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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number U.S. Route 23 at S.R. 315 not for publication N/A
city, town Delaware vicinity
state Ohio code OH county Delaware code 041 zip code 43015

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Milling Resources of Liberty and Delaware
Townships, Delaware, Ohio, 1804-1896
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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.
Barbara Power 7-18-91
Signature of certifying official Date
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.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

entered in the
National Register

Michael Byer 10/3/91
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/ not in useDomestic/ Single dwelling**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid 19th CenturyEarly Romanesque Revival Elements

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestonewalls Limestone, Sandstoneroof Metalother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Stratford Methodist-Episcopal Church is a detached masonry structure located on the northwest corner of U.S. Route 23 and S. R. 315. Overall it has a rectangular massing, except for the projecting entry pavilion and a small square rear addition. It is two stories high and contains three bays on both the front and side elevations. It is constructed of indigenous limestone. The side and rear elevations are uncoursed rubble and the front entry pavilion is constructed of cut stone laid in courses. Large stone quoins mark the corners. The gable roof has a moderate slope and is standing seam metal. The church's walls are load bearing, being five feet thick at the base and tapering towards the top, and the roof contains a king truss framing system. A steeple, with a dome and cross and covered with asphalt siding, is located astride the roof ridge near the facade.

The front elevation of the entry pavilion is arcaded, dividing the wall plain into three bays. The extradosed arches are set in relief and are divided in half by a limestone stringcourse. Three cruciform arched windows are located on the facade, one located on the second floor of the center arch and the other two flanking the stone infilled central entry arch. The windows and central entry openings have cut stone arch label hoodmolds. The three windows on each side have been replaced with two double hung modern sash windows placed one on top of the other in each arch. The central window bay on the south elevation has been expanded to allow for a door to be put in the opening. All the side window openings still retain their cut stone extradosed arch heads.

A clay block, gable roofed, rear appendage is centered on the back wall of the structure. This addition contains a clay block smokestack that extends beyond the roof line. Except for the smokestack, this alteration is not visible from the road. Interior alterations include construction of a basement, reorienting the sanctuary to face east, and the construction of an interior stage.

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)

Industry
Community Planning & Development

Period of Significance

1844-1896

Significant Dates

1844

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 Old Stratford Methodist-Episcopal Church is being nominated for the National Register under Criterion A for significance to the areas of Industry and Community Planning and Development. The property is associated with the historic mill resources of Liberty and Delaware Townships, Delaware County, Ohio; Historic Context E.2., Steam-powered mills in Delaware and Liberty Townships; c. 1840-1896, property type F.5., "Stone Church". The church also meets Criterion Consideration A for religious properties in that it is significant for historical rather than religious reasons.

The land on which the church was built was part of a 625 acre farm belonging to Forrest Meeker, an early farmer and mill owner, from 1811-1842. Meeker sold another section of his property which included the mill to Judge Hosea Williams and Caleb Howard who remodeled the mill for paper production. The new mill owners proceeded to construct housing for mill workers and in 1841 the name Stratford was given to the growing mill community. Up to this point religious services for the workers were held in a frame boarding house. Because no one Protestant group was dominant in the community, the services were led by an assortment of guest ministers from the town of Delaware.

In 1842 the mill owners recognized the need for a permanent church. They provided building materials and the labor was provided by the mill workers. The land was donated by Forrest Meeker, the former millowner. By the time construction was finished in 1844, the larger number of Methodists in the community dictated the denomination of the new church. A stone parsonage was built c. 1860 on lot #15 in Stratford for the minister. A comparison between historic and modern maps indicate the parsonage has been demolished. See map A.

The owners of the paper mill and the mill workers both played an integral part in the building of the Stratford Church, giving the structure strong association with industry in Stratford. Providing for the needs of a work force large enough to operate the mill included providing for a worship space, religion being a central aspect of most people's lives in the 19th century.

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The church is also significant under Community Planning and Development for its association with the growth of the "mill village" of Stratford. Although the mill was the economic focus of the village, being the reason the community existed, the church provided a spiritual and social focus for the small hamlet, enabling the residents to develop a sense of community beyond the workplace. Now that the paper mill structures are gone the presence of the church helps convey the sense of a historic community to passing motorists on U.S. Rt. 23.

With the closing of the paper mill in 1896, the church had to rely on membership support from local farming families. In 1933 the bell tower was remodeled. In 1938 the congregation received funds to remodel the church interior. A stage was built and the sanctuary was re-oriented to face east and an east entrance installed. A kitchen was added with an addition to the rear of the building and a basement with a furnace was installed. In the 1960s, the congregation moved to a new building and sold the old stone church to private owners.

The nominated structure meets the registration requirements of property type F.5., Stone Church, as well as the integrity requirements for consideration under Criterion A. The property is located on its original site and retains the important features of its setting, namely the openness of the area and its proximity to the mill workers houses. The dominant historic limestone material of the structure is intact, along with the original roof profile. The church also retains the basic features of its design necessary to convey its historic function. The basilica plan is still evident and the overall massing proportions, roof profile, elements of the structural system and fenestration pattern are all intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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UTM References

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See USGS map for related MPD listing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the centerline of State Route 315, said point being S. W. from the point of intersection of the centerlines of State Route 315 and U.S. 23; thence N. 86-36' W. 144.65 feet to an iron pipe, passing over an iron pipe at 44.65 feet; thence S. 02-04' W. 110 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 86-36' E. 144.65 feet to the centerline of State Route 315, passing over an iron pin (found) at 100 feet; thence N. 0204' E. along th centerline of State Route 315, 110 feet to the See continuation sheet point of the beginning

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is that which is historically associated with the nominated structure.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title See Continuation Sheet
organization _____ date May, 1991
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church
Delaware, Ohio
Delaware Township

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Verbal Boundary Description

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED • VOL 408 PAGE 572

JOSEPH A. COLE and MARGARET ANN COLE, His Wife, and
THOMAS B. COLE and MARY ANN COLE, His Wife,

of Delaware County, Ohio

for valuable consideration paid, grant(s), with general warranty covenants, to

RICHARD L. SIMPSON and ALEXE L. SIMPSON

whose last-mailing address is

the following REAL PROPERTY: Situated in the County of Delaware in the State
of Ohio and in the Township of Delaware :

Being in Range 19, Township 4, Section 1, Part of Lot 13, United States Military
Lands:

Beginning at a point on the centerline of State Route 315, said point being S.
02-04' W. 7.61 feet from the point of intersection of the centerlines of State
Route 315 and U.S. Route 23; thence N. 86-36' W. 144.65 feet to an iron pipe,
passing over an iron pipe at 44.65 feet; thence S. 02-04' W. 110.00 feet to an
iron pipe; thence S. 86-36' E. 144.65 feet to the centerline of State Route 315,
passing over an iron pin (found) at 100.00 feet; thence N. 02-04' E. along the
centerline of State Route 315, 110.00 feet to the point of beginning. Contain-
ing 0.36 acres.

Subject to all legal highways and easements of record.

The above description prepared from a survey by Frances E. Fravel of the same
premises last conveyed in Deed Book No. 24, page 387 and Deed Book No. 120,
page 263, Recorder's Office, Delaware County, Ohio.

Prior Instrument Reference: Vol. 330 Page 735 of the Deed Records of Delaware
County, Ohio. Margaret Ann Cole and Mary Ann Cole, wives of

Grantors releases all rights of dower therein. Witness their hand(s) this
day of September, 1976.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:
1. Joseph A. Cole
2. Margaret Ann Cole
3. Thomas B. Cole

witness
1. Shirley L. Rogers
2. Mary Ann Cole
witness Bruce C. Michollett
MARY ANN COLE

State of Ohio County of Delaware Butler ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 16th day of September, 1976, before me,
the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally came,
Joseph A. Cole and Margaret Ann Cole, His Wife, and
Thomas B. Cole and Mary Ann Cole, His Wife, the Grantor(s) in the
foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this day
and year aforesaid.

This instrument was prepared by James W. H. Hines, Attorney Notary Public, Butler & Hamilton Counties Ohio
My Commission Expires Jan 30, 1979

Delaware County
The Grantor has complied with
Section 113.02 of the O. C. C.
and has paid the fee of \$17.00.
This instrument was recorded
and is hereby certified to be
a true and correct copy of the
original as recorded in the
Recorder's Office, Delaware County,
Ohio.

DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO
FILED FOR RECORD JUN 1 - 1977
AT 2:50 O'CLOCK P.M.
RECORDED JUNE 10th 1977
Doc# 408 PAGE 572
REC'D
COLLEGE RECORDER
FEE \$ 5.00

* See Sections 1202.03 and 1202.06 Ohio Revised Code.

APPROVED
RECORDER OF DEEDS
OTTO L. SHULTEN

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Photograph list

Photographer: Richard Noll

Date: June 1990

Location of Negatives: Delaware County Historical Society

1. S.E. Elevation
2. N.E. Elevation
3. Rear Addition, S.W. Elevation
4. Rear Addition, N.W. Elevation
5. Interior, S.W. Corner
6. Interior Loft Area, East End

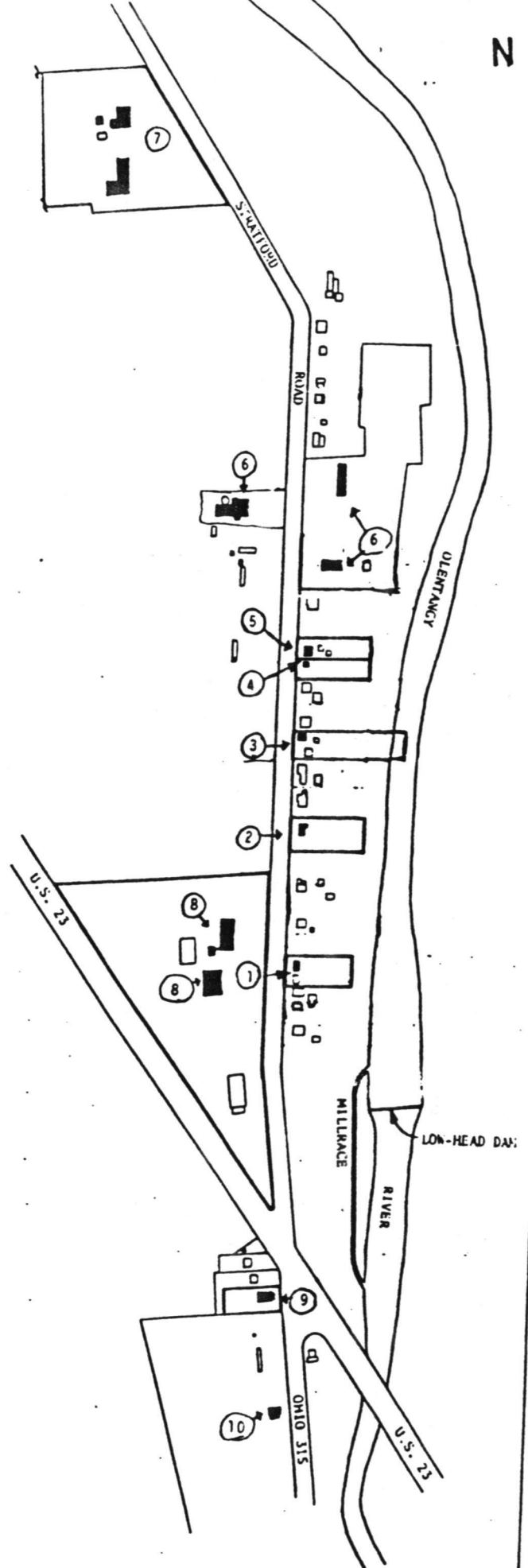
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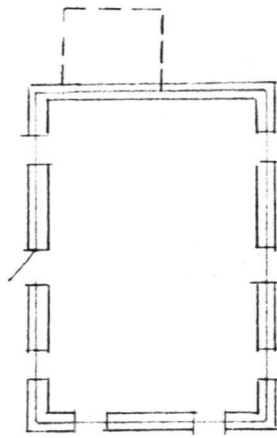
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STRATFORD, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

- 1) Mill worker House #1
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- 3) Mill worker House #3
- 4) Mill worker House #4
- 5) Mill worker House #5
- 6) Norman D. Perry House & Farm
- 7) George Bieber House and Farm
- 8) Forrest Meeker House and Farm
- 9) Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church
- 10) Mill worker Boarding House

Contributing properties: ■

Non-contributing properties: □





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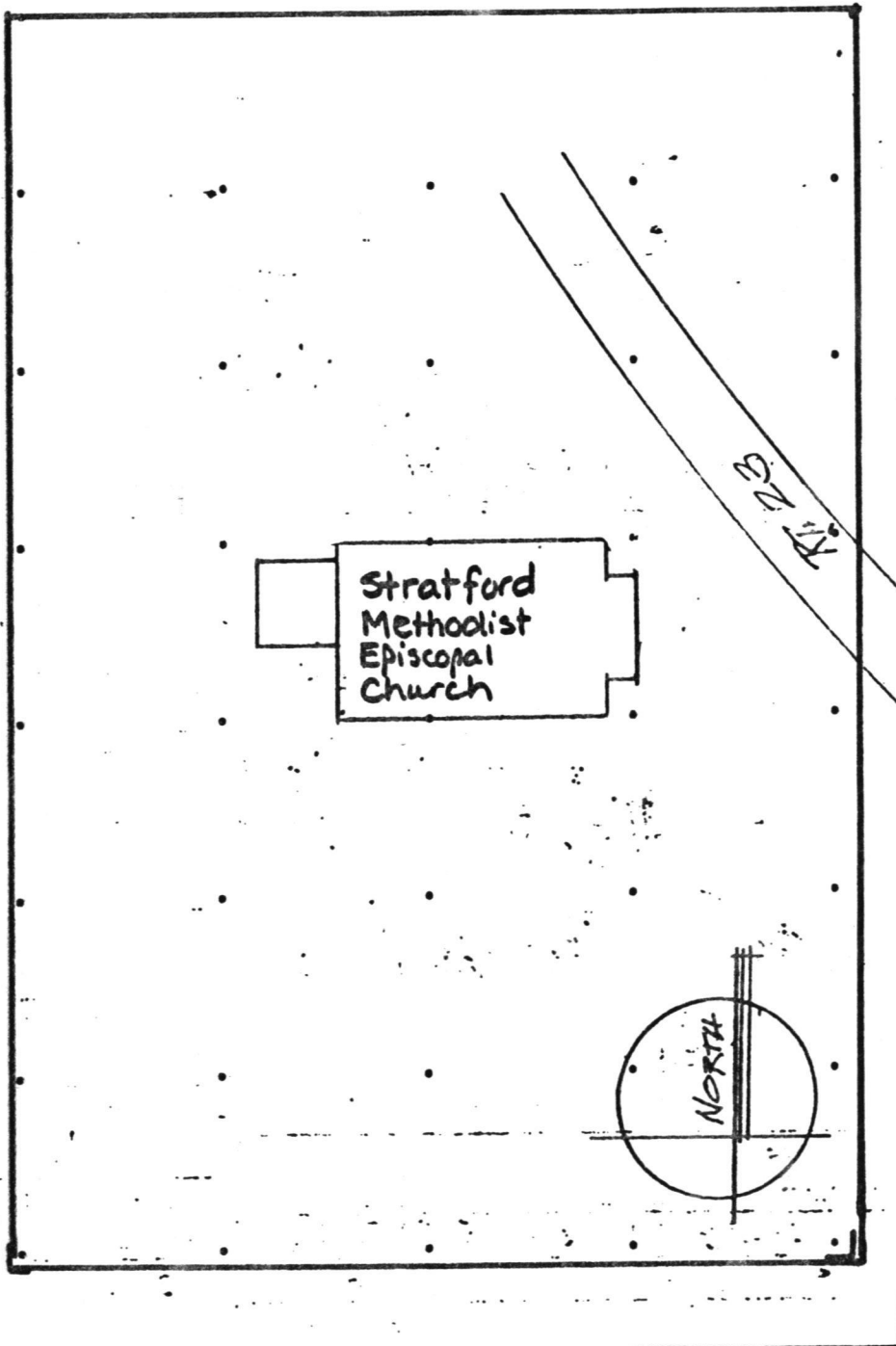
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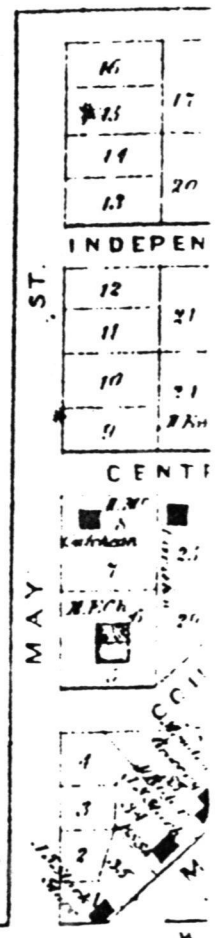
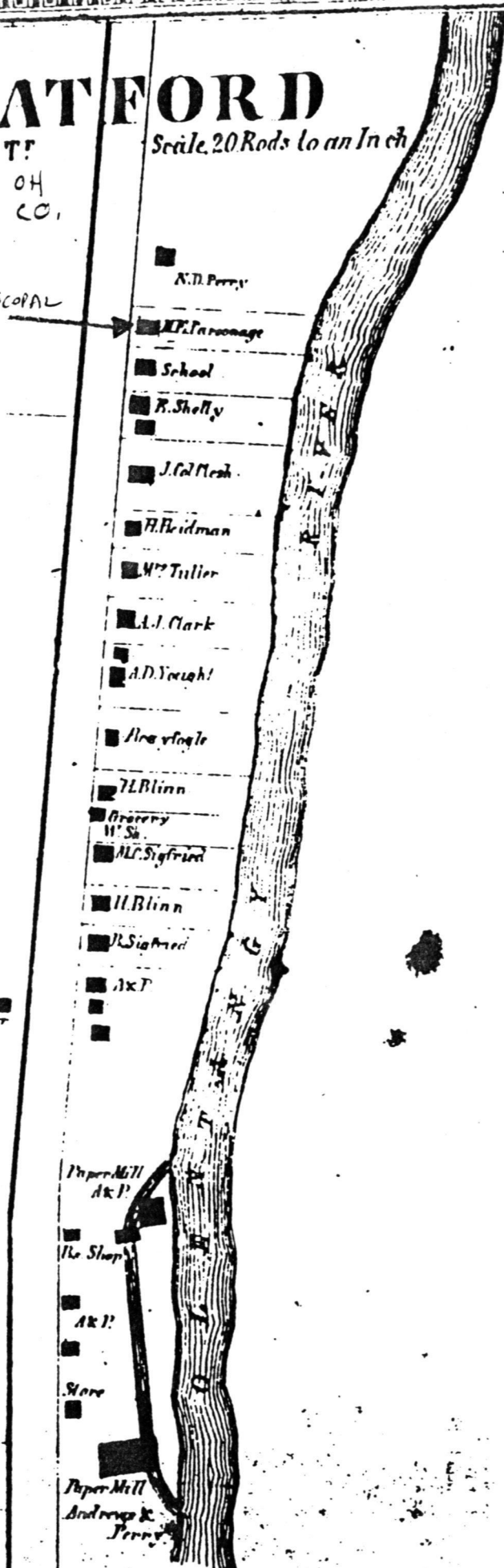
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H. Lendenbeyer

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STRATFORD ADVERTISING DIRECTORY.

Andrew & Perry, Proprietors of Stratford Paper Mills
A. D. Youghl, Foreman in
Charge of the Mills

STRATFORD
METHODIST EPISCOPAL
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Historic Mill-Related Resources of Liberty and Delaware Townships MPS

OHIO

		Date Listed	
COVER		<u>10/3/91</u>	Substantive Review
1. Bieber, George, House and Farm	Substantive Review	<u>10/3/91</u>	
2. Bieber, James, Saw Mill Ruins	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
3. Meeker, Forrest, House and Farm	Substantive Review	<u>10/3/91</u>	
4. Mill Worker House No. 1	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
5. Mill Worker House No. 3	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
6. Mill Worker House No. 4	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
7. Mill Worker House No. 5	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
8. Perry, Norman Dewey, House	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
9. Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church	Entered in the National Register	<u>10/3/91</u>	
10. Hinkle, James, Woolen Mill Ruins and House	DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review	<u>10/3/91</u>	Determined Eligible
11. Mill Worker House No. 2	DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review	<u>10/3/91</u>	Determined Eligible

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Mill-Related Resources of Liberty and Delaware Town
ships MPS

STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Delaware

DATE RECEIVED: 8/19/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/04/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/20/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/03/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001436

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 10/3/91 DATE Entered in the National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

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

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