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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Merryman, Dr. James, House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 5232 Norwich Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Hilliard

N/A vicinity

state Ohio code OH county Franklin code 049 zip code 43026

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings (garages)
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously

listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

SHPO

W. Ray Juce

Date

4/22/88

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.

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Entered in the
National Register

5-26-88

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Other: T-plan

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone

walls brick

roof asbestos

other sandstone

wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Dr. James Merryman House, built in 1879, is an example of a T-plan farm house which exhibits Italianate features characteristic of its period of construction. A substantial house built of brick,* the home is two stories in height with a gabled roofline. The building is set back on a large, deep lot on Norwich Street, an area predominated by frame turn-of-the-century houses. To the rear of the house are two wood frame garages which are considered non-contributing structures.

The house's T-plan is formed by a projecting two-story bay in the center of the east elevation. This projection is flanked by decorative wood porches that shelter front and rear entrances. To the rear of the main house is a one-story, gable-roofed kitchen addition which was added by the original owner and which also features a decorative sawn wood porch.

The vernacular form of the building is given a modest Italianate character mainly through its three wood porches, which feature chamfered posts topped with large brackets and sawn cornice trim. The original front porch was removed during the 1930s and recently replaced by the building's owner, but the two rear porches are both original to the building and have posts and brackets in good condition. The house's tall, thin windows and distinctive two story bays on both the front and side elevations also give modest reference to the Italianate style. The bays exhibit the flat projecting cornice which is a typical feature of the Italianate style, while the gabled roofline of the house lends the building a more vernacular character.

The pair of front entrances, leading to the parlor and the living room, retain their rectangular transoms and Italianate wood doors with double round-headed windows. Windows throughout the building are one-over-one double-hung wood sash and have simple sandstone lintels and sills.

The interior plan of the Merryman House is intact, consisting of the front parlor, living room, dining room, and kitchen on the first floor, and three bedrooms on the second floor. Wood floors, baseboard and window enframements are intact throughout the interior. A notable feature is the curving main staircase which is designed with alternating strips of cherry and oak wainscoting. The interior also features original plaster walls and ceilings.

*sandblasted c. late 1970s

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Continuation Sheet**

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Although simply styled, the Merryman House retains a great deal of architectural integrity in its form, materials and detailing. Replacement of the front porch does not diminish the quality of this structure as an important example of a building type and period of construction in Hilliard.

Two non-contributing garages are on the property; one garage is a fine early 20th century garage, but does not fall within the period of significance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1879

Significant Dates

1879

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Dr. James Merryman House meets National Register criterion C. Built as a T-plan farmhouse with Italianate features, the house is an important example of a prominent building type and style of the late 19th century and is the only brick residence of its type in the original town of Hilliard. This home, built for local physician James M. Merryman, was one of the most prominent residences in the village of Hilliard when it was constructed in 1879. Even today, its scale is grand compared to the simple frame cottages, American four-squares, and Bungalows which characterize Old Hilliard.

The Merryman House is one of four properties in Hilliard which are being nominated to the National Register for their architectural significance and contribution to the development of the town as a rural agricultural community of the 19th century. The buildings are located in "Old Hilliard," as the original town is called, as shown on the attached map.

Old Hilliard represents the original settlement of "Hilliard's Station" as it was platted in 1853 by John Hilliard. Laid out in a grid pattern around the railroad line some ten miles west of Columbus (see map), the community evolved slowly as a railroad town and agricultural center during the next 100 years. The rural origins of Hilliard are still evident in the scattered 19th and early 20th century buildings which remain on Main, Center and Norwich Streets. The grain elevator and lumber yard still stand, along with a handful of commercial buildings, a small number of brick residences, the union school and the church. Mixed in among these buildings are the many frame, middle class and working class houses from both the 19th and early 20th centuries.

In recent years, Hilliard has experienced tremendous growth as the city's boundaries were expanded through annexation and development. The town's population increased from only 610 in 1950 to over 5,600 in 1960, and Hilliard began to take on the character of a suburban bedroom community.

See continuation sheet

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In 1988, Hilliard has become a city of 10,500 which is continuing to grow as additional acres of farmland are developed. In sharp contrast to the city's newer developments, Old Hilliard retains much of its rural character through both lack of development and recent preservation of buildings which were central to its early community life.

The Merryman House, while reflecting the simplicity of the farming village in the extent of its detailing, was certainly thought to be a grand house when built. Only a half dozen homes were built in brick in Hilliard and, of these, the Merryman House is the oldest and largest. Its brick construction distinguishes it from the frame dwellings which characterize the town, and Norwich Street in particular. The brick T-plan is not found elsewhere in Old Hilliard and intact Italianate features are found mostly in commercial buildings and in a few rural farmhouses located outside of the original town boundaries.

The builder of the house was James M. Merryman, a prominent physician who practiced in Norwich Township from 1872 to 1895. Merryman located in Hilliard immediately upon graduation from the medical college of Case Western Reserve University, becoming the fourth doctor to set up practice in the village. In addition to his practice, he opened a drug store on Main Street in Hilliard, where he handled drugs, patent medicines, stationery, school supplies, toilet articles for men and women, paints, varnishes, candy and tobacco. Built seven years after he opened his practice, Merryman's Norwich Street residence attests to his success as a physician and businessman.

While living here, Merryman also served in the Ohio General Assembly from 1896 to 1898. He remained in his Hilliard home until 1902 when he relocated to the city of Columbus. Dr. Merryman was responsible for the early changes to the house, including the rear kitchen addition (where he kept medicines).

The Merryman House today remains in nearly an unchanged condition as one of Old Hilliard's most distinctive early residences. It retains integrity of setting, design, materials, and historical association through such character-defining features as the Italianate bay windows, ornamental wood porches and original entrances.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Taylor, William A. Centennial History of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio, 1909.
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Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 17 315990 4433490
Zone Easting Northing
C _____

B _____
Zone Easting Northing
D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot #92, #94 and #96, City of Hilliard

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lots which have historically been associated with the property.

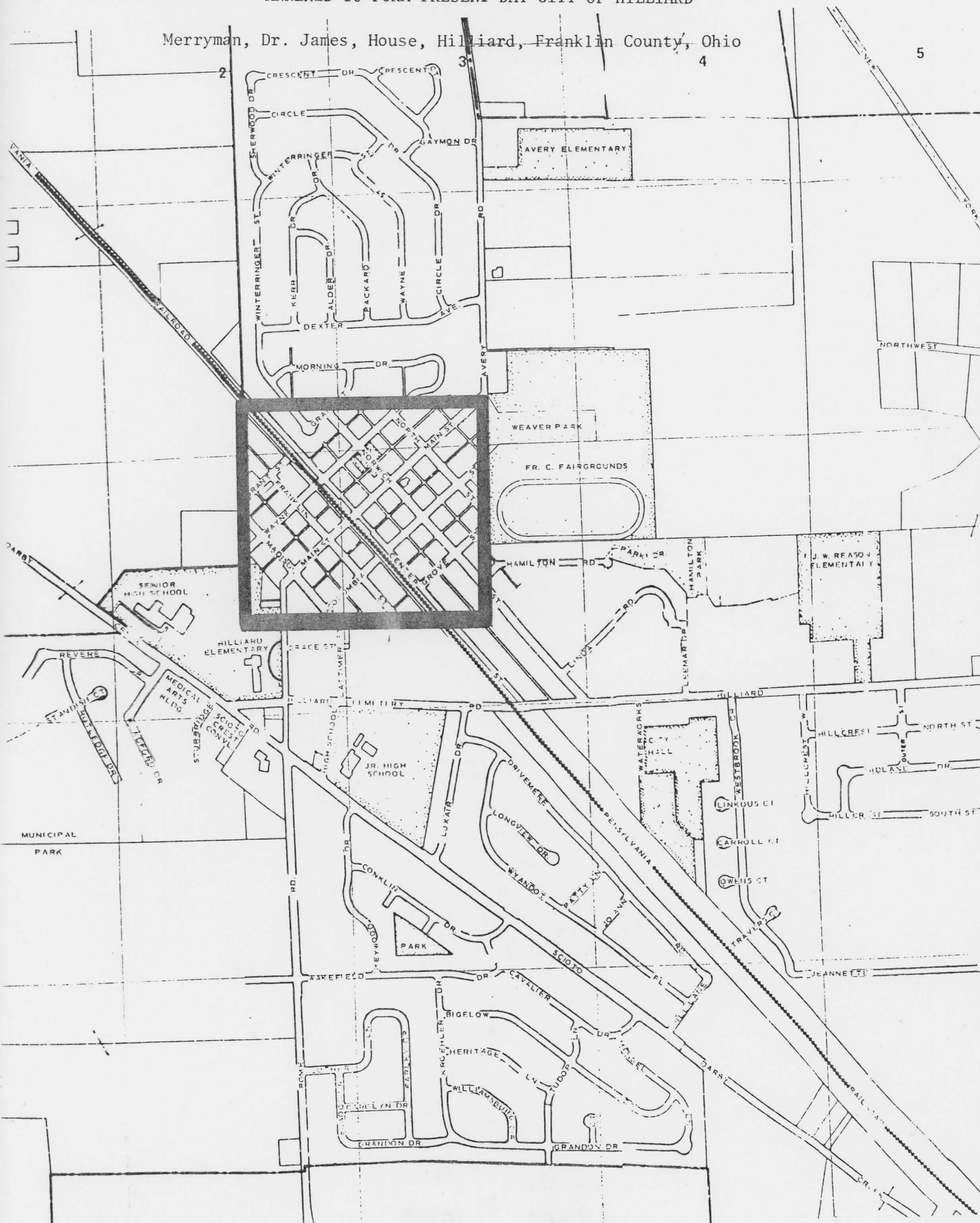
See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Judy Williams, Preservation Consultant
organization Benjamin D. Rickey & Co. date 3/21/88
street & number 391 Library Park South telephone (614) 221-0358
city or town Columbus state Ohio zip code 43215

MAP SHOWING ORIGINAL TOWN OF HILLIARD (OLD HILLIARD) IN CONTEXT OF AREA
ANNEXED TO FORM PRESENT-DAY CITY OF HILLIARD

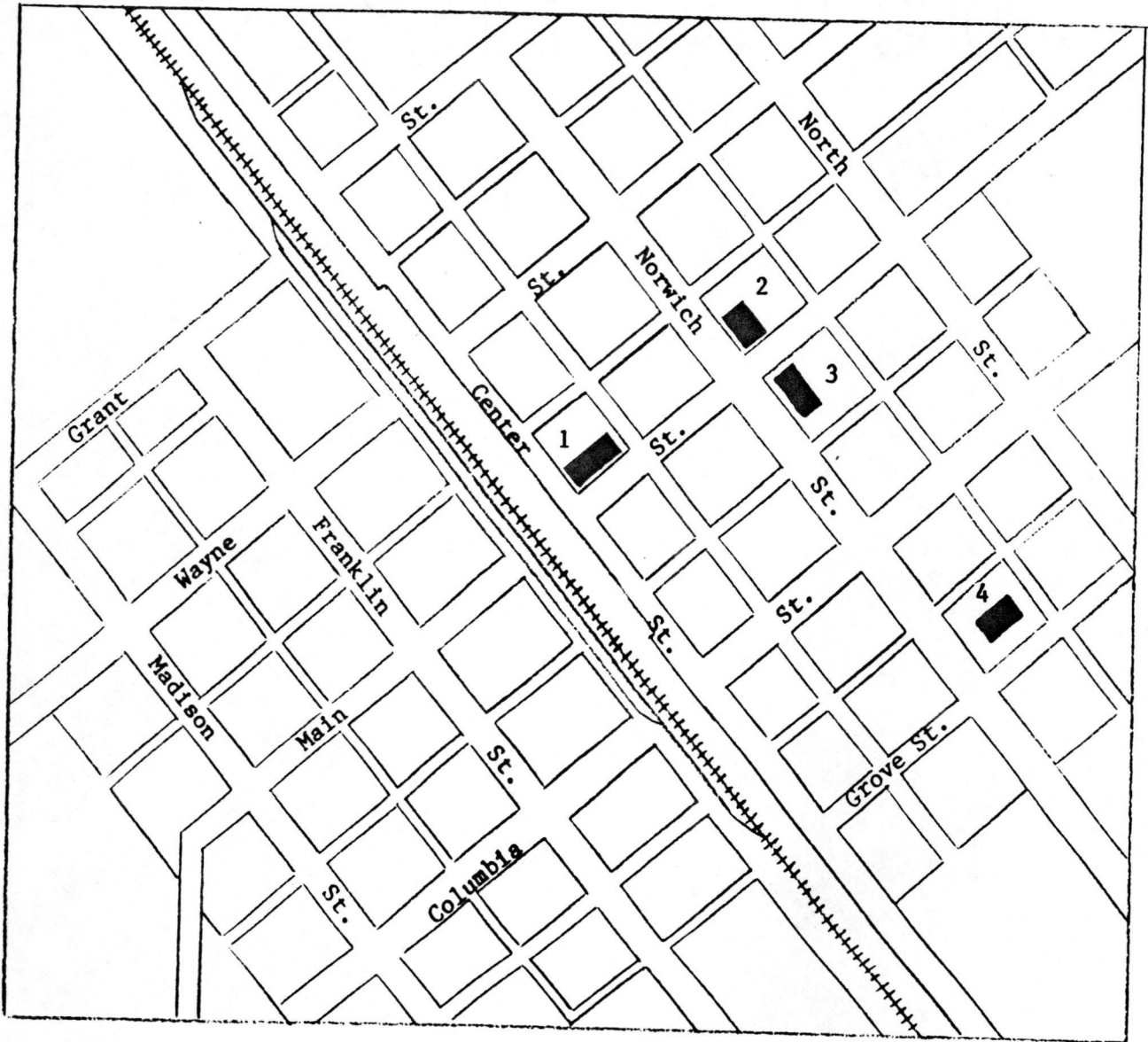
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OLD HILLIARD

(ORIGINAL VILLAGE BOUNDARIES)

Merryman, Dr. James, House, Hilliard, Franklin County, Ohio



LOCATIONS OF PROPERTIES NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER:

1. Winterringer Building
2. Odd Fellows Hall
3. Hilliard Methodist Church
4. Merryman House

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

88000638

Merryman, Dr. James, House
Franklin County
OHIO

APR 25 1988

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-89

Date Due: 5/26/88 - 6/9/88

Action: ACCEPT 5-26-88

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) _____

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Merryman House
5232 Norwich Street
Hilliard, Franklin Co., Ohio
Photo by J. Williams, 9/87
Neg. at 391 Library Park, Cols.

Photo # 1
Looking SE elevation



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Photo # *2*
View of SE elevation, looking
north



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Photo # 3
View of front facade, looking
NE



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Photo # 4
View of front and side elev.,
looking north



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Photo # 5
View of rear and NW elevations,
looking south



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Photo # 4
View of rear porch



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Photo # 7
View of kitchen addn. porch



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Photo # *8*
Interior, view of staircase



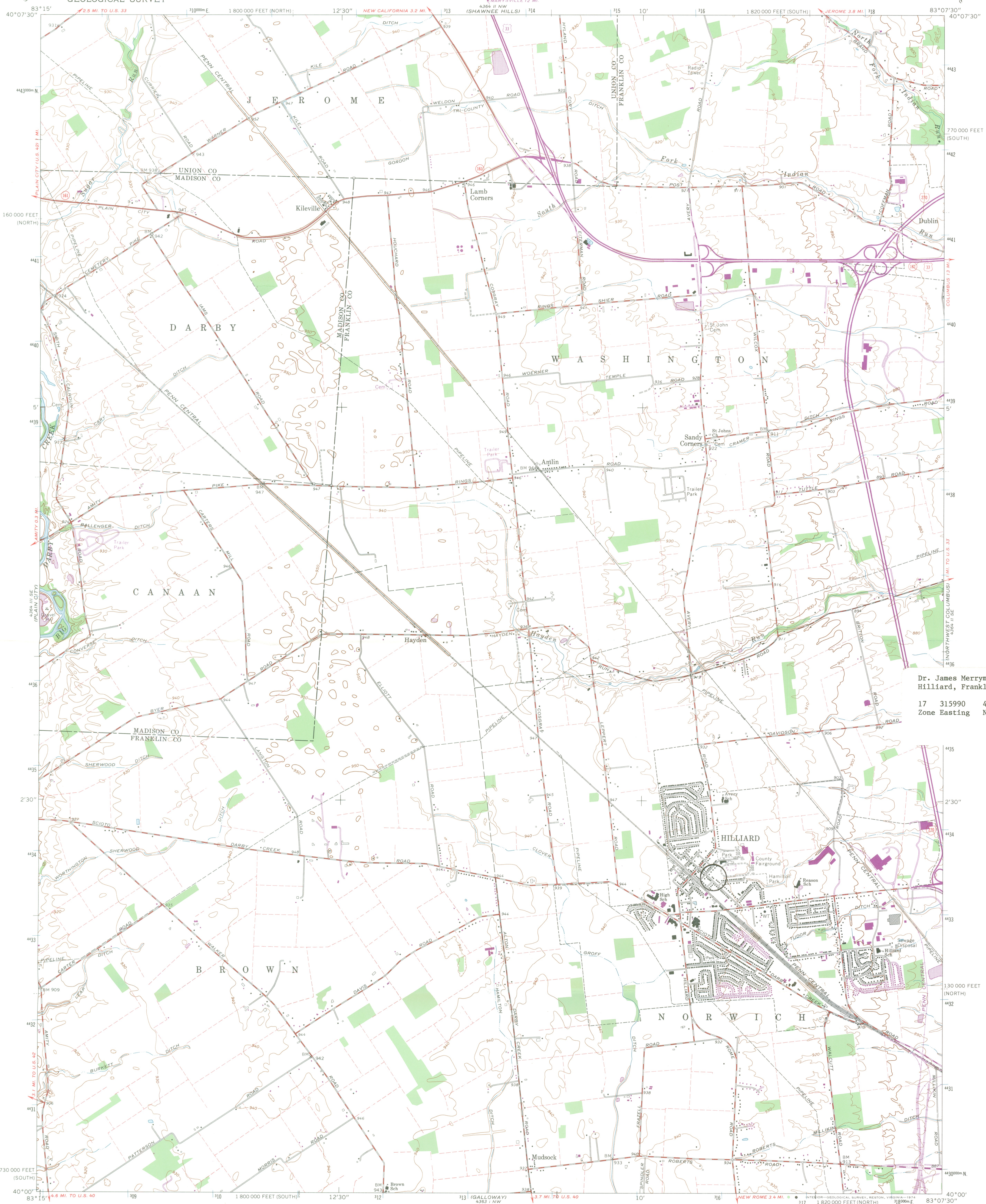
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Photo# 9
Interior, view of living room
window and door trim



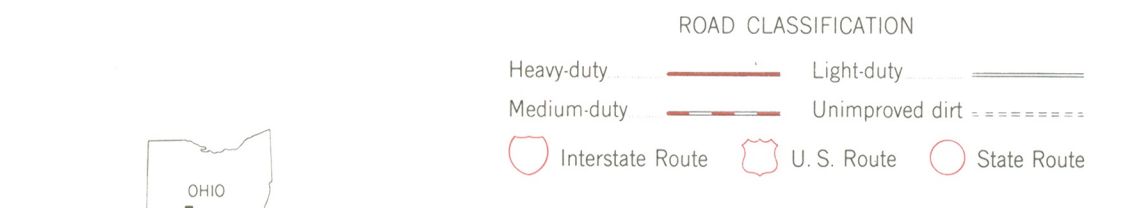
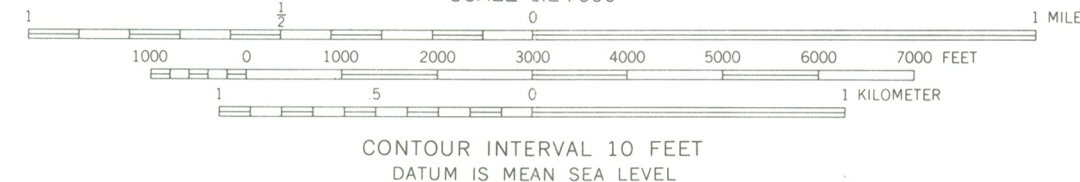
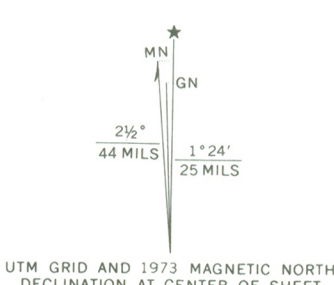
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Photo # 10
View of parlor door and window
trim



Dr. James Merryman House
Hilliard, Franklin Co., Ohio
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Zone Easting Northing

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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1953 and planetable surveys 1954. Revised 1966
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Ohio coordinate system,
south and north zones
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
Entire map lies within the Virginia Military District



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Ohio Historic Preservation Office

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OHIO
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SINCE 1885

April 21, 1988

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Dear Carol:

Enclosed are 6 new National Register nominations. All of the appropriate notification procedures have been followed for these new submissions.

New Submissions

County

Quad Hall
Hilliard Methodist Episcopal Church
Merryman, Dr. James, House
Odd Fellows Hall
Hyman Schriber Building
Frances Building

Cuyahoga
Franklin
Franklin
Franklin
Montgomery
Stark

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL:bp:dh
Enclosures

APR 25 1988