

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

and/or common Pilgrim Chapel

**2. Location**

street & number 1222 Ida Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 2nd

state Ohio \_\_\_\_\_ code 039 \_\_\_\_\_ county Hamilton \_\_\_\_\_ code 061

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" 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 Pilgrim Presbyterian Chapel

street & number 1222 Ida Street

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hamilton County Court House

street & number Court Street

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio 45202

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Cincinnati Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date August 1978 \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county  local

depository for survey records Miami Purchase Association

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio 45214

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Pilgrim Chapel, built in 1886, is located next to the Art Deco Ida Street Bridge in the historic nineteenth century neighborhood of Mount Adams. The Pilgrim Chapel is a rectangular plan two story brick church building which is distinguished by its unusual central bell gable tower and symmetrical fenestration. The steeply pitched roof and bell tower are covered with shingles. Gothic Revival elements are exhibited in the pointed arched opening in the bell tower and above the second story paired windows and the two rose windows contained in the center gable. Stone quoins and stone belt and string coursing mark the horizontal divisions on the facade. The front side bays display stained glass windows with arched window surrounds. There are four double hung windows with a border of small square colored lights on both the North and South facades. Attached to the South-East rear portion of the building is the parish house or manse. It is a simple two story brick residence with a projecting side bay and Greek Revival porch. The exterior alterations to the Pilgrim Chapel consisted of replacing the original entrance door with a simple wooden double door, inscribing 'Pilgrim Chapel' above the transom and boarding up the openings in the center gable.

The interior of the Pilgrim Chapel remains much the same as it did when it was built with the exception of the church congregation replacing the original chandeliers with spotlights for better lighting and painting over the stencilled text and decorations. The pulpit is the focal point of the interior behind which are chairs and a section for the choir. The piano was a donation from the First Presbyterian Church. The pews are divided by a partition down the center with aisles to the side. The timber roof is a fine example of straight-forward carpentry with its braces and decorative wallpieces.

## 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1886 **Builder/Architect** Charles E. Iliff

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Pilgrim Chapel is significant as an embodiment of nineteenth century Eclectic architecture in Cincinnati and a representative of the chapel as an early preaching station in the Presbyterian Church. Presbyterianism was a dominant influence in Cincinnati, since a majority of the founders of the City were Presbyterians. From the beginning, Cincinnati was a missionary Presbytery and the Pilgrim remains as the only surviving nineteenth century church which began as a mission. Seven mission churches organized under the charge of a larger congregation, all but Pilgrim Chapel have disbanded or were demolished. Dr. Frank C. Monfort, a prominent minister and editor conceived the idea of erecting a church in Mount Adams since many of the church members were moving to the hilltops. A committee from the First Presbyterian Church and from Mount Adams succeeded in raising funds to erect the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church. This undertaking was considered important because it resulted from the joint efforts of Catholics and Protestants. The Pilgrim was the first Protestant church to be built in the traditionally Catholic neighborhood of Mount Adams. The opening of the Mount Adams Incline Plane could have been a contributing factor in the decision of the Presbytery Society to move the Pilgrim to the top of the hill. In 1886, they purchased Lots 32, 33 and 34 in the Rufus King Sub-division for \$2750.00. The Pilgrim Chapel's location made it accessible as a midway point between the downtown churches and the Lane Theological Seminary via the Ida Street horse railway line. The Pilgrim Chapel was completed in 1887, but the church organization was not effected until May, 1890 and the charter granted August, 1890. The delay between the completion and the organization is another indication that the Pilgrim Chapel was used as a preaching station. The architectural integrity of the Pilgrim Chapel is finely displayed by the skill of the local prominent builder and craftsmen. Charles E. Iliff, a noted Cincinnati contractor and Mount Adams resident, built the Pilgrim Chapel. Among the buildings he erected were: the Vine Street Cable buildings, The Walnut Hills Cable buildings, the Rawson Building, the Marine Building, the Carew Building, the Cincinnati Coffin Company, the Miami Building and the Cincinnati tanneries. John Coburn did the woodwork for the Chapel and Adam Byerly did the carpentry work. Evan Evan, a local resident, gave the stone for the foundation of the manse.

At the end of February 1980, the Church Congregation of the Pilgrim Chapel will dissolve and the property will revert back to the Cincinnati Presbytery.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

150 Years of Presbyterianism in the Ohio Valley, 1790-1940 - Presbytery of Cincinnati, 1941  
 50th Anniversary of the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, 1886-1936 - Heskamp Printing Co. 1936

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 96' x 100' **ACREEAGE NOT VERIFIED**  
 Quadrangle name Newport Quadrangle scale 1: 24 000

UMT References

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

A	<u>16</u>	<u>716260</u>	<u>4331746</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

## Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots number 32,33, and 34 of the Rufus King Subdivision in Mount Adams Book 72, page 1, parcels 316,169,170, and 171  
 96' frontage on Ida Street and 100' depth

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Maryanne Benson  
 organization Mount Adams Preservation Assoc. date January 1980  
 street & number 1009 Jermone Street telephone 513/381-5558, 513/292-5853, 513/961-3618  
 city or town Cincinnati, 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature David L. Brook  
 title Chief, Div. of Hist. Pres., Ohio Historical Society date 5/16/80

For HCRS use only  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for party W. Ray Juice date 7/18/80  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Ruth Stover Reed date 7/17/80  
 Chief of Registration

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

Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 9 PAGE 2

Cincinnati, The Queen City, Vol.III, 1788-1912 - Goss, 1912  
Cincinnati Directory, 1886, 1891  
Cincinnati A Guide to the Queen City and Its Neighbors - Work  
Project Administration, 1943  
History of Cincinnati, Ohio 1881 - Henry A. Ford and Kate B. Ford  
Atlas of Cincinnati 1883-1884  
Cincinnati Historic Inventory- Miami Purchase Association & City  
Planning Commission, August 1978  
Hamilton County Court House, Plat Book 72, page 1  
Conservation with Dr. William King of the Presbytery of Cincinnati  
Correspondence from Ella Baker Schindel to unknown party, Cincinnati  
Historical Society, date unknown

(Pilgrim Presbyterian Church,) Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio



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Photocopy of Pilgrim Chapel from the cover page of  
50th Anniversary of the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, 1886-1936

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Property Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

State Oh, Hamilton Working Number 65.80.1482

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 3

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

The Pilgrim Chapel (1886) is a little-altered example of simple late 19th century church architecture. It is eclectic with romanesque and gothic elements. Although "architecture" and "religion" are checked in the nom., the chapel is also important as a community focal point in the late 19th and 20th century. Presbyterianism was a dominant influence in Cincinnati.

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

Accept P. Reed 7/17/90

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

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**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

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

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Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

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PILGRAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pilgrim Chapel

1222 Ida Street, Cincinnati, Hamilton <sup>Co.</sup>  
Ohio, December 1979

Linda Deatrick, Photographer

Negatives located at Miami Purchase  
Association

West Elevation, Photographer looking  
North East

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PILGRIM CHAPEL

PILGRIM CHAPEL  
WELCOMES ALL  
SERVICES 11:00 AM  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM

NO PARKING  
IN THIS ZONE

*Dilgram Presbyterian Church*

Pilgrim Chapel

1222 Ida Street, Cincinnati, Ohio,

Co. Hamilton, OH, December 1979

Linda Deatruck, Photographer

Negatives at Miami Purchase Assoc.

West elevation, Photographer looking  
East

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## Missing Core Documentation

**Property Name**

Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

**County, State**

Hamilton, OH

**Reference Number**

80003074

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs (#2)

USGS Map

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PILGRIM PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL  
1222 Ida Street, Cincinnati,  
Hamilton County, Ohio

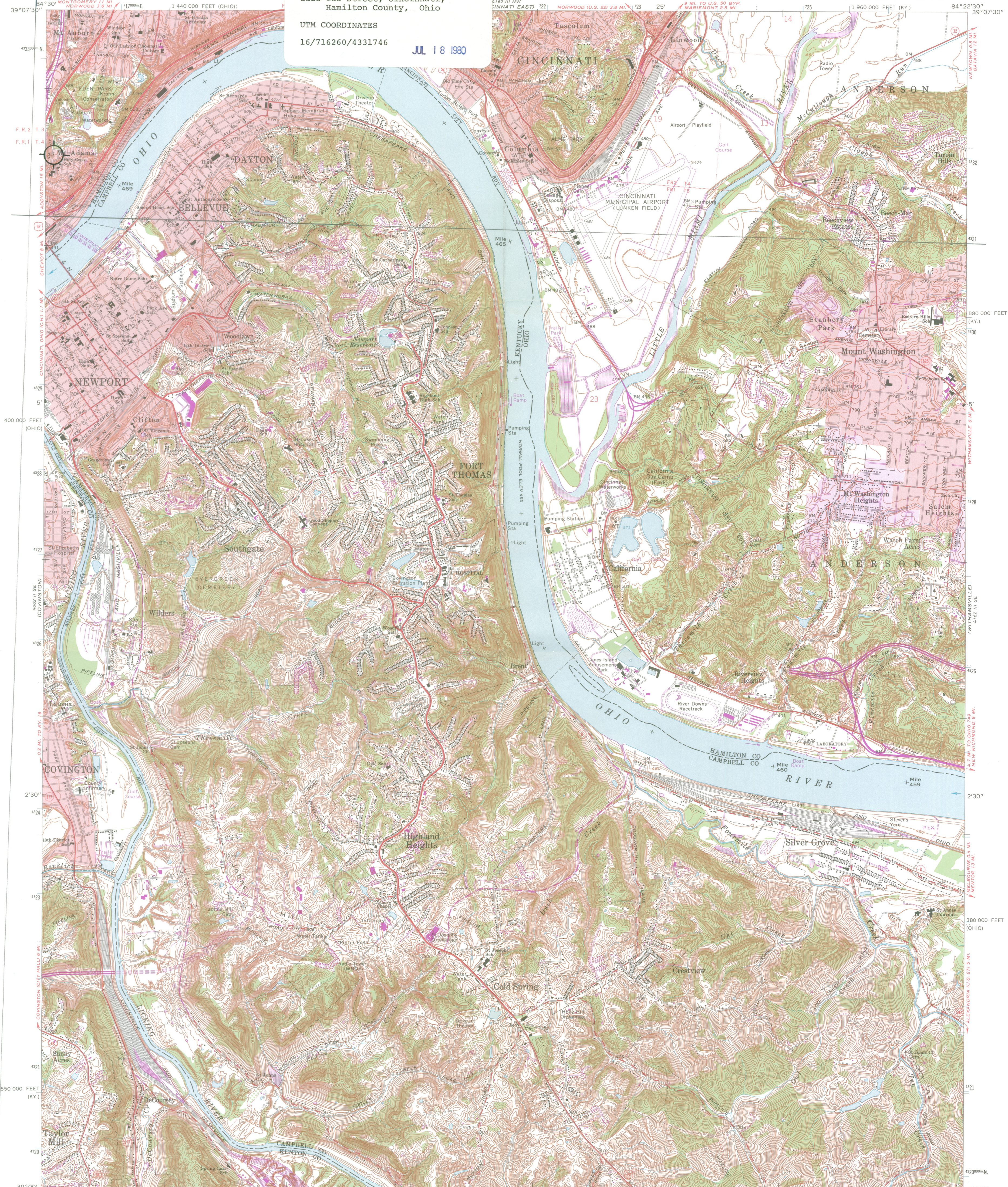
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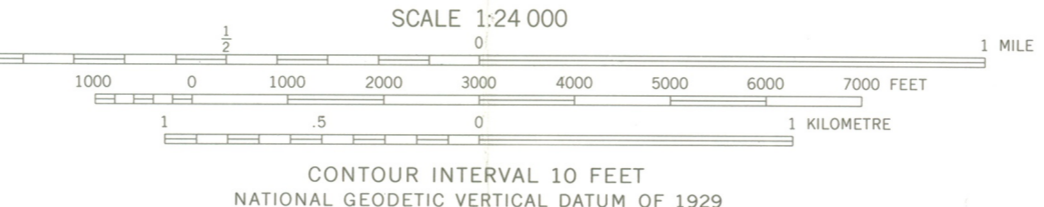
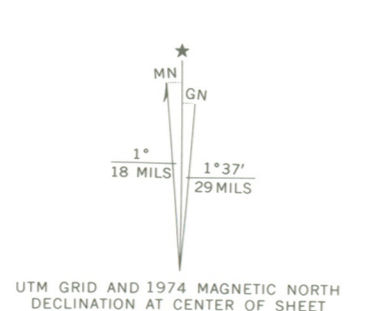
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DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
OFFICE OF KENTUCKY

NEWPORT QUADRANGLE  
KENTUCKY-OHIO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 EAST CINCINNATI 15' QUADRANGLE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and City of Cincinnati  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1949, and in part by the City of Cincinnati  
Field checked 1951, 1952, and 1954. Revised 1961  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Kentucky coordinate system,  
north zone, and Ohio coordinate system, south zone  
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, 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 areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position  
of the low water line as determined from U.S. Corps of Engineers  
Ohio River charts, surveyed 1913, and supplementary information  
Area east of the Little Miami River lies within the Virginia Military District  
Area west of the Little Miami River lies within the Between the Miamis  
Land lines based on the Great Miami River Base. Dotted land lines  
established by private subdivision of the Symmes Purchase



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506,  
AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601  
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 and 1974. This information is not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty — Light-duty  
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt  
U.S. Route — State Route  
Interstate Route  
NEWPORT, KY.—OHIO  
SW/4 EAST CINCINNATI 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3900—W8422.5/7.5  
1961  
PHOTOREVISED 1970 AND 1974  
AMS 4162 III SW—SERIES V852



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pilgrim Presbyterian Church	Cincinnati Hamilton County
St. Francis Xavier Church	Cincinnati Hamilton County
Vaughn, Daniel, Homestead	Lake Milton Mahoning County
Hollencamp House	Xenia Greene County
Root and McBride-Bradley Building	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Broom-Braden Stone House	Cambridge Guernsey County

Also Notified

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.  
Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum  
Honorable Thomas A. Luken  
Honorable Lyle Williams  
Honorable Clarence J. Brown  
Honorable Mary R. Oakar  
Honorable Douglas Applegate

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. David Brook  
The Ohio Historical Society  
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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