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

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

1 NAME *South Le Roy Meetinghouse*

HISTORIC *LeRoy Methodist Episcopal Church*

AND/OR COMMON *Brakeman Church; South LeRoy Meeting House*

2 LOCATION *NE of Painesville at OH 86 and*

STREET & NUMBER *Route 86 and Brakeman Road*

CITY, TOWN *Painesville* NOT FOR PUBLICATION

~~LeRoy Township~~ VICINITY OF *11 - J. William Stanton*

STATE *Ohio* CODE *039* COUNTY *Lake* CODE *085*

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *LeRoy Township Trustees (Matthew Celizic, Jr.)*

STREET & NUMBER *12987 Leroy Center Road*

CITY, TOWN *Painesville* STATE *Ohio*

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Lake County Recorder's Office*

STREET & NUMBER *53 East Erie Street*

CITY, TOWN *Painesville* STATE *Ohio*

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE *Ohio Historic Inventory*

DATE *1975* FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS *Ohio Historical Society*

CITY, TOWN *Columbus* STATE *Ohio*

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD 8
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The LeRoy Methodist Church is a small wooden frame church measuring 36 feet by 46 feet. Its structure consists of mortised and pegged timbers made of local white wood or poplar. The building stands on a random ashlar foundation; there is no cellar. The exterior is sheathed with clapboard siding. The simple rectangular building has a gable roof; it never had a steeple. The classical cornice and frieze in the Greek Revival idiom are very plainly executed, and there are small cornice returns at the gable ends of the building. The center doorway is framed with a simple entablature and pilasters. The rectangular windows have double-hung sash of four large panes over two; undoubtedly these replaced smaller panes of 1845. There is a small rectangular window in the attic gable at each end of the building. An external chimney was added later on the west side of the building. On the interior, there are few notable architectural details. There is a chancel platform about eight inches high. Around the turn of the century the plaster ceiling was covered with a stamped embossed metal ceiling. In 1976 the structure was repaired, cleaned and painted.

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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 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 1845 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The LeRoy Methodist Church is a typical small rural church from the Greek Revival period. It was used as a community meeting house at least since 1898, and is recognized locally as the only significant historic public building in the township.

LeRoy is a rural, sparsely populated township which was first settled in 1802. The Township government was established in 1820. According to the history of Geauga and Lake Counties, the Methodist Church erected its building in 1845 at a cost of \$1,000. The lot was provided by Henry Brakeman, and the church was constructed by local builders. The deed giving the property to the Methodist Church was recorded in 1852, stating that the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and their successors were to finish and keep in repair the "House" now on the premises. Besides church services, weddings and funerals, the meeting house was used for the LeRoy District School graduations from 1898 to 1941. Class plays, Christmas programs, social events and musical recitals were also held in the building, as it was the only large meeting hall in the township.

In 1975 the church building was given by the Methodist Church to the Leroy Township Trustees for continued use as a community meeting house, with much the same conditions as the original deed from Esquire Brakeman. Cleaning, painting, and stabilizing the structure in 1976 were made possible by volunteer labor and local donations.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams Brothers, History of Geauga and Lake Counties, Ohio (1878), 230.
 Harriet Taylor Upton, History of the Western Reserve, II, 1133-1135, and
 III, 1342.
Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve 1805-1840, 792.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Painesville

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 4,8,7,7,7,0 4,6,1,2,2,7,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property consists of Lot number 9 at the southwest corner of
 Route 86 and Brakeman Road in Leroy Township.

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 / TITLE Mrs. Ernest L. Towne, The LeRoy Heritage Association
Eric Johannesen, Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION Western Reserve Historical Society DATE September 1978

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 X

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 [Signature]

TITLE Director Ohio Historical Society DATE 3/8/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>[Signature]</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>5.8.79</u>
ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	DATE <u>5.8.79</u>

South Le Roy Meetinghouse
Property ~~Le Roy Methodist Episcopal Church~~
State OH. (Lake) Working Number 3.21.79.641

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TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 3.22.79

Community mtg house since 1898 & locally recognized as only significant historic public bldg in township

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
4.26.79

Watershed statement of significance - Associations as only public building in area.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Braham
4.26.79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

This structure is significant as a community meeting house since 1898 in a small rural, sparsely populated county & is recognized as the only significant historic public bldg in the township

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Franklin
4.27.79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 6-5-79 Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered MAY 8 1979



South
LeRoy
Meeting
House

LeRoy Methodist Episcopal Ch.
Leroy Township Lake Co. Ohio
Ernest L. Towne, Painesville

1978

MAY 8 1979 MAR 21 1979

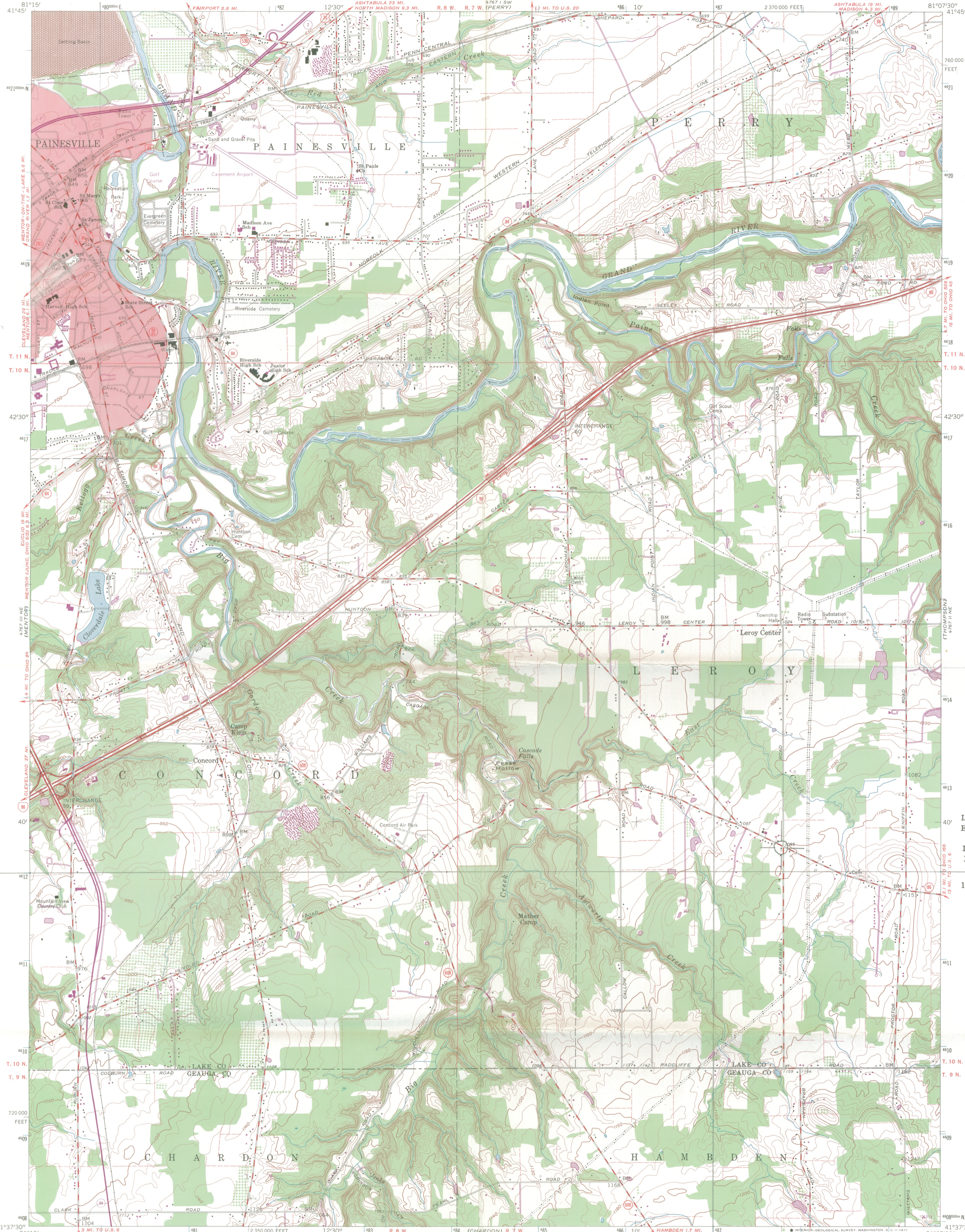
Facade and east elevation,
looking Southwest.



LeRoy Methodist Episcopal Ch.
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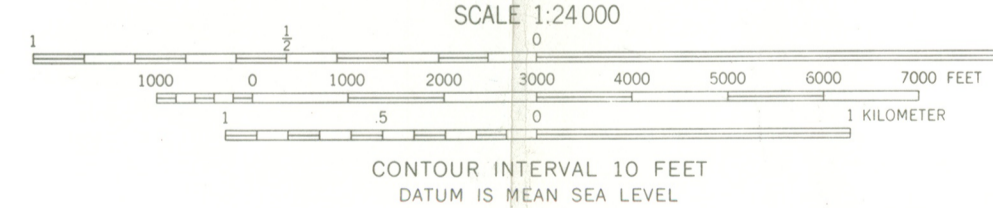
West and south elevations,
looking Northeast.



LeRoy Methodist
Episcopal Church
Leroy Township
Lake County
17 487/770 East
4612/270 North

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and U.S. Lake Survey
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1952. 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
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Entire area lies within the Connecticut Western Reserve
Dotted land line established by private subdivision of
the Connecticut Western Reserve

UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken 1970
This information not field checked

PAINESVILLE, OHIO
NW 1/4 CHARDON 15' QUADRANGLE
N 4137.5-W 8107.5/7.5
1960
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 4767 II NW-SERIES V852



LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077

April 23, 1979

Check w/ Lucy

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior (Att: NOM)
Pension Building
440 G Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

RE: LeRoy Methodist Church -- H 32 NR

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

In regards to your letter of March 28, 1979, we are requesting that our property be listed as the South LeRoy Meeting House, and not LeRoy Methodist Church. South LeRoy Meeting House was listed on the application form for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Enclosed is a copy of the early deed recorded in the Lake County Court House. This name has been restored as part of the restoration program and has a sign in front of the building with this name.

We are making this request for the restored name of South LeRoy Meeting House to avoid confusion in the future, by having two different names.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Eric Johannesen, Regional Preservation, Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

We greatly appreciate your kind consideration of our request, and are most happy that our building is being considered for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, as this will be an asset to our community.

Very Sincerely yours,

Matthew Celizic Jr.

Matthew Celizic Jr.
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of
Leroy Township, Lake County, Ohio

So all RECORDS to whom these PRESENTS shall come,

GREYSON.

Know All That, We Henry Brakeman & Betsy Brakeman for the consideration the natural Love and request for the Methodist Episcopal Church in South Le Roy do give, grant, convey and confirm with them, A. L. Becke, H. H. Brakeman, James Quinn, Thomas Fear & Chaney Case Jun. Trustees & their Successors in Office in trust for the said Church above named, The following piece or Lot of land, situated in the Township of Le Roy, which is also in the County of Lake and State of Ohio, and known as the North East corner of Lot No. Nine in said Township, beginning at the center of the plank Road - thence South in the center of the Center Road, nine rods - thence West, eight rods - thence North Ten & 1/2 rods, to the center of the Plank Road - thence along the center of said Road Eight & 1/2 rods to the place of beginning - to contain one half acre of land - be the same more or less, but subject to all Single high ways. - Do have & to hold the above granted premises, with all the appurtenances thereof unto them, the said A. L. Becke - Henry H. Brakeman - James Quinn - Thomas Fear, & Chaney Case Jun., and their Successors in office, forever, in trust, that they shall finish and keep in repair the House now on the premises, for the use of the members of the M. E. Church in South Le Roy - And I, the said Henry Brakeman do for my self, Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, covenant with the said A. L. Becke - Henry H. Brakeman - James Quinn - Thomas Fear - & Chaney Case Jun. and their successors in office, that at and until the presenting of these Presents, I am well seized of the Premises, as a good and indefensible estate in fee simple, and have good right to grant, convey & confirm the same, in manner and form as above written, and that the same

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be free from all incumbrances whatsoever, and furthermore, I the said Henry Brakeman, do by these Presents, bind myself and Heirs, to Warrant and Defend the above granted Premises, to the said above named Trustees & their Successors in Office, against all lawful claims and demands whatsoever. And I the said Betsy Brakeman, wife of the said Henry Brakeman do hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim, unto the said Trustees above named & their Successors in office, all my right and title of claim, in and to the above described Premises -

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands & seals, this 16th day of October, in the year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred & Fifty one.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in Presence of
 James H. Montgomery
 W. M. Gilmore

Henry Brakeman
 Betsy Brakeman



The State of Ohio,
 Lake County, ss.

Personally appeared Henry Brakeman & Betsy Brakeman, who acknowledged that they did sign and seal the foregoing instrument, and that the same is their free act and deed.

I further certify, that I examined the said Betsy Brakeman separate and apart from her said husband and then & their, made known to her the contents of the foregoing instrument, and upon that examination she declared that she did voluntarily sign, seal, and acknowledge the same, and that she was still satisfied therewith.

Before me this 16th day of October, A. D. 1851.

James H. Montgomery, Justice of the Peace.
 J. F. Huntington, Recorder.

Received September 18th 1852. Recorded September 23rd 1852.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

OHIO

STATE

Date Entered MAY 8 1979

Name

Location

South LeRoy Meetinghouse

**Painesville vicinity
Lake County**

Also Notified

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.
Honorable J. William Stanton

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

NR Byers/bjr 5/16/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.