

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED DEC 30 1975

DATE ENTERED MAY 3 1976

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

HISTORIC

Macksville Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

Old Macksville Inn Antiques

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER Peru Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Peru

STATE

Ohio

VICINITY OF

17 - John M. Ashbrook

CODE 039

COUNTY

Huron

CODE

077

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Braun

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R. D. 3 Peru-Olena Road

CITY, TOWN

Norwalk

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Huron County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Norwalk

STATE

Ohio

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

This is an L-shaped two-story building of frame construction, 46' by 76', in the Greek Revival style. The eaves have a box cornice and a plain frieze, and there are cornice returns at the gable ends. The exterior is sheathed with horizontal clapboard siding. The windows have twelve-over-twelve pane sash. The west elevation of eight bays consists of a typical five-bay and a three-bay facade, each with a center entrance, joined together. The two entrances are identical in treatment, with wide fluted pilasters and a heavy entablature. On the north elevation there is another identical doorway, leading into the former post office room. Three large storefront windows have been placed where the former tavern room and post office were located. These rooms are the location of the present antique store. Also on the ground floor are two living rooms, a kitchen, bath and two bedrooms, presently occupied as living quarters. No restoration has been done on the second floor. The entire length of the west wing is occupied by a ballroom. Around the periphery of its south end are wall benches. The last bay was partitioned to make a small bedroom around 1900. From the ballroom into the east wing there is a hallway which has two small bedrooms on either side.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1836-1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a sizable early nineteenth century inn for a small village which is no longer one of "considerable activity." It is a good example of the Greek Revival residential style enlarged to provide a public house. It is probably still standing only because the railroads and main highways have by-passed the village.

The Village of Peru was originally called Macksville after the first owner Daniel Mack. However, it was generally referred to as Peru, from the name of the township postoffice, almost from the beginning. The first settlers arrived in the township in 1815. Daniel Mack built the first mills in 1816-1817, and the postoffice was established in 1818. The first frame house in the village was built in 1820 by Mack.

From the county tax records it is inferred that the inn was built in 1836-1837. In 1840 A. F. VanderCook was taxed for a Tavern and home on the site. There was considerable travel on the road through Macksville, especially of farmers taking grain to Milan, which was a prosperous port on the Milan Canal, an outlet to the Great Lakes and a shipbuilding center after 1839. An old account book dated 1854 indicates that the Peru postoffice was located in this building at that time. By 1879, the village was referred to as one "formerly" of considerable activity, having had four stores, two distilleries, three breweries, two asheries, and the hotel which frequently kept twenty to twenty-five teams and teamsters overnight. This was before the coming of the railroads when the wagon trade was "something immense."

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

William Williams, History of the Firelands (Cleveland, 1879), 202-212.  
Atlas of Huron County, Ohio (Philadelphia, 1873), 21.  
 Huron County Tax Records.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 7	3 6 2 2 5 0	4 5 5 8 6 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: Western Reserve Historical Society DATE: July 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 SAPo

DATE 12-19-75

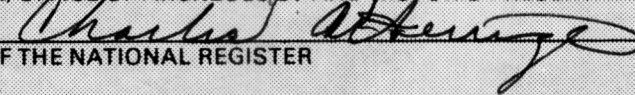
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting 

DATE 5/3/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: 

DATE 5-3-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Macksville Tavern

State OH

Working Number 12.30.75.2254

Huron

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 3  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK pl  
1.7.76

**HISTORIAN**

Acceptable  
E. Smith  
1-22-76

Description brief on alterations but appears acceptable for architecture. Will defer to opinion of architectural historian concerning alterations.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

ACCEPT  
LEIBOWITZ  
1-30-76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
4-27-76

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

Hung  
5.3.76

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 601-76

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Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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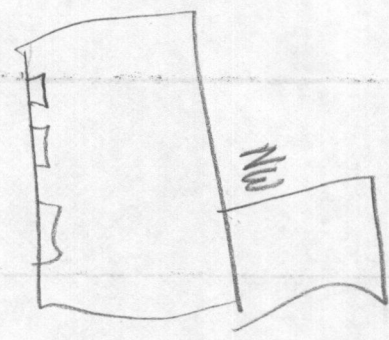
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Mecksville Tavern

Haron County  
Ohio

East and north elevations, looking south.

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PHOTO CREDIT

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DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

East and north elevations, looking south.

PHOTO NO.

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Machsville Tavern

Aaron County

Ohio

West elevation, looking east.

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West elevation, looking east.

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Mocksville Tavern

Huron County  
Ohio

West elevation, looking south.

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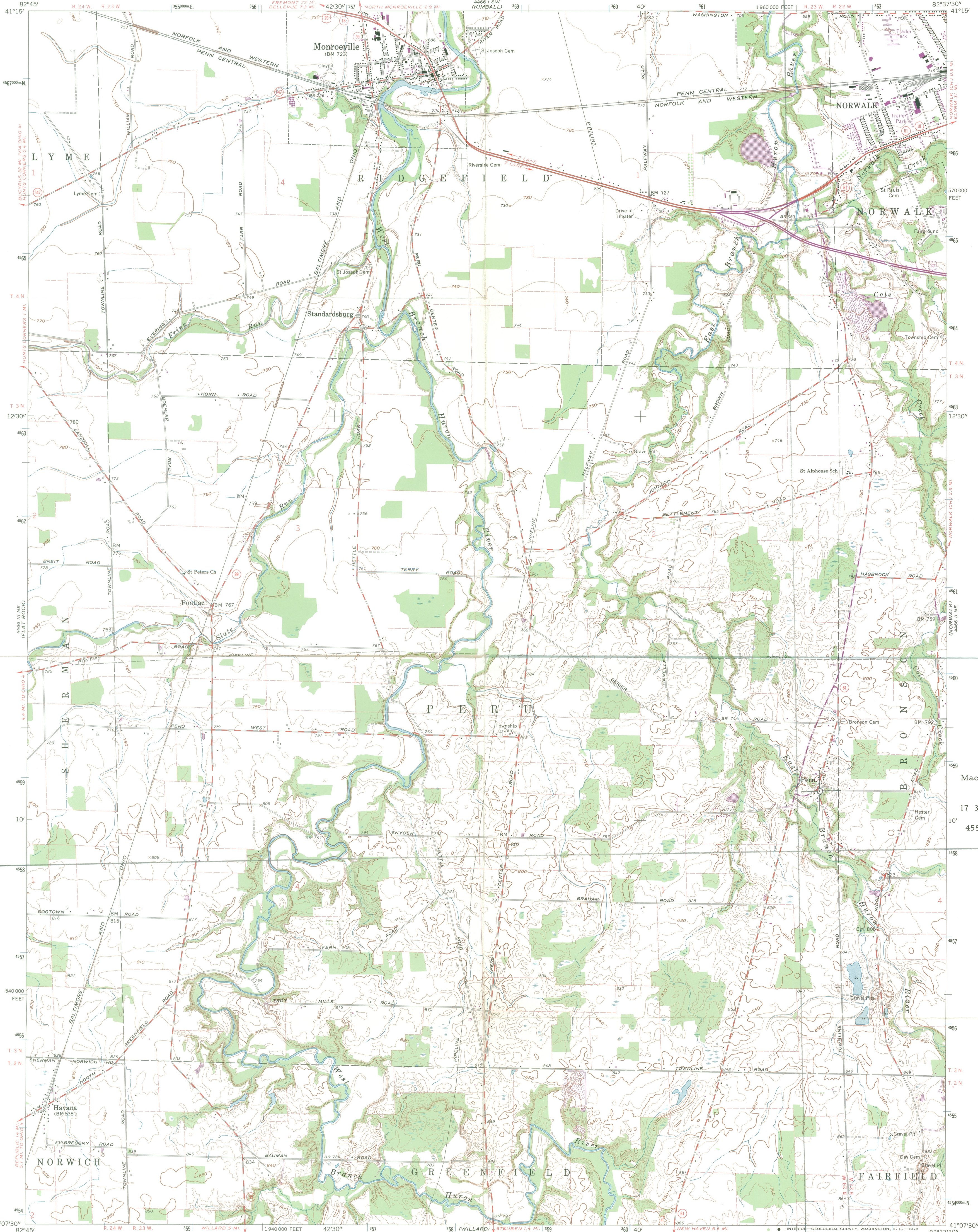
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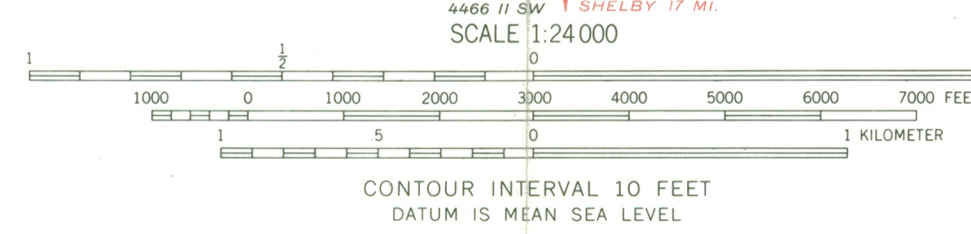
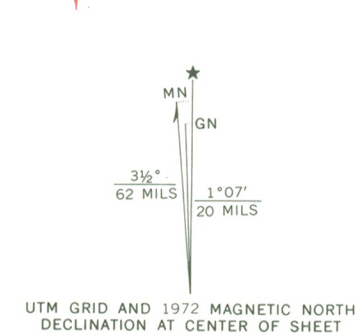
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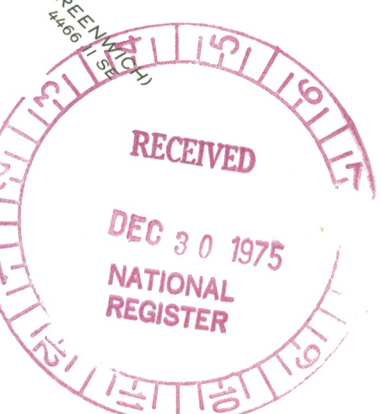


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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1959. Field check 1960  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue  
Entire area lies within the Connecticut Western Reserve  
Dotted land lines established by private  
subdivision of the Connecticut Western Reserve  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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



MONROVILLE, OHIO  
N4107.5—W8237.5/7.5  
1960  
PHOTOREVISED 1972  
AMS 4466 II NW—SERIES 8582



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Macksville Tavern	Peru Huron County
Forest City Brewery	Cleveland Cuyahoga
Burr, George House	Lodi vicinity Medina County
Heckler Farmhouse	Crestline vicinity Crawford County
East Side Commercial Block	Toledo Lucas County

Also Notified

Hon. John H. Glenn, Jr.  
Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.  
Hon. John M. Ashbrook  
Hon. James V. Stanton  
Hon. Charles E. Mosher  
Hon. Thomas L. Ashley

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

Regional Director, Midwest Region

PR MOTT:djb 5/5/76

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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① NAME as it appears on federal register: *Macksville Tavern* ② OTHER NAMES: *Old Macksville Inn Antiques* ③ date of entry: *5-3-76* ④ county code: *077*

⑤ LOCATION street & number: *Pop Hollow Rd.* city / town: *Peru* vicinity of: *OH* state: *OH* county: *Huron* 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: *17* 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: *Less than 1* if state who prepared form? *Eric Johannessen*  LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  fair  unexcavated  excavated 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  NO ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  AGRICULTURE-3  ARCHITECTURE-4  ART-5  ENGINEERING-11  ENTERTAINMENT-26  EXPLORATION-12  CONSERVATION-8  ECONOMICS-9  EDUCATION-10  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) \_\_\_\_\_ ㉓ CLAIMS: explain 'first'  'oldest'  'only'

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: *tavern + dwelling* CURRENTLY: *antique store + dwelling* ㉕ dates of initial construction: *1836-7* major alterations: \_\_\_\_\_ historic events: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

㉗ architectural style(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ㉘ architect: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉙ master builder: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉚ engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉜ interior decorator: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉝ artist: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉞ artisan: \_\_\_\_\_ ㉟ builder/contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

㊱ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTIONAL: \_\_\_\_\_

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP *l-shaped*  
*Frame, clapboarding; 2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof; 2 w entrances each w simple architrave supported by ~~posts~~ fluted pilasters; similar w enhance; 1st story storefront windows; boxed cornice w end returns; antique store and dwelling. Greek Revival. Built as tavern and dwelling; served as community's inn.*