Ohio's industrial and architectural history.

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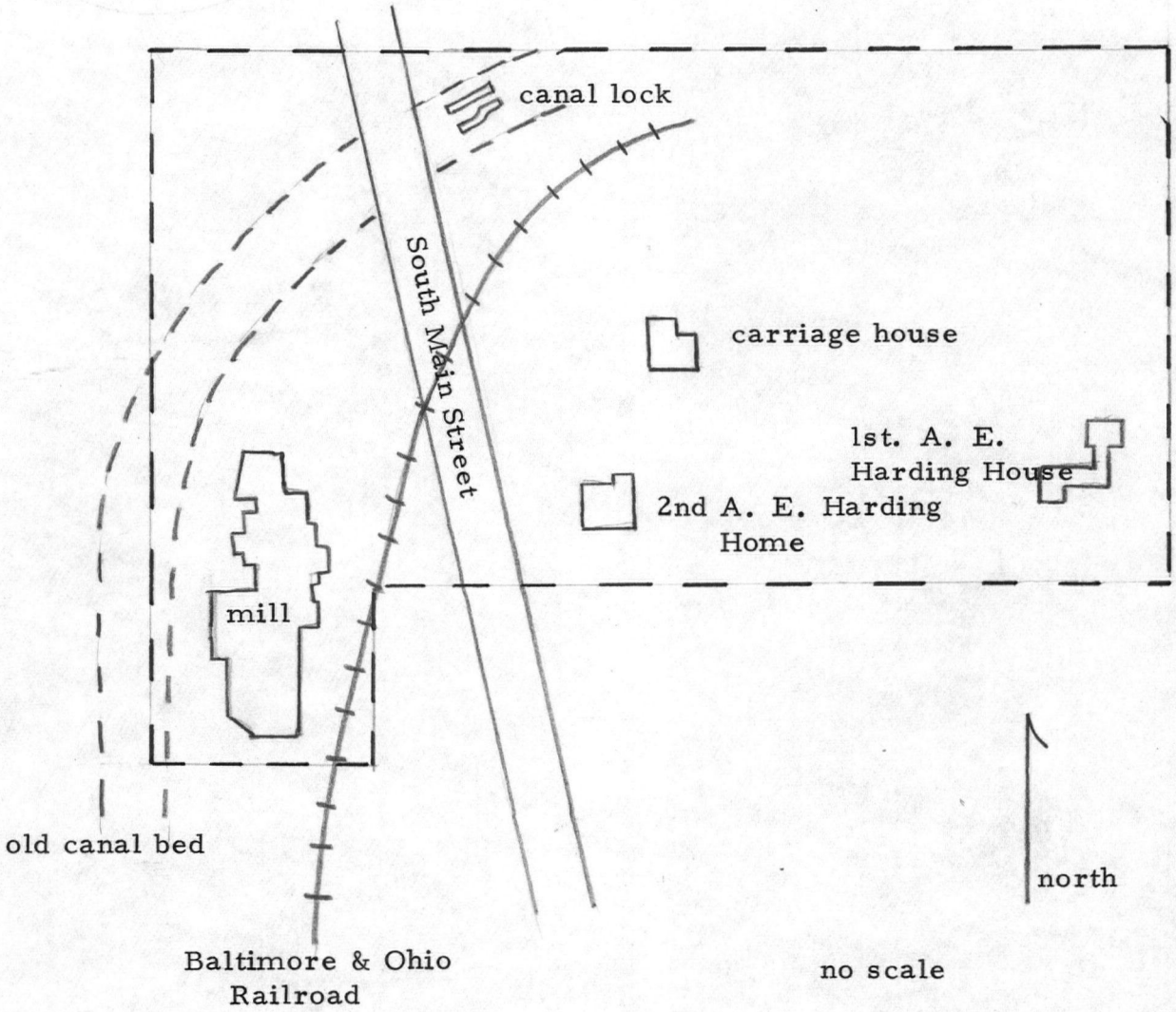

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HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

STATE

01	Geographic Location Code
02	(1 - 4 - UNITS)
03	(5 - 8 - TENS)
04	
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USE — historically, a current?

09	Commercial
10	Residential
11	Government
12	Entire Community
13	Recreational
14	Archeological
15	Ethnically Significant
16	Educational
17	Religious
18	Agricultural
19	Industrial
20	Military
21	Transportation
22	(Blank)
23	(Blank)
24	(Blank)
25	(Blank)
26	(Blank)
27	(Blank)
28	(Blank)
29	(Blank)

SIZE

L 1	Urban <50,000
	Non-Urban
L 2	Town
L 3	Rural
L 4	(Blank)

ACREAGE

L 5	Less Than Ten
L 6	More Than Ten - Less Than Fifty
L 7	More Than Fifty - Less Than One Hundred
L 8	More Than One Hundred
L 9	(Blank)
L 10	(Blank)

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS

L 11	Ruins OR NO STRUCTURES W/IN DISTRICT
L 12	1 - 15
L 13	16 - 50
L 14	51 - 100
L 15	101 - 200
L 16	201 - ...
L 17	(Blank)

DATE NAMED ON REGISTER

R 16	1966
R 15	1967
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R 7	1975
R 6	1976
R 5	1977
R 4	1978
R 3	1979
R 2	1980
R 1	1981

Property The Harding-Jones Paper Company District

Butler

State Ohio Working Number 3.18.75.431

TECHNICAL

Photos 11

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl 3.20.75

HISTORIAN

workers' housing??

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

HWJandl 3/31/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

DESCRIPTION OF FORMER SOURCE OF WATER POWER IS INACCURATE. WHAT THEY ARE REFERRING TO ARE SLUICEWAYS - THE HEAD AND TAIL RACES, THAT SUPPLIED WATER POWER FROM THE CANAL.

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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Lock #1, Miami-Erie Canal, looking northeast.

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The Harding-Jones Paper Company District
Lock #1, Miami-Erie Canal, looking northeast,

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Carriage House, looking east.

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Carriage House, looking east.

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2nd A. E. Harding House, looking northeast, showing front and south sides.

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The Harding-Jones Paper Company District
2nd A.E. Harding House, looking southeast, showing front and north side

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Carriage House, looking north.

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Carriage House, looking north

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First A. E. Harding House, looking northeast. Original portion built 1864.

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First A.E. Harding House, looking northeast. Original portion built 1864.

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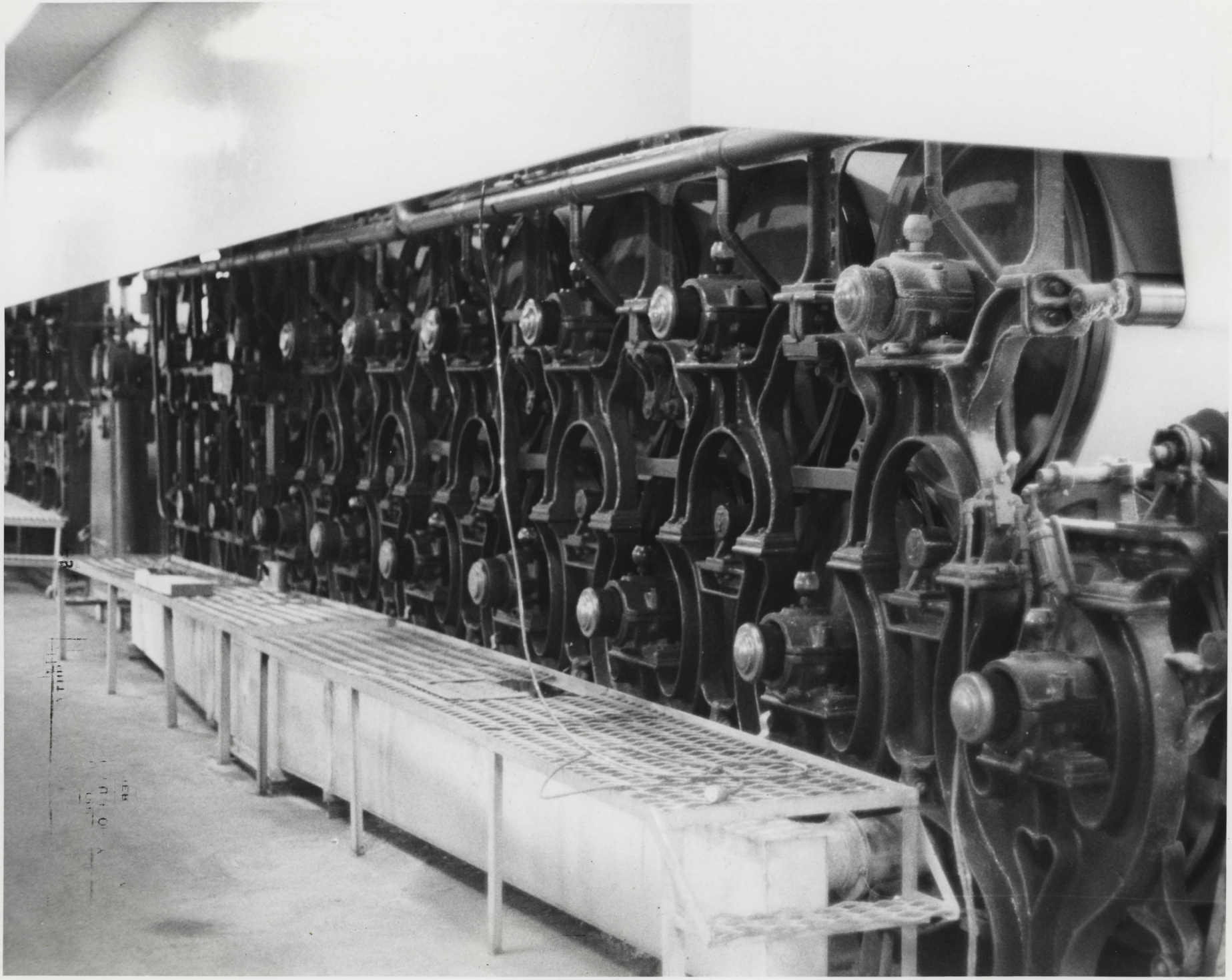

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Rollers installed in 1897 and still in use today.

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2nd A.E. Harding House, looking east from the mill; carriage house to the left.

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View looking west from the 1st A. E. Harding House showing the 2nd Harding House, carriage house and mill at the bottom of the hill.

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The Harding-Jones Paper Company District.

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View looking west from the 1st A.E. Harding House showing the 2nd Harding House, Carriage house and mill at the bottom of the hill

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2nd A.E. Harding House, looking southeast, showing front and north side.

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The Harding-Jones Paper Company District
Harding-Jones Paper Company, looking northwest,

BUTLER CO. OHIO

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
The Harding Jones Paper Company District		

2. LOCATION

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Ohio	Butler	Excello

STREET AND NUMBER

3651 South Main Street (See Continuation Sheet)

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Thomas Lira	1973	Harding-Jones Paper Co.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Harding-Jones Paper Company, 1971 portion, looking northwest.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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STATE	
Ohio	
COUNTY	
Butler	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: The Harding-Jones Paper Company District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3651 South Main Street (See Continuation Sheet)

CITY OR TOWN: Excello

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Ohio	039	Butler	017

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Trenton Quadrangle

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1966

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property broundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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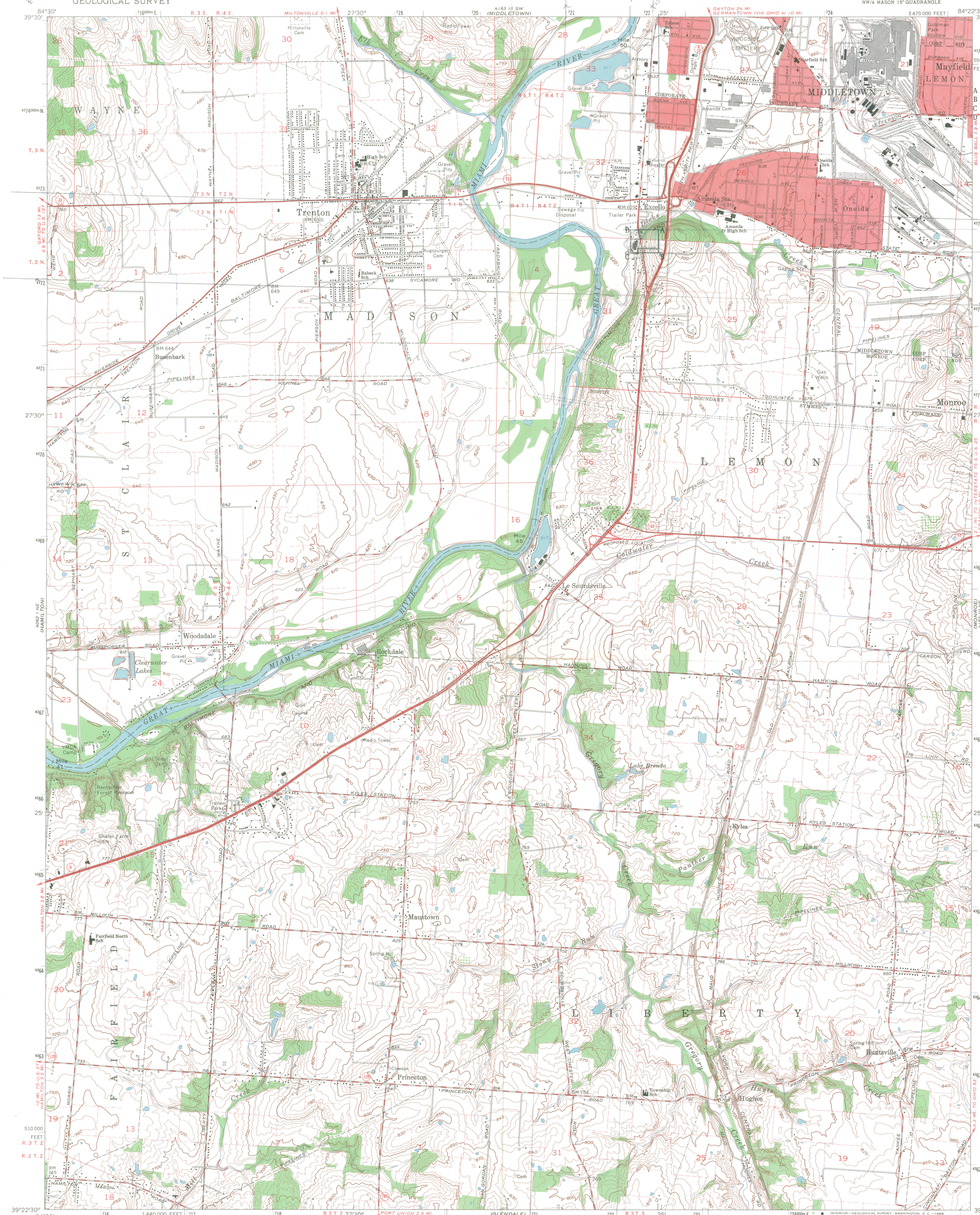
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

TRENTON QUADRANGLE

OHIO—BUTLER CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 MASON 15' QUADRANGLE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Lake Brenda
Excello
Amanda
Miltonville
MADISON
WAYNE
LEMON
LIBERTY
FAIRFIELD
MIAMI RIVER
GREAT BALTIMORE
Elk Creek
Goldwater Creek
Gregory Creek
Panther Run
Stony Run
Hunts Creek
Mill Creek
Maud Creek
Mill Run
Mile 50
Mile 45
Mile 41
Gravel Pit
Cem
Radio Tower
Sewage Disposal
Trailer Park
Golf Course
Water Tanks
Gas Wells
Armory
Fire Sta
Amanda Cem
Amanda Jr High Sch
Oneida Sch
Garfield Sch
Edison Sch
Goldman Park
Douglas Park
Drive-in Theater
Township Sch
Fairfield North Sch
Spring Hill Cem
Clawson
Rentschler Forest Preserve
Shafer Farm Cem
YMCA Camp
Girl Scout Camp
Trailer Parks
Babeck Sch
Augspurger Cem
Miltonville Cem
Woodsdale Cem
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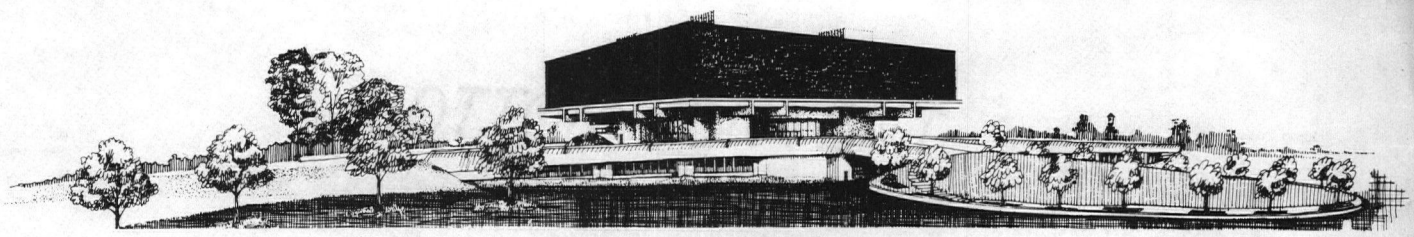

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March 13, 1975

Dr. William Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th & C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Transmitted herewith are fifteen (15) completed National Register forms. All have been approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board and owners of subject properties have been informed of our intent to register.

RE-SUBMISSIONS:

Cox, Jacob D., House, Hamilton Co.

NEW SUBMISSIONS:

The Harding-Jones Paper Company District, Excello, Butler Co.
Peerless Motor Company Plant No. 1, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co.
Stoneman-Nokes House, Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga Co.
Westerville High School, Westerville, Franklin Co.
Beymerstown (Old Washington Historic District), Guernsey Co.
Berdan Building (King Warehouse No. 1), Toledo, Lucas Co.
Standart-Simmons Hardware Company (King Warehouse No. 2), Toledo, Lucas Co.
Morehouse-Downes-Wheelden House, Waterville, Lucas Co.
Pray-Starkweather-Potter House, Waterville, Lucas Co.
Brooks, James, House (Easterling Building), Dayton, Montgomery Co.
Davey, John, House (Hershey, Paul) Residence), Kent, Portage Co.
Walke, Anthony, House (Children's Receiving Home), Chillicothe, Ross Co.
Heeter-Russo House, Grand Rapids, Wood Co.
Thurston Building (Hock Pharmacy), Grand Rapids, Wood Co.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Pratt

Charles C. Pratt, Acting Director
Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

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enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered MAY 29 1975

Name	Location
Williamson Mound Archaeological District	Butler County
The Harding-Jones Paper Company District	Excello Butler County
Vaughan, John, House	Shandon vicinity Butler County
Wheeler Block	Toledo Lucas County
Pray-Starkweather House	Waterville Lucas County
Morehouse-Downess House	Waterville Lucas County
Standart-Simons Hardware Company	Toledo Lucas County
Berdan Building	Toledo Lucas County
St. Clair Street Historic District	Toledo Lucas County

Also Notified

Hon. John H. Glenn, Jr.
Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.
Hon. Thomas M. Kindness
Hon. Thomas L. Ashley
Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. Thomas H. Smith
Acting Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

PR MMott/bsh 5/30/75

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

(1) NAME as it appears on federal register: Harding-Jones Paper Company District

(2) OTHER NAMES:

(3) date of entry: 5-29-75

(4) county code: 017

(5) LOCATION street & number: see reverse side | city / town: Excello | vicinity of | state: OH | county: Butler

(6) NPS REGION: MIdwest

(7) OWNER ☑ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)

(8) ADMINISTRATOR:

(9) EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL

(10) FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(11) CONGRESS. DISTRICT 8

(12) SOURCE of NOMINATION ☑ STATE ☐ FEDERAL

(13) WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES NAME ☑ NO

(14) WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES NAME ☑ NO

(15) ACREAGE 18

if state who prepared form? Ohio Historical Center ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

(16) CONDITION
☑ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair
☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated
☑ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated
☑ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown

(17) features:
INTERIOR: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7
EXTERIOR: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8
ENVIRONS: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

(18) ACCESS ☑ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown

(19) ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO

(20) SAVED? ☐ YES

IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☑ no

(21) AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1
☐ AGRICULTURE-3
☑ ARCHITECTURE-4
☐ ART-5
☑ COMMERCE-6
☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7
☐ CONSERVATION-8
☐ ECONOMICS-9
☐ EDUCATION-10
☐ ENGINEERING-11
☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26
☐ EXPLORATION-12
☐ HEALTH-27
☑ INDUSTRY-13
☐ INVENTION-14
☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15
☐ LAW-16
☐ LITERATURE-17
☐ MILITARY-18
☐ MUSIC-19
☐ PHILOSOPHY-20
☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21
☐ RELIGION-22
☐ SCIENCE-23
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24
☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
☑ TRANSPORTATION-25
☐ RECREATION-28
☐ SETTLEMENT-29
☐ URBAN PLANNING-31
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

(22) CLAIMS: explain
'first' ☐ Lock built in Miami-Erie Canal system
'oldest' ☐
'only' ☐

(23) functions
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: residence, industrial
CURRENTLY: " "

(24) dates of initial construction: ~~1827, 1871, 1875~~
major alterations:
historic events: 1826--1875

(25) ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

(26) architectural style(s): High Victorian Italianate

(27) architect:

(28) master builder:

(29) engineer:

(30) landscape architect / garden designer:

(31) interior decorator:

(32) artist:

(33) artisan:

(34) builder/contractor:

(35) NAMES give role & date
PERSONAL: A.E. Harding: English immigrant, started paper mill — first to manufacture fine writing paper west of Allegheny.
EVENTS:
INSTITUTIONAL: Thomas Jones: son-in-law of Harding; managed mill after Harding's death

(36) NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

District of 4 structures: ~~including~~ the much-altered brick 2-story 1st A.E. Harding House (1864); the elaborate High Victorian Italianate 2nd A.E. Harding House (1875); a large frame carriage house with 3-story tower, eyebrow dormer, and decorative louvered cupola; and the brick 3-story Harding-Jones Paper Mill ~~(1871)~~ with twin cross gables and glazed cupola with pavilion roof; district also includes the first lock ~~(1826)~~ built in the Miami-Erie Canal System (1826). Properties built for A.E. →

reviewers initials BM date 5-9-77

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE

#5. Both sides of N. Main St. at jct. with RR. tracks

36/ Harding, founder of the Harding Paper Co., 1st mill ~~west~~ W of Allegheny mountains to manufacture fine writing paper; district maintains much late 19th ~~century~~ C. character; mill still in ~~use~~ operation.