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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Iddings, Benjamin, Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

6.5 mi W of Troy

STREET & NUMBER At Brukner Nature Center on land north
of Horseshoe Bend Road, east of Stillwater Riv. NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Troy

 VICINITY OF

4th--Tennyson Guyer

STATE
OhioCODE
037

COUNTY

Miami

CODE
109

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Brukner Nature Center

STREET & NUMBER

5995 Horseshoe Bend Road

CITY, TOWN

Troy

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio 45373

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Miami County Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

County Safety Building, W. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Troy

STATE

Ohio 45373

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A typical four room two story log house. The log walls have camfer and notch construction and seriously deteriorated in spots. The gap for the fireplace can be seen through the dilapidated weatherboard encasement that sheaths the house. The doors, front and rear, are central. Fenestration is irregular. The sashes are all missing. The eaves are close with fascia and the gables verge close. The shingle roof has an interior stone chimney. There is a rubble boulder foundation and small cellar in the southwest corner that has partially collapsed.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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 1797-1809?

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Quaker meeting records indicate that Benjamin Iddings, a Scotch-Irish Bedford County, Pennsylvanian, migrated with his family to South Carolina, Tennessee, Warren County, Ohio, and then, c.1797, to the banks of the Stillwater Riber. He appears to have squatted on the land for several years. He selected the site for this log house by a clear spring that is still active on the bluffs above the river. The exact date of construction cannot be certainly ascertained, it may have been as early as 1797. However, reasonable deduction from old histories would give us his patent date of 1804. He had unwittingly encroached on the northeast quarter of section 33. His neighbor, Benjamin Pearson, a fellow Quaker who settled in 1805 and patented his land in the fall of 1806, granted Iddings the lot on which the cabin sits. We are quite certain that Iddings's grandson was born there in 1809. Local history credits Benjamin Iddings with being a "prominent citizen." This is very possibly the oldest structure in Miami County.

The site is part of the Brukner Nature Center, a non-profit natural history preserve. It stands adjacent to the interpretive center. Until recently the relatively new and austere center was not aware of the value of the structure. A campaign has been initiated to restore the house and incorporate the pioneer into the natural history interpretive program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Research of Mrs. Virginia Boes, Troy Hist. Soc. (very reliable); Public Record; Elis Lindeberge, "Pioneer Data Cards," Troy Hist. Soc.; Beers, History of Miami County, Ohio. 1880; Brien, Quaker Records, Lewis Genealogical and Biographical Record, Miami County; Brien, Miami Valley Ohio Pioneers.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7,2,8,9,4,0	4,4,3,2,7,4,0	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
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Loren S. Gannon, Jr., Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION

Montgomery County Historical Society

DATE

March 29, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

The Old Court House, P. O. Box 461

TELEPHONE

513/228-6271

CITY OR TOWN

Dayton

STATE

Ohio 45402

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10-8-76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: KEPPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/21/96

DATE

11.15.76

Property Iddings, Benjamin, Log House

State Ohio

Working Number 10.22.76.4345

Miami

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 2
Maps 1

HISTORIAN

accept
J. G. Stevens
10/26/76

Arch
No explicit discussion of significance, but clearly any log structure of this date is significant.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
LeBrock
10.26.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Acting
BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Cole
10.27.76

To be restored as part of Nature Museum. Despite deterioration, can undoubtedly be accurately restored.

KEEPER

Henry
for Monty
11.15.76

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered NOV 21 1976
Federal Register Entry 2-1-77 Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



IDDINGS, BENJAMIN, LOG HOUSE
Section 33, Newton Township, Miami Co., Ohio
November 1975
East end and north side showing fireplace gap
from east

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IDDINGS, BENJAMIN, LOG HOUSE

Section 33, Newton Township, Miami Co., Ohio

November 1975

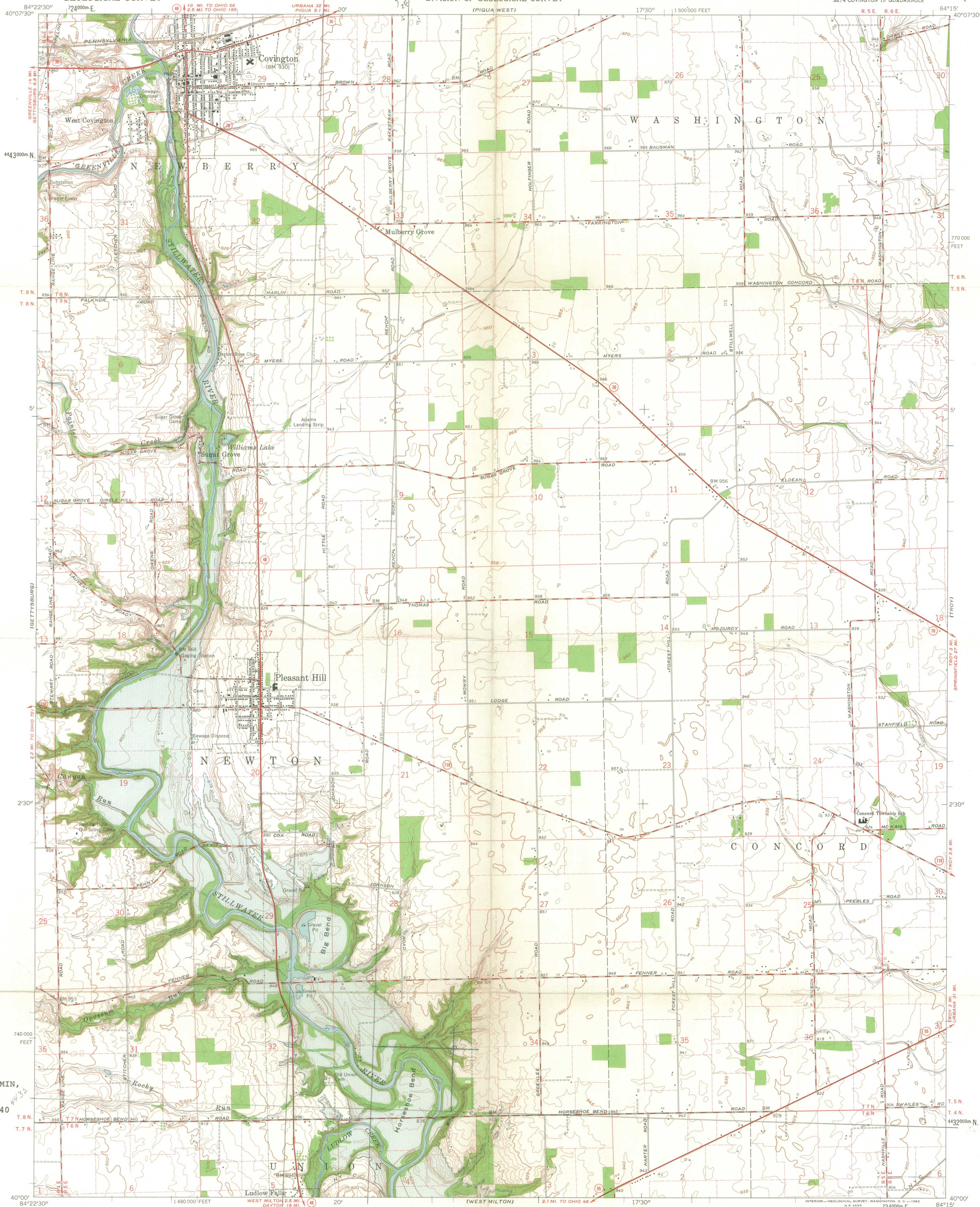
Detail, southwest corner showing cellar from

Southwest

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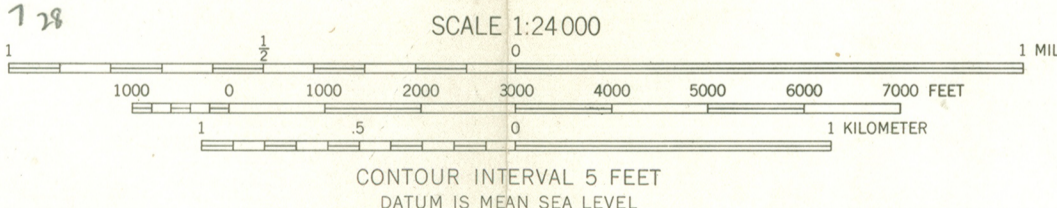
PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



IDDINGS, BENJAMIN,
LOG HOUSE
16/728940/4432740

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1959-60. Field checked 1961
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 16, shown in blue
Entire area lies within the Miami River Survey
Land lines based on the Great Miami River Base
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject to controlled inundation to 876 feet by Englewood Dam
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

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PLEASANT HILL, OHIO
SE 1/4 COVINGTON 15' QUADRANGLE
N4000—W8415/7.5
1961

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO
Date Entered NOV 21 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saunders, Elizabeth Sheets, Farm	Casstown vicinity Miami County
Iddings, Benjamin, Log House	Troy vicinity Miami County
East Liverpool Post Office	East Liverpool Columbiana County
Reynolds, John R., House	Dayton Montgomery County
E. River Rd. Historic District I	Rossford vicinity Wood County
E. River Rd. Historic District II	Perrysburg vicinity Wood County

Also Notified

Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John H. Glenn, Jr.	Dr. Thomas H. Smith
Hon. Tennyson Guyer	Director, The Ohio Historical Society
Hon. Charles W. Whalen, Jr.	Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Hon. Delbert L. Latta	Columbus, Ohio 43211
Office of Hon. Wayne L. Hays	
Regional Director, Midwest Region	

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MR

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 10.26.76
Reviewer: INITIALS: LEBOWITZ
NR DOE
NOV 21 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: IDDINGS, BENJAMIN, LOG HOUSE

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: 6.5 mi. W of Troy

CITY/TOWN: Troy, Mich.

STATE: OHIO 37

VICINITY OF: Troy

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4TH
COUNTY: MIAMI code 109

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1
 unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7
EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8
ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- RESIDENTIAL

now- None; located in park

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN recreation
 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY TRANSPORTATION settlement
 ART EXPLORATION MUSIC OTHER (SPECIFY) socio/cultural
 COMMERCE INDUSTRY PHILOSOPHY urban & commun
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO *possibly oldest structure in county*

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Log

~~architect/builder~~ Edwin Beaman engineer:
landscape/garden designer: artist/artisan:
interior decorator: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: Quaker; Scotch-Irish

NAMES: personal
(label role & appropriate date)
events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): ~ 1797-1809
DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:
HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)
.1 - .9 ACRES

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

~~Log construction, horizontal siding, stone foundation; 2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof. Possibly oldest structure in county; built for Benjamin Iddings, prominent early settler.~~

Log construction, horizontal siding, stone foundation; 2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof. Possibly oldest structure in county; built for Benjamin Iddings, prominent early settler.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

~~This structure is a log cabin, possibly the oldest in the county. It was built for Benjamin Iddings, a prominent early settler.~~