

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

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

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received NOV 28 1979

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

1. Name

historic HUNTER, JAMES, STONE HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number E of Adamsville on
Mercer Road ___ not for publication

city, town Adamsville vicinity vicinity of congressional district 20 Clarence Miller

state Ohio code 039 county Muskingum code 119

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	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 checked="" 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 Minnie Prouty

street & number 9080 Mercer Road

city, town Adamsville vicinity of state OH 43802

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Fourth and Main Sts.

city, town Zanesville state OH 43701

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office

city, town Columbus state OH 43211

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" 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 James Hunter House is a 1½-story structure built entirely of vermiculated sandstone quarried from a nearby site. It is a rectangular structure, built somewhat into a side hill, with the facade facing up the hill toward the associated agricultural outbuildings, and the rear overlooking broad bottom land. The facade is pierced by two windows, 1/1 (altered in the early 1950s from the original 6/6 configuration) on the first floor; 2 windows directly beneath, in the basement, one of which retains the original sash; and 2 doors, opening into each of the original first story rooms. The principle entrance is the doorway to the right, a single trabeated door with a 4-leglit fixed transom. The date of the house (1835) and the builder's name ("A.B." Andrew Boal) are carved into the lintel of this door. Each gable end has single-hung windows on either side of the chimneys which are set into each gable end. The rear of the house features a raised wood frame porch, supported by four battered 9 foot high stone pillars, 15' at the base and tapering to 9' at the top. This porch was once entirely open, and featured a balustrade; in recent years, it was partially enclosed, with only the right side left open.

The original interior of the house featured two rooms on each floor. The first floor has been somewhat altered with the addition of a bathroom and the above-mentioned enclosing of the back porch. The original enclosed winding stair leads from beside the fireplace up to the second story which contains two rooms. The most distinctive feature of the basement is a huge cooking fireplace which, though intact, has been obscured by the placement of a furnace directly in front of it.

Directly associated with the house is a series of outbuildings located up the hill from the house. The most notable of these is a bank barn 62'x40', set on a sandstone foundation. Into one of the foundation stones is scratched the initials "J.H." and the year 1827, indicating that the barn actually predates the house. At the rear of the barn, toward the house, is a large barnyard fenced in sandstone which was also cut from the local quarry. Other outbuildings include cribs and sheds of undefined date and usage.

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1835

Builder/Architect Archibald Boal

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The James Hunter Stone House is nominated for its architectural significance as an example of the work of a local master mason, Archibald Boal (1799-1862). Boal was born in Morgan County, south of Muskingum County and in 1830 moved to Norwich in Muskingum County, on the then-new National Road. He worked as a brick-layer and stonemason and traveled this area in the late 1830's and early '40's executing and building stone houses. It is one of the two stone houses in this quarter of Highland Township. The other, the Samuel Black House (c. 1836) is located less than one mile to the south. Boal also built and signed the Samuel Harper House (1841) in Guernsey County, c. 10 miles to the east. He lived the latter part of his life in Monroe Township, in northeastern Muskingum County until his death at the age of 63. Taken within the context of local architecture, the Hunter house is unusual in its form as well as in its construction materials. Houses of this period are predominately of log or frame construction, rarely brick and hardly ever of stone. The township was poor and though there were ample outcroppings of native rock, the craftsmen were simply not available. In plan, most houses of this scale during the middle two quarters of the century would have been built on the 2/2 scheme of the I-house, a prevalent eastern American folk house type (both the Black & Harper Houses are I-Houses). This house, however, is obviously adapted to its hillside location, where the taller, more vertical I-house would have been visually, and perhaps structurally impractical.

Little is known of Hunter himself. He was apparently a farmer and owned the entire northeast quarter of Section 5 of Highland Township, 160 acres. The 1850 census lists him with six family members, five of whom were employed in agricultural pursuits.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sutis, J. Hope Past and Present of Muskingum County, Ohio (Chicago, 1905) P. 524.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property c. 7.5 acres

Quadrangle name Otsego, Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	7	4	3	1	8	4	0	4	4	3	5	7	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the intersection of an unnamed private land and an unnamed stream (said land running in a southeasterly direction from Mercer Road); then southeast C. 800' to a point; then east c. 400' to a point; then north c. 900' to the above named unnamed -cont.-

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 David L. Taylor, Regional Historic Preservation Officer

organization Ohio University-Zanesville date

street & number 1425 Newark Road telephone (614) 453-0762

city or town Zanesville state Ohio 43701

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. Taylor

Chief, Division of Historic Preservation,
title Ohio Historical Society date 11/15/79

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

Carol D. Skell
Keeper of the National Register date 1-3-80

Attest: William H. Brannan date 1.3.80

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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Hunter, James, Stone House, Adamsville Vicinity, Muskingum County, Ohio

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Verbal boundary description and justification

stream, then west and southwest along the stream to the place of beginning. This acreage is designed to incorporate and shelter the stone dwelling and the immediately adjacent agricultural structures, as well as the stone barnyard fence, all intimately related to the entire resource.

Property Hunter, James, Stone House

State oh-Muskingum Working Number 11-28-79 2826

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 4
Maps 1

HISTORIAN

*Stone vernacular house - work
of a master mason. Relatively rare for
the area.*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*accept
Braham
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ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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Braham
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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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HUNTER, JAMES, STONE HOUSE

vic. Adamsville, Muskingum Co., OH

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Negative MUS-50-5-4

Outbuildings, including barn w/
stone fence in lower left corner.

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Executed And Built
BY, A.B., A.D., 1835



HUNTER, JAMES, STONE HOUSE
vic. Adamsville, Muskingum Co., OH
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ville.

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Negative MUS-50-6-1

Main elevation: detail of lintel/
datestone over door **NOV 28 1979**

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Negative MUS-50-6-2

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View of East gable end, Showing
rear porch w/ stone pillars.

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HUNTER, JAMES, STONE HOUSE
vic. Adamsville, Muskingum Co., OH
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Negative MUS-50-5-3
Main elevation, from south

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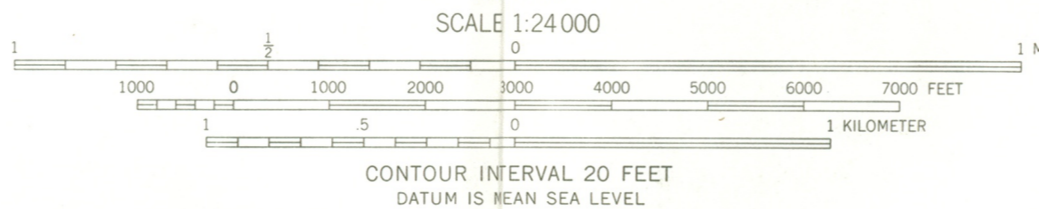
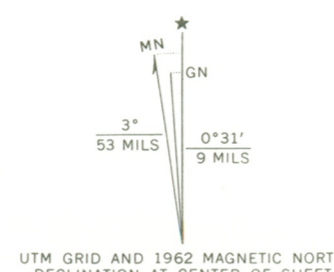
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HUNTER, JAMES, STONE HOUSE
Vicinity Adamsville, Muskingum Co.,
Ohio
UTM Reference:
17/436840/4435720

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, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
Entire area lies within the United States Military District
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District
Area covered by dashed light-blue pattern is subject to controlled inundation
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt - - - - -
State Route ○

OTSEGO, OHIO
N4000—W8145/7.5

1962

AMS 4664 III SE—SERIES V852



JAN 3 1980

4^p Carol D. Skull
Washington D.C.

Nowich, Ohio
Dec. 17, 1979
Listed 1/3/80
Muskingum Co. OK

Dear Madam.

I'm answering your letter regarding my Stone House being listed in the National Register. I would be very pleased to have it listed. I admire the work our ancestors did in building their homes, in their time. The Stone House is an example of how hard they must of worked.

I have a correction to make on the address, it is near Adamsville, but is on Norwich Route.



Minnie Prouty
9080 Mercer Road
Adamsville, OH 43802
NORWICH 34767
RE: Hunter, James, Stone House

Sincerely yours
Mrs. Minnie Prouty

RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE RECD **DEC 21 1979**

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

DATE FILED TAKEN

INITIALS _____

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

JAN 3 1980

Date Entered

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hunter, James, Stone House	Adamsville vicinity Muskingum County
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church	Stovertown vicinity Muskingum County
Harper-Cosgrave Block	Zanesville Muskingum County
Harper, Samuel, Stone House	New Concord vicinity Guernsey County
Eckis, Nicholas, House	East Fairfield Columbiana County

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum Also Notified

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr. State Historic Preservation Officer
Honorable Willis D. Gradison, Jr. Mr. David Brook
Honorable Clarence J. Brown The Ohio Historical Society
Honorable Tennyson Gwyer Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Honorable John M. Ashbrook Columbus, Ohio 43211
Honorable William H. Harsha
Honorable Ralph Regula
Honorable Thomas N. Kindness
Honorable Clarence E. Miller
Honorable Douglas Applegate

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

OHIO
STATE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Showboat Majestic	Cincinnati Hamilton County
Bookwalter, Francis, House	Springfield Clark County
Third Presbyterian Church (Northminster Presbyterian Church)	Springfield Clark County
St. John Catholic Church	Delphos Allen County
Miller, Daniel, House	West Lafayette vicinity Coshocton County
Greenlawn Cemetery Chapel	Portsmouth Scioto County
Hartville Hotel	Hartville Stark County
Kumler, Elias, House	Oxford Butler County

Also Notified