

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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**HAM.-1909-11**  
County  
Hamilton  
Location of Negatives  
M.P.A.

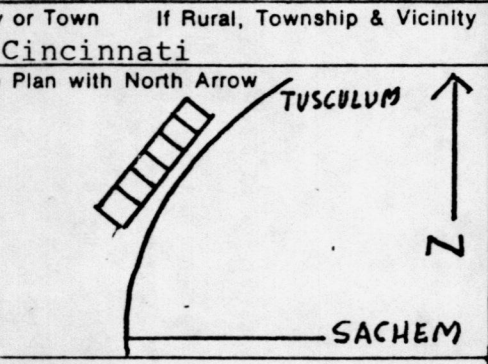
4. Present Name(s)  
**Stephen Decker Rowhouse**  
5. Other Name(s)

1. No.  
**1909-11**

Specific Location  
**531-541 Tusculum Avenue**

16. Thematic Category  
**C**  
17. Date(s) or Period  
**1889**

28. No. of Stories **2**  
29. Basement? Yes   
No



18. Style or Design  
**Victorian**  
19. Architect or Engineer  
20. Contractor or Builder  
21. Original Use, if apparent  
**6 residences**  
22. Present Use  
**Multi-family residence**

30. Foundation Material  
**Cut ashlar**  
31. Wall Construction  
**Frame**  
32. Roof Type & Material  
**Gable: Tar paper**  
33. No. of Bays  
Front **18** Side **2**  
34. Wall Treatment  
**Clapboard**  
35. Plan Shape **Irr. Row**

2. County  
**Hamilton**

4. Present Name(s)  
**Stephen Decker Rowhouse**

Coordinates  
Long.

23. Ownership  
Public   
Private

36. Changes (Explain in #42)  
Addition   
Altered   
None   
Moved

M. Reference  
**721900 4332520**

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known  
**Stephen K. Decker  
539 Tusculum Avenue**

37. Condition  
Interior  
Exterior **Excellent**

Site  Structure   
Building  Object

25. Open to Public? Yes   
No

38. Preservation Underway? Yes   
No

National Register? Yes   
No

26. Local Contact Person or Organization  
**Columbia Tusculum**

39. Endangered? By What? Yes   
No

12. Is It Eligible? Yes   
No

27. Other Surveys in Which Included

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes   
No

14. District Potent'l? Yes   
No

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road  
**10' 135'**

5. Other Name(s)

Other Description of Important Features  
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History and Significance  
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Description of Environment and Outbuildings  
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Sources of Information  
Personal Observation  
Hamilton County Courthouse

46. Prepared by Steve Gordon  
Lucy Ainslie  
47. Organization

Property

*Multiple*  
**Columbia-Tusculum Historic Resources Area**

State

**OH.**

Working Number

**11.14.78.4536**

**TECHNICAL**

Photos

**33 + 51**

Maps

**1, 2, 1**

**CONTROL**

*pl*

**11.16.78**

**HISTORIAN**

*Architectural*

*Return  
Brabham  
2.6.79*

*See Return sheet  
- Individual components do not have statements of  
significance. A historic district has also apparently been  
overlooked. Address list also incorrect.*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*In MR nomination of 212 acres containing a 15 acre  
district that is not identified with a name or explanation, photo numbers show large number  
of photos missing, a partial inventory consisting of a residential area & 2 arch. areas of which an  
inventory form was submitted. ~~Partial inventory of 2 arch. areas of which an inventory form was submitted.~~*

*Accept unless need more info.*

*Parham 3-27*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Agree w/ Brabham.  
Serious technical deficiencies as well  
as inadequate understanding & use of  
multiple resource concept. For example  
there is no idea how survey was done and  
how resources were identified.*

*Return  
Franklin  
3.7.79*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back **3.12.79**

Entered \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_

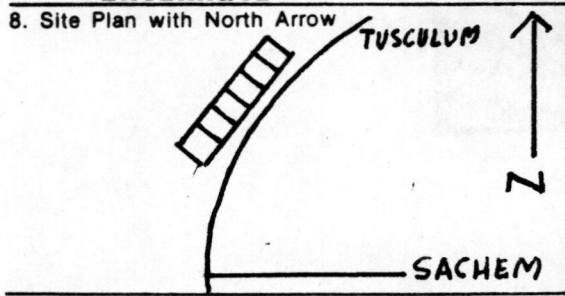
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7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity  
**Cincinnati**



9. Coordinates  
Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ Long. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.T.M. Reference

**16 721900 4332520**

Zone Easting Northing

10. Site  Structure   
Building  Object

11. On National Register? Yes  No   
12. Is It Eligible? Yes  No

13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes  No   
14. District Potent'l? Yes  No

15. Name of Established District

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**c. 18895**

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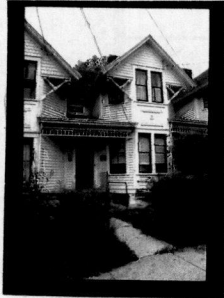
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**M.P.A.**

48. Date **7/76** 49. Revision Date(s) **3/78**

1909-11 Hamilton County Stephen Decker Rowhouse Other Name(s)

42. Continued.



Property Columbia - Insculum Multiple Resource Area

State Ohio (Hamilton)

Working Number 11.14.78.4536

2nd Control

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 33+ (51 Inventory)

Maps 1, 4

**CONTROL**

pl

5.25.79

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

More info. provided on individual sites & district. - Boundaries justified, etc. The ~~major~~ major problem is that UTM's are provided for survey sheets but are not listed on the map. The district does not have its UTM's or boundaries defined on USFS - - call -

Braham  
7.30.79

[I should have caught this before]

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

Map submitted - UTM's noted - they feel that despite our objections that they had already paid only to us that the M.R. area normally only those structures that

accept  
Braham  
8.20.79

are eligible, either districts or individually. They have provided more information on individual properties as well

**OTHER**

This m.r. area is comprised of ~~18th~~ 19th century commercial & residential & church structures

**HAER**

will significant (historically) commercial area located on Ohio - never developed into a mass area due to flooding - -

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

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

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**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered AUG 24 1979

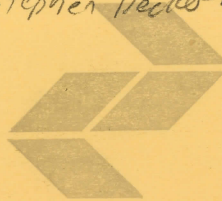
Federal Register Entry 2

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



Stephen Decker Row house  
DOE  
AUG 24 1979

NOV 14 1978



## Zorn Engineering

3833 Eastern Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

1. Building #1, Row House (531-541 Tusculum)  
Columbia Tusculum Historic District *Multiple Resource Area*
2. Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio
3. Ben Ross
4. October 20, 1977
5. Zorn Engineering
6. Front elevation, looking southwest
7. Photograph number 1433

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000615