

**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 BOYD SCHOOL

and/or common

**2. Location**

*N W of Berlin on*

street & number Fryburg-Fredericksburg-Boyd Road not for publication

city, town Berlin *me*  vicinity of congressional district 17

state Ohio code 039 county Holmes code 075

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" 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 Paul Boyd

street & number Millersburg Route 4

city, town Berlin  vicinity of state Ohio

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Holmes County Courthouse

street & number East Jackson Street

city, town Millersburg state Ohio

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date September 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records The Ohio State University Mansfield Campus

city, town Mansfield state Ohio

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## 7. Description

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**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**

The Boyd School is a one story rectangular brick building. Its round arch window openings with carved stone keystones give the building its Italianate character. Otherwise it is a fairly simple building. A small entrance porch is above the front doorway, which has a rounded window above. The building is crowned with a gable roof, which has smaller side gables and datestones. The building has no basement, but the rock faced sandstone foundation has small ventilating openings which are covered with ornate iron grills. Originally a small wood cupola surmounted the front gable, but it was removed some years ago. Plans call for its replication in the future.

The interior is a single large room which is plainly finished with plaster walls and ceiling and a wide board floor. Along either side are chimneys where heating stoves once stood. Old blackboards line the rear and side walls. The rear of the building has no windows and features a small, slightly raised podium. A ceiling hatch leads to the attic.

The school enjoys an isolated rural setting and is set back about one hundred feet from a lightly travelled county road. Shade trees, shrubbery and a spacious lawn are present. No other buildings are nearby. The Boyd family retains ownership of the property, but the building is operated by the Heritage Preservation Committee, Inc. as a museum and is furnished with many period antiques and artifacts owned by the committee.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<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** 1889

**Builder/Architect**

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This building is a fine example of Italianate architecture that is well preserved and is significant for its historical associations as a school for over sixty years and its present day use as a museum. It is one of the county's oldest surviving schools and is a more elaborate building than most. The Boyd School is the only restored one-room schoolhouse museum in the county. It serves not only as a reminder of an important era in America's educational history but also as a center for historical activities in eastern Holmes County.

The first school on this site was built during the Civil War. This frame structure was replaced by the present building in 1889. This brick schoolhouse was used until 1952. From 1863 to 1952, forty-five teachers conducted classes at Boyd School. The teacher with the longest tenure was Floyd Boyd, whose ancestors homesteaded the land on which this school was built. After 1952, the building was used as a warehouse. The past several years have witnessed a restoration campaign, still in progress but near completion, sponsored by the Heritage Preservation Committee, Inc.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Berlin, Ohio, "Sesquicentennial History, 1966", page 44.  
Wooster Daily Record, November 15, 1975, page 16.  
Holmes County Deed Records, Volume 23, page 433.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property one

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name Berlin, Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes the Boyd School building, one hundred feet of frontage on either side along County Road 201, and extending two hundred feet back from the road.

### 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 Steven McQuillin, Regional Preservation Officer

organization The Ohio State University Mansfield Campus date September 1979

street & number 1660 University Drive telephone (419) 755-4011

city or town Mansfield state Ohio 44906

## 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

SHPO

date

7/1/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Lucy Ann Dunge*

date

10/3/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Paula Stoner Reed*

date

9/29/80

Chief of Registration

Property

*Boyd School*

State

*OH, Holmes*

Working Number

*7,2480,1933*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos

*2*

Maps

*1*

**CONTROL**

**HISTORIAN**

*Red brick vernacular school building (1889) with Italianate elements. One of few remaining 19th century rural schools.*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*Buildg is not located on the USGS map, nor have UTM's been recorded on the map. Once for verification of location.*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

*P. Reed 9/23/80*

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

*According to Dave Simmons at the State office, the building is correctly designated on the map. Apparently the structure was missed in the original USGS survey.*

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept. P. Reed 9/29/80*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up

*2.3.81*

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Federal Register Entry

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

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Boyd School  
Berlin, Ohio  
Stanley Kaufman  
August 1979

Ohio State University Mansfield Campus  
Front and side, looking noreast

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JUL 24 1980

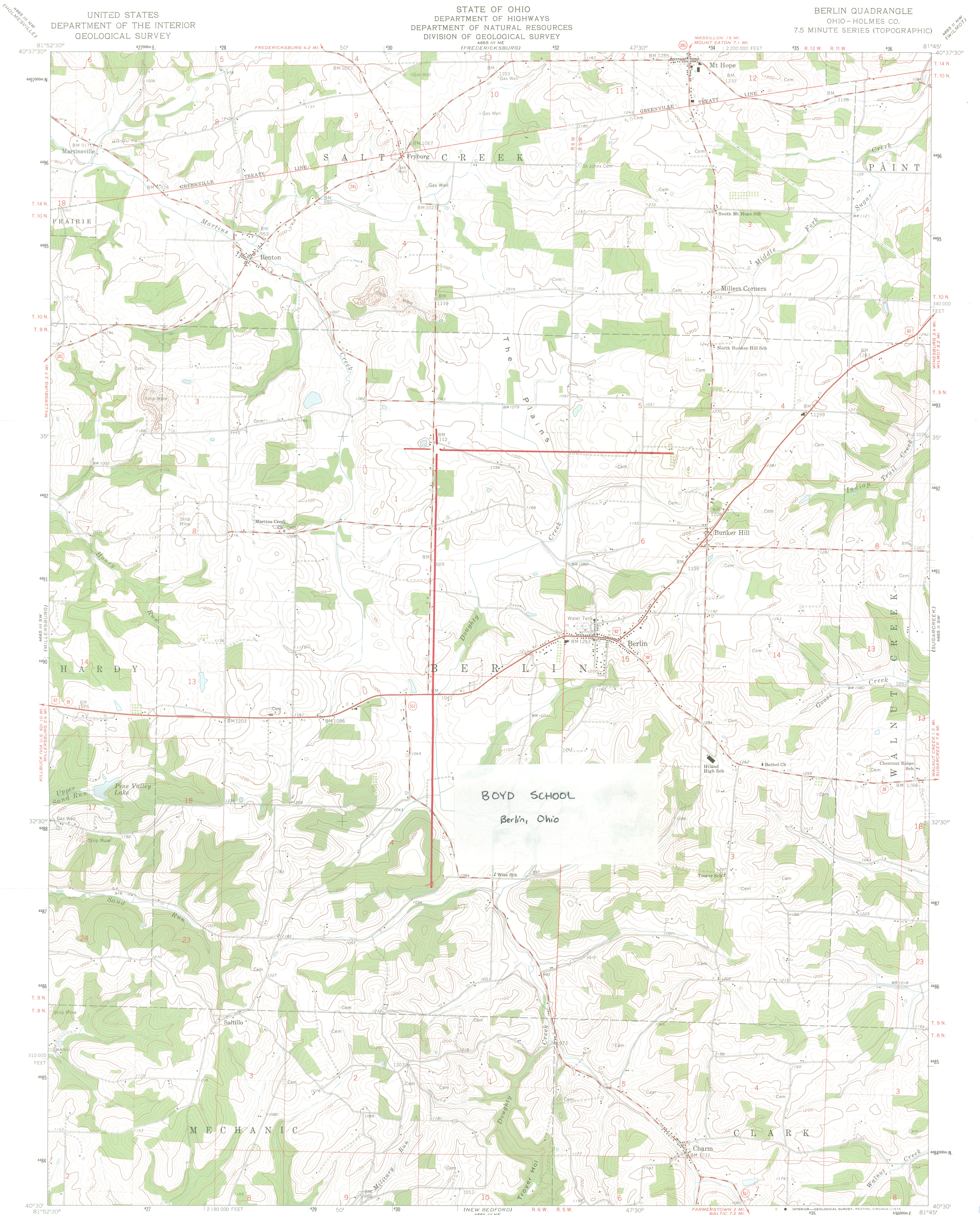


Boyd School  
Berlin, Ohio  
Stanley Kaufman  
August 1979  
Ohio State University Mansfield Campus  
Rear, looking west  
BS-2/2

JUL 24 1980

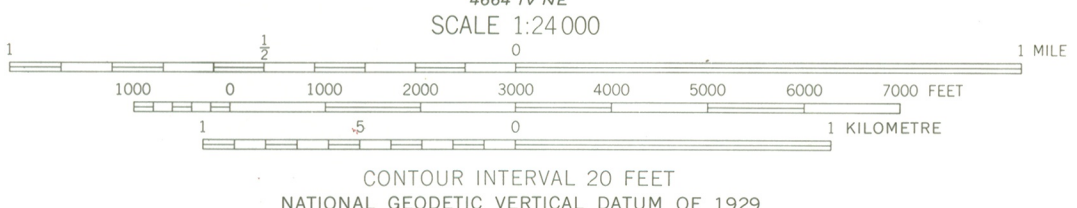
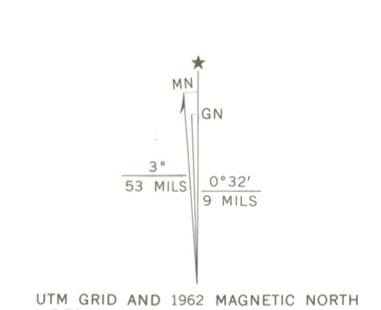
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OCT 3 1980



BOYD SCHOOL  
Berlin, Ohio

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1962  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone  
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue  
Area north of Greenville Treaty Line lies within Congress Lands north of the Old Seven Ranges. Land lines based on the Ohio River Base  
Area south of Greenville Treaty Line lies within the United States Military District  
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
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 ○  
BERLIN, OHIO  
N4030-W8145/7.5  
1962  
AMS 4665 III SE-SERIES V852



DEC 28 1979

Rt.4, Box 245  
Millersburg, Ohio 44654  
December 27, 1979

David A. Simmons  
Historian and Manager, National  
Register Program  
Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
Ohio Historical Center  
I-71 & 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Mr. Simmons:

We were very pleased to learn that the Boyd School was being considered by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The one-room school has slowly been disappearing from the landscape of Ohio and unless someone takes the initiative to preserve this part of our heritage, it will only be a memory people talk about.

We would like to see the Boyd School restored to its original condition as a one-room school and dedicate it as a memory to all those who received all or part of their education in the one-room school and especially to all those who taught in the one-room school.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

*Paul Boyd*  
Paul Boyd

PB/rb



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered OCT 3 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Curtis, Walter, House	Little Hocking vicinity Washington County
Mount Zion Baptist Church	Athens Athens County
Erlich, F. W., House	Ironton Lawrence County
Toledo and Ohio Central Depot	Bucyrus Crawford County
Urbana College Historic Buildings	Urbana Champaign County
Lane's Mill Historic Buildings	Oxford vicinity Butler County
Sharon Center Public Square Historic District	Sharon Center Medina County
Boyd School	Berlin vicinity Holmes County

Also Notified

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum  
Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.  
Honorable Clarence E. Miller  
Honorable Tennyson Guyer  
Honorable Clarence J. Brown  
Honorable Thomas N. Kindness  
Honorable Donald J. Pease  
Honorable John M. Ashbrook

Acting State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Dellas H. Harder  
The Ohio Historical Society  
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

NR Byers/bjr/10/28/80

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