

1388

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

RECEIVED

NOV 08 1993

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL
REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fledderjohann, H.E. House, Doctor's Office, and Summer Kitchen

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 107 E. German Street N/A not for publication

city or town New Knoxville N/A vicinity

state Ohio code OH county Auglaize code 011 zip code 45871

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Barbara Powell 11-3-93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Ohio Historic Preservation Office-SHPO
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Joseph M. Lapsley 12/10/93
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Entered in the National Register

Fledderjohann, H.E. House
Name of Property

Auglaize Ohio
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling
Health Care/Clinic
Domestic/Secondary Structure

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture/Museum
Vacant
Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate
Queen Anne

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone
walls brick, aluminum
wood
roof slate
other asphalt

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Permalife

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1 H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctors Office, & Summer
Kitchen; Auglaize Co., OH

The Dr. H.E. Fledderjohann house, doctor's office, and summer kitchen are located on a residential street near the center of New Knoxville, Auglaize County, Ohio, a primarily rural county in the West-Central part of the state. The nominated property includes all but one of the original buildings, a barn which was demolished several years ago. Historic photographs (1,2) show the original arrangement of the buildings, including the barn and the earlier appearance of the house and doctor's office. Current photographs (3,4) show the remaining buildings as they appear today.

House

The house was built in about 1879. The primary identifying feature of this one-and-a-half story, balloon frame building is a gabled ell (5) with its main entrance and funeral door sheltered by a veranda and facing the intersection of German and Mill Streets. However, additional views of the house reveal that it was basically cross-shaped until the construction of a one-story flat roof addition for a bathroom and closet in 1950. The addition is also identified by its neo-Colonial balustrade and octagon window (6).

The Fledderjohann house sits on a brick foundation now covered with concrete. Though the original clapboard siding, window sashes, and lintels were covered with aluminum siding in 1950 several other original details remain. They include the 4/4 double hung windows; an oval window in the front gable; the two panel front door with its paired round arch windows and oval transom; the veranda with its sawn ornamental columns and fretwork; and small gable roof entrance porches with ornamental brackets at the rear and basement entrances (7). Two ridge chimneys, evident in an earlier photograph, have been dismantled and wood exterior storm windows have been installed.

The main alteration was the installation of new hardwood flooring in 1989. The original woodwork and doors have been maintained (8).

Doctor's Office

The most significant and unusual of the three remaining buildings on the property is the doctor's office (9). Constructed in 1888, the brick t-shaped one-and-a-half story building sits on a limestone foundation and dressed stone

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 2 H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctors Office, & Summer
Kitchen; Auglaize Co., OH

watertable. The two bay facade includes a pointed arch window and door surround with brick course pointed arch lintels capped with stone. The two light door has a sawn ornamental relief design. The facade window, and those on all other elevations, have plain lug sills. The main feature of the facade is a sawn ornamental, trussed projecting eave with pendant. The East and West elevations have segmental arches, 1/1 windows with brick course segmental arch lintels. The gables of all three elevations have oculus windows (10). The rear elevation has a single segmental arch door surround with a four panel door. Rounded brackets protrude slightly from a jerkin-head gable roof, covered with slate and highlighted with a wood frame. The original slate roof was replaced in 1988, using old slate from the roof of a demolished barn, cut to match the original common lap and hexagonal design. A large brick ridge chimney protrudes from the rear of the facade gable near the center of the building.

Sidewalks lead from German Street to the main entrance and from the rear door to the rear of the house (11).

The interior of the doctor's office remains unaltered, but is in need of major restoration work to repair cracked plaster and damaged floor boards. Significant interior features include a coved plastered ceiling, original wood work, drawers and shelves, louvered wood shutters, floor registers, and door and window hardware (12,13,14).

Summer Kitchen

The one story summer kitchen is a rectangular, gable roof frame building covered with novelty siding and corner boards. Entrance to the summer kitchen is through a four paneled door. A single 4/4 double hung window is located on all four elevations of the property and single diamond shaped windows are located in the two gable ends. A standing seam metal roof covers the building and a brick chimney protrudes from the roof ridge (15).

Fledderjohann, H.E. House
Name of Property

Auglaize Ohio
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Health/Medicine

Period of Significance

1886 - 1940

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Fledderjohann, Dr. H.E.

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 1 H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctors Office, & Summer
Kitchen; Auglaize Co., OH

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Introduction

The Dr. H.E. Fledderjohann house, doctor's office, and summer kitchen are nominated under Criterion B, as the properties most clearly associated with Dr. Henry E. Fledderjohann, a leading physician in New Knoxville from 1886 to 1940. It was in these buildings that he lived and practiced for over fifty years and where he continued to live until his death in 1950. Dr. Fledderjohann's standing as a physician who treated the illnesses and delivered the babies of many families in New Knoxville, coupled with his reputation as a "crack shot, straight talker, and a character" who continued to use his horse and buggy to make house calls throughout his years of practice, has earned a significant place for him in local history. In addition, his 52 year practice is representative of the methods by which medical care was dispensed in small towns and rural areas during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a period when the family doctor was a small town institution. In fact, Dr. Fledderjohann's medical career was so lengthy that it spanned the years during which the practice of medicine was revolutionized and many deadly diseases were brought under control.

Historical Background

Dr. Fledderjohann's father was one of four immigrants who came to Ohio from Ladbergen, Germany (formerly Prussia) in 1836, to clear the land for the settlement of New Knoxville. In succeeding years, scores of family and friends followed them to the settlement. During this period, the Miami and Erie Canal was being constructed, and many German immigrants arrived in the area from Cincinnati via this transportation corridor. Some obtained jobs helping to build the canal, while others prospered from the new markets and commercial enterprises it generated.

Dr. Fledderjohann was born in Washington Township in 1855. He attended New Bremen High School, then taught for two years. He continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1886. He opened his own practice in New Knoxville in 1888 after practicing in St. Marys for two years.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 2 H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctors Office, & Summer
Kitchen; Auglaize Co., OH

During the years of his practice, smallpox, tuberculosis, diphtheria, and other deadly diseases were brought under control. Diagnosis by observation was gradually supplemented with laboratory testing. The practice of bleeding was gradually abandoned. In a 1949 interview, the doctor recalled epidemics of smallpox, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, and flu. He told of using chloroform as an anesthetic because ether was explosive and could not be used near his kerosene lamps. While urban doctors increasingly turned to specialization and gave up house calls, Dr. Fledderjohann, like many other small town doctors, continued in general practice and made rounds of house calls. His ability to speak high and low German as well as English was an important asset in the large ethnic German community.

Like many doctors of the time, Dr. Fledderjohann also sold his own "patent" medicines, which were actually proprietary medicines of the doctor's own invention. Dr. Fledderjohann was known for having his own internal poison ivy medicine as well as treatments for cold symptoms and goitre. His medicines were so widely recognized in the local community that during World War I, some soldiers wrote to him requesting his poison ivy medication. Dr. Fledderjohann practiced homeopathic medicine; that is, he believed that drugs normally harmful if taken in large amounts could be used beneficially in very small amounts.

The house, doctor's office, and summer kitchen are the most visible evidence of the legacy of Dr. Fledderjohann's life and work as a prominent small town physician. More importantly, they symbolize a simpler, slower pace of life, a time when the small town general practitioner was both a neighbor and a highly regarded member of the community, respected both for his education and his ability to heal.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 9 Page 1

H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctors Office, & Summer
Kitchen; Auglaize Co., OH

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Gottfried, Herbert, and Jennings, Jan, American Vernacular Design,
Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1988.

Jackie, John, The American Small Town, Twentieth Century Place Images,
Archon Books, 1982.

Kay, Andrew, Living Biographies, 1949.

Malmsheimer, Richard, Doctors Only, New York: Greenwood Press, 1988.

McMurray, William S., ed., History of Auglaize County, Ohio, Vol. 2,
Indianapolis: Historical Publishing Company, 1923.

New Knoxville Our Times Sesquicentennial, Chelsea, Mi.: Bookcrafters, 1986.

Novotny, Ann and Smith, Carther, eds., Images of Healing,
Macmillan Publishing Company, Inc., 1980.

Starr, Paul, The Social Transformation of American Medicine,
New York: Basic Books, Inc., 1982.

Fledderjohann, H.E. House
Name of Property

Auglaize Ohio
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.5 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1

1	6
---	---

7	2	7	5	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	4	8	5	7	8	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Zone Easting Northing

3

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Zone Easting Northing

2

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

4

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Glenn Harper, Regional Coordinator, Janet Peterson, Intern, WSU

organization Ohio Historic Preservation Office, SW Region date 02-03-93
Wright State University

street & number Department of History telephone (513) 873-2815

city or town Dayton state Ohio zip code 45435

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name New Knoxville Historical Society

street & number 107 E. German St. telephone _____

city or town New Knoxville state OH zip code 45871

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 10 Page 1 H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctors Office, & Summer
Kitchen; Auglaize Co., OH

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

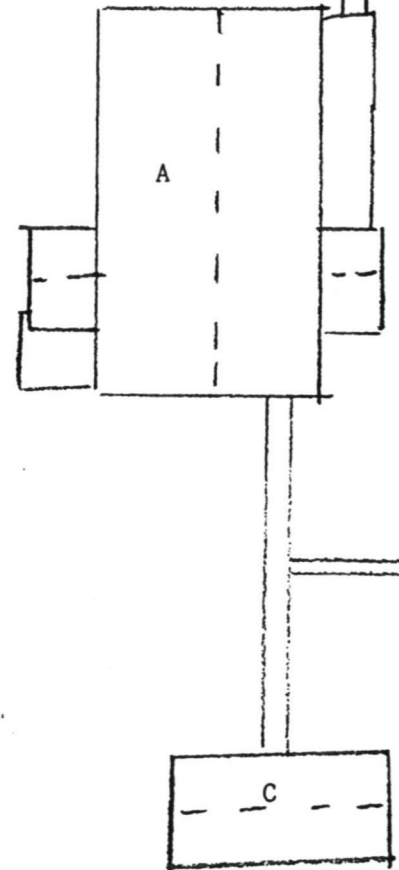
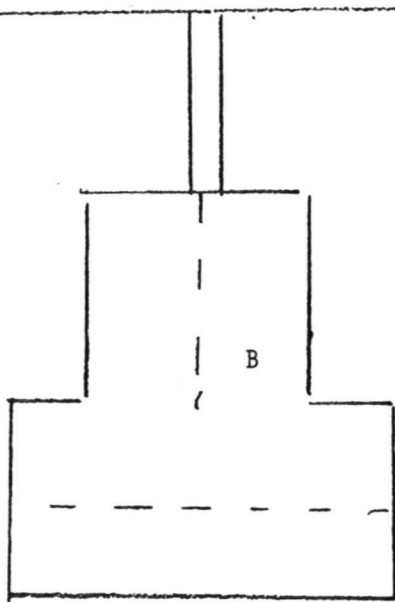
The nominated property consists of lots 59 and 60 in New Knoxville. The residence and summer kitchen are located on lot 59 at the intersection of German and Mill Streets. The doctor's office is on lot 60 which adjoins lot 59 on the West.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries for the nominated property follow the city lots' boundaries as originally platted.

H.E. Fledderjohann, House, Doctor's Office and Summer Kitchen
107 E. German Street
New Knoxville, Auglaize County, Ohio 45871

GERMAN STREET



ALLEY



LEGEND
A-House
B-Doctor's Office
C-Summer Kitchen

ALLEY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fledderjohann, H. E., House, Doctor's Office and Summer Kitchen

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Auglaize

DATE RECEIVED: 11/08/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/24/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/10/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/23/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001388

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

Entered in the
National Register

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/10/93 DATE

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



1 DR H E FLEDDER JOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



2

DR HE FLEDDER JOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO., OH



③ 2

DR HE FLEDDER JOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE OH AUBLAIZE CO



DR HE FLEDDERJOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



~~7~~ 5 DR HE FLEDDERJOHANN
PROPERTY

NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



~~6~~ DR HE FLEDDER JOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



⑤ 7 DR H.E. FLEDDERJOHANN

NEW KNOXVILLE OH AUGLAIZE CO.



~~8~~

DR H.E. FLEDDER JOHANN
PROPERTY

NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO
OH



9 DR H. E. FLEDDERJOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



~~15~~ 10 DR H.E. FLEDDERJOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



11 DR. H.E. FEDDERJOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, AUGLAIZE CO, OH



R DR H.E. FUEDDERJOHANN

PROPERTY

NEW KNOXVILLE, ADAMS CO, OH



13 DR HE. FLEDDERJOHANN
PROPERTY

NEW KNOXVILLE OH
AUGLAIZE CO



124

DR H. E. FLEDDERJOHANN

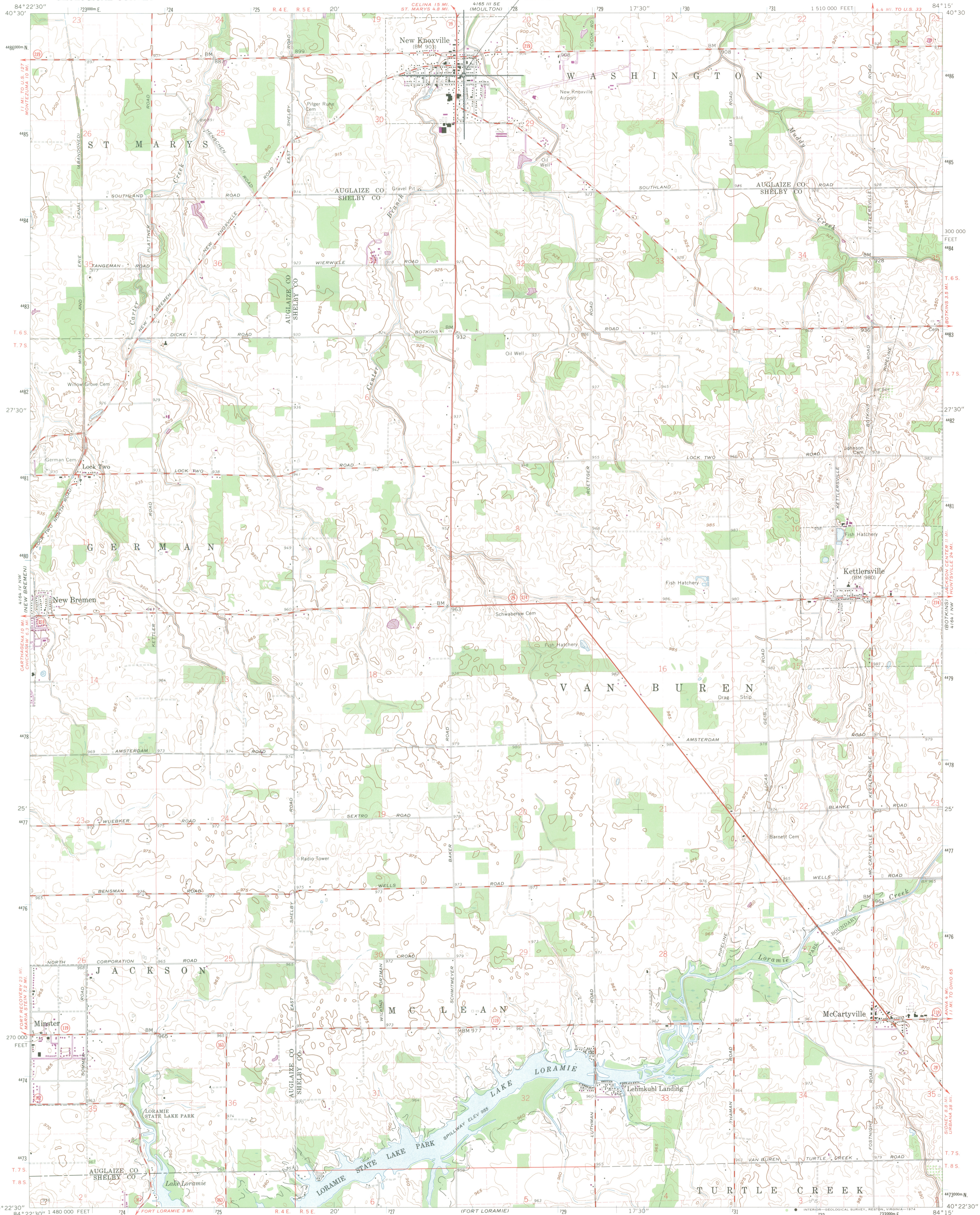
PROPERTY

NEW KNOXVILLE OH AUGLAIZE
CO

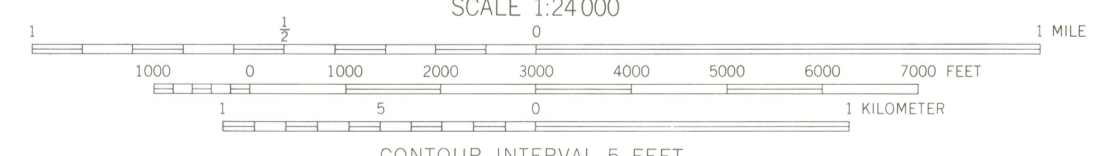
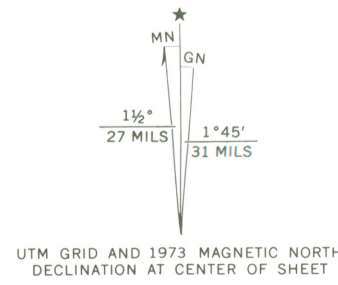


15

X DR H.E. FLEDDER JOHANN PROPERTY
NEW KNOXVILLE, OH, AUGLAIZE CO.



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1959-60. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection: 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Entire area lies within Congress Lands
Land lines based on the First Principal Meridian
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
State Route	

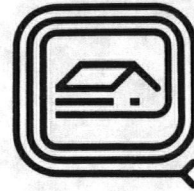
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1973. This information not field checked

NEW KNOXVILLE, OHIO
N 4022.5-W 8415/7.5
1961
PHOTOREVISED 1973
AMS 4164 IV NE-SERIES V852

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center
1982 Velma Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211-2497
614/297-2470
Fax: 297-2411



**OHIO
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**
SINCE 1885

November 4, 1993

Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
P. O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

RECEIVED

NOV 08 1993

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find six (6) new National Register nominations. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for these new submissions.

NEW SUBMISSION	COUNTY
H. E. Fledderjohann House, Doctor's Office, and Summer Kitchen	Auglaize
New Richmond Water Works and Electric Station	Clermont
Insko Apartments Building	Montgomery
United Brethren Publishing House	Montgomery
Luman Nelson House	Portage
John Kaiser House	Washington

If you have questions or comments about these documents, contact this office.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

enclosures