#### NPS Form 10-900 United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form JAN - 6 2017

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register of Historic Places Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being Park Service documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

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OMB No. 1024-0018

#### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Tinnerman Steel Range Company\_\_\_\_\_

Other names/site number: <u>Tinnerman Stove & Range Company, Tinnerman Products, Inc.</u> Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing

### 2. Location

Street & number: 2048 Fulton Road

City or town: _Cleve	land	Stat	e: OH	County: Cuyahoga	
Not For Publication:		Vicinity:	N/A		

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this  $\underline{X}$  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  $\underline{X}$  meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

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Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Governm	ent

In my opinion, the property meets	_ does not meet the National Register criteria.		
Signature of commenting official:	Date		
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

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- 4. National Park Service Certification
- I hereby certify that this property is:
- V entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- \_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register
- \_\_\_\_ other (explain:)

Date of Action Signature of the Keeper

## 5. Classification

#### **Ownership of Property**

(Check as many box	es as apply.)
Private:	x
Public – Local	
Public – State	

Public - Federal

#### **Category of Property**

Building(s)	x
District	
Site	
Structure	
Object	

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### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously lis	ted resources in the count)	
Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_0

6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.) <u>INDUSTRY/manufacturing facility</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.) VACANT/NOT IN USE\_

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#### 7. Description

#### **Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.) <u>LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY</u> <u>AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Commercial Style</u> <u>OTHER</u>

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property: <u>Brick, Concrete, Stone/Limestone,</u> <u>Synthetics/Rubber, Metal/Steel Glass</u>

#### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

#### **Summary Paragraph**

The Tinnerman Steel Range Company constructed its manufacturing building in the middle of a residential block, south of Lorain Avenue between Fulton Road (formerly Willett St.) and W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street (formerly Mechanic St.) in the Ohio City neighborhood of Cleveland (Figures 1 & 2). Constructed over a nearly sixty-year period, the manufacturing facility started with an original building in c.1893 with a series of additions required to accommodate company growth and expansion. The brick building sections within the block without street frontage can be described as utilitarian and industrial, with no architectural detail to speak of. The 1914 three-story addition that gave the manufacturing facility street frontage on Fulton Road (Photos 1-5) was designed by architect William J. Carter,<sup>1</sup> who went on to design the Lorain Street Savings & Trust Company Building and the Miles Park Masonic Temple in Cleveland, as well as a number of other manufacturing/warehouse buildings and apartment buildings.<sup>2</sup> The Fulton addition gave the company a front door and an identity as business was booming and the company name was changed to the Tinnerman Stove & Range Company. Building continued by Tinnerman into the early 1950s, and all buildings were eventually connected both on the interior and exterior.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Warehouse Building Permit, *The Plain Dealer*, 4 June 1914, p. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cleveland Architects Database, Cleveland Landmarks Commission.

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## The Tinnerman Steel Range Company Building Construction Chronology & Summary:

1881 – Future Tinnerman site is still small residential parcels and vacant lots (Figure 3).

1886 – Same, (Figure 4).

1892 – Site of first the Tinnerman building has been cleared and is a vacant parcel (Figure 5, indicated with a star).

1894 – 1886 Sanborn Map corrected to 1894 shows a two-story building on the triangular lot with the notation "STEEL RANGE M'F'Y" (Figure 6); in 1894 the area south of this view was not mapped so no further information on any other Tinnerman construction in 1894 is available.

1896 – A second building, which was constructed at the same time or right after the first building (label 1 added to Figure 7), appears south of the original building on the south side of a narrow alley; the map shows the nearly-square, second building (label 2 added to Figure 7), a rectangular foundation to the south with a note that it will receive a two-story addition (label 3 added to Figure 7), and houses on the adjacent parcels to the west and south (Figure 7).

1898 – Map shows the entire east half of the parcel between the alley and Bell (Vinton) St. built out with residential still adjacent to the west and south (Figure 8).

1912 – Same mid-block building and parcel configurations (Figures 9 & 10); three-story addition on Fulton constructed in 1914 will replace two houses to the east of the triangular Tinnerman parcels (labeled "SHOP").

1922 – Footprint of brick three-story 1914 addition on Fulton shown on plat map (Figure 11).

1937 – Tinnerman Stove & Range Company clearly shown on map with same mid-block building configurations and a connector across the alley (Figure 12).

1940 – 1937 Hopkins Map used to show alleys vacated by the City of Cleveland to allow significant expansion of Tinnerman due to WWII manufacturing contracts (Figure 13).

1951 – Maps showing expansion and construction of additions and three, small free-standing buildings; the construction stopped at the vacated China Ct. SW (Figure 14) with parking from the vacated alley south to Chatham Ave. SW (Figure 15).

1952 – Same (Figure 16).

1959 – Aerial view of Tinnerman showing small free-standing buildings at south end of the property (Figure 17).

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Name of Property County and State 1979 - Aerial view of Tinnerman showing small free-standing buildings gone and additions the same or similar to existing conditions at south end of the property (Figures 18 & 2).

#### **Narrative Description**

Built c.1893 by George A. Tinnerman on a small parcel that had been cleared of residential buildings by 1892 (Figures 3-6), the building was sandwiched in at the rear of the residential properties fronting on Fulton Road and W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street. The location of the new manufacturing facility was near George Tinnerman's hardware store at the corner of Lorain and Fulton (no longer extant). Trained as a tinner, Tinnerman first opened his store selling stoves and tinware c.1868, and by 1874 the business had evolved into a general hardware store. Tinnerman developed significant ideas for improving the stoves he sold through his hardware store, and by 1888 was listed as a stove manufacturer in city directories.

Somewhat inaccessible today because of adjacent properties and fencing, the two-story, flatroofed, brick and heavy timber building constructed by the Tinnerman Steel Range Company c.1893 was irregular in shape to maximize the confined, triangular-shaped lot that was only accessible from narrow flanking alleys on the east and west side of the parcel and from an alley that provided access from W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street (Photos 6-9, Figures 6 & 20). The unadorned brick building features large masonry openings with a newer metal overhead dock door and industrial steel sash windows, some of which are in place today but have been covered over the years with a variety of materials including siding and boards. Other windows have been replaced and some have been removed and the masonry openings infilled with concrete block (Photo 4), likely reflecting changes in use and security given the location in the middle of a block. By 1896, the company had expanded south across a small alley onto two additional formerly residential parcels where a one-story, brick and heavy timber manufacturing building was constructed and a foundation was put in place for the next addition (Figures 7-9), which was likely built the same year and essentially matches the construction details of the adjacent building. By 1912, a small brick connector had been built across the alley between the two buildings. The space between the buildings was infilled later but the exact date is unknown.

The most significant addition (Photos 1-5) was designed by William J. Carter and was constructed in 1914 facing Fulton Road. The three-story, flat-roofed, brick, steel and reinforced concrete addition sits at the sidewalk. It's three structural bays wide, seven structural bays deep, with an abandoned water tower platform and shaft rising above the parapet at the northwest corner of the addition, a stair tower at the southeast corner set back slightly from the front elevation, and elevator tower at the southwest corner. At the rear, the addition abuts the east side of the original two-story building.

To the north of the stair tower, which has an entrance with a metal replacement door at the base, the front (east) elevation has two masonry openings in the first and third structural bays that used to provide vehicle access in and out of the building. The original doors and decorative, bracketed roof hoods are no longer in place (Figure 19). One dock opening is no longer used and

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is boarded from the inside. The other has a modern rolling metal dock door mounted on the face of the building and a secondary overhead door mounted from the inside of the opening. Between the two loading bays are three masonry window openings covered with signage graphics and a surface-mounted sign from the most recent tenant. Above on the second and third floors, there are paired masonry window openings over the dock bays flanking the center bay, which has three windows on each floor. The original windows have been replaced on this elevation with newer aluminum hoppers and single-hung sash. Boards slightly inset within the masonry opening cover six of the seven masonry openings on the third floor. Simple ornamentation completes the elevation with projecting header bricks stacked to create vertical panels on the brick piers between each structural bay as well as on the stair tower bay. Stone appointments accent the piers at the third floor and parapet levels. The brick and stone detail is repeated to create a small, rectangular, horizontal panel above each window on the third floor. Stone caps the top of the parapet wall.

The north and south elevations of the 1914 addition consist of plain, slightly projecting brick piers with large expansive masonry-framed openings running pier to pier on every floor (Photos 4 & 5). Most openings still have the original industrial steel sash windows that have been covered from the outside with a variety of materials including acrylic panels, metal and siding. The original windows have been removed from several openings and have been replaced with glass block or newer windows. The original industrial steel sash windows remain visible in the elevator tower on the southwest corner of the addition. A fire escape remains on the north elevation and clay tiles cap the top of the parapet walls.

The last significant building campaign came in 1940-41 with the change in the company name to Tinnerman Products, Inc. and the suspension of the stove and range manufacturing. A brick and structural steel addition was made along the west elevation of the 1896 heavy timber-frame building. The addition has industrial steel sash windows that are also covered with brick infill and siding, while some of the windows have been replaced with glass block (Photo 10) along the alley to the west. A brick, structural steel and concrete building with a two-story interior that includes a clerestory (Photo 10) was constructed as an addition on the south end of the property to expand the manufacturing of speed nut fasteners, a type of fastener invented and patented by George Tinnerman's son, Albert, in 1923-24. The speed nut business grew exponentially as it was in demand in many manufacturing industries, including appliances, cars, aircraft and military just to name a few. Like the rest of the building, the addition featured large industrial steel sash windows, which are in place and visible on the interior along with the exposed structure and clerestory.

Several very small buildings constructed by Tinnerman Products, Inc. and a parking lot were in place at the south end of the Tinnerman property by 1951 (Figures 14 &15). Those small buildings were replaced with a concrete block and brick addition sometime after 1979, which is outside the Period of Significance, by a subsequent owner. The one-story addition (Photos 10-12) features four loading dock bays, two horizontal glass block windows and a man door. Some of the concrete has been covered with corrugated metal panels.

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With the exception of the loading dock addition on the south end, the interiors of all the additions were connected during the Period of Significance. Throughout the building, masonry walls and exposed wood and steel structure are painted along with the industrial steel sash window frames and glass.

The first floor of the 1914 addition houses the building entrance which has a vestibule that leads to an original stair that services all three floors (Photo 13). The majority of the 1914 first floor space has a dropped ceiling, painted gypsum board walls, and VCT tile floors (Photo 14), but the masonry openings with boards that cover the steel sash windows are visible (Photo 15). The exception is along the north elevation where the full ceiling height and steel structure are exposed along with the industrial steel sash windows (Photos 16-18). The original freight elevator (Photo 19) is still in place in the southwest corner of the addition.

Moving through the back of the 1914 addition first floor into the original building, the structure has been rebuilt and reinforced with structural steel (Photos 20-22). The north half of the building is two stories while the south half is a two-story volume of space with the steel structure and ceiling exposed. Newer partial walls sit within the large volume of space. Perimeter walls are painted brick and the floor is painted concrete.

To the south is the heavy timber frame c.1896 addition (Photos 23-24) with exposed structure, painted brick walls, industrial steel sash windows and wood strip flooring. To the west is a the 1940-41 addition (Photos 25-27) constructed of structural steel, brick and concrete with industrial steel sash windows. Floors are a mix of wood strip and concrete.

Abutting the south ends of the additions above, the 1940-41 addition (Photos 28-32) with the clerestory spans the width of the property and connects to the 1980s loading dock addition on the south end of the building. The clerestory addition has exposed structural steel, brick and beaded board walls, industrial steel sash windows and a mix of floor that includes wood strip, plywood, metal plate, concrete and carpet. The space is divided in areas with non-historic partition walls of wood stud and drywall. The clerestory windows are covered on the outside but visible from the interior. The loading dock is a concrete and brick addition with structural steel and painted concrete floors (Photo 33).

The second (Photos 34-41) and third (42-44) floors of the 1914 addition are finished in much the same way as the first floor—dropped ceilings, painted gypsum board walls and carpet or VCT tile floors. An original stair with a hinged metal floor door remains in place (Photo 34) on the second floor. The rear of the second floor is connected to the partial second-story of the original building (Photos 40-41). Some of the steel sash windows are visible on these floors (Photos 39, 44) and in other areas the masonry openings are infilled with painted boards (Photos 35, 43) to cover the windows or the walls are furred out with gypsum boards.

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As the Tinnerman Steel Range Company grew from the mid-1890s through the mid-1950s, so did the building that housed the manufacturing functions of the company, illustrating the evolution of the company during the Period of Significance. As manufacturing needs increased, changed and evolved, additions were made to the original landlocked building by acquiring adjacent parcels to the east and south for rezoning and expansion. Despite the physical expansion of the Tinnerman footprint, the building remained largely surrounded by residential properties, a setting that still exists today. The building retains the necessary aspects of integrity to communicate its function as a manufacturing facility. It occupies its original location in a relatively unchanged mid-block setting surrounded by residential properties. The three-story 1914 addition that fronts on Fulton Road became the front and main block of the building when it was constructed. While some windows have been replaced or are covered and the entrance doors and decorative overhangs have been altered, the building retains integrity of materials, design and setting. In keeping with the manufacturing function of the building, restrained stylistic references ornament the exterior and large bands of industrial steel sash windows remain in place, although covered with a variety of materials. Beyond the three-story block fronting on Fulton, the building is utilitarian with functionality and limited space driving the construction of the additions. On the interior, open floors, exposed timber and steel construction, and sparse finishes remain, some under and behind non-historic partial walls and dropped ceilings. The expanses of industrial steel sash windows are visible nearly everywhere on the interior. The alterations are reversible and the building retains the feeling and association with its manufacturing history. The building is in good condition with some elements in fair condition.

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### 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.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location

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- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions.) INDUSTRY INVENTION

**Period of Significance** c. 1893-1957

**Significant Dates** c. 1893, 1914, 1923, 1924, 1940

**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

<u>N/A</u>\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** N/A

Architect/Builder Carter, William J. Austin Co.

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Name of Property County and State **Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Tinnerman Steel Range Company Building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. It is locally significant in the areas of Industry and Invention as well as for its associations from the late 19<sup>th</sup> through mid-20<sup>th</sup> centuries with three generations of the Tinnerman family and their industrial company, which created important innovations in the areas of kitchen stoves and fasteners. The Tinnerman Steel Range Company constructed the original manufacturing building c.1893 and made the most significant of several additions in 1914 when a three-story building gave the manufacturing facility its first street frontage. As the decades progressed and their business expanded, additions were made to the original building with the next significant building campaign coinciding with World War II and their government contracts supporting the war effort. The Period of Significance is c.1893-1957, the period that the building and site served as the home of Tinnerman Steel Range Company, Tinnerman Stove & Range Company and finally, Tinnerman Products, Inc. The level of innovation in both kitchen stoves and fasteners at the company is illustrated by at least 106 United States patents filed between 1910 and 1949.<sup>3</sup>

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

## Elaboration

George A. Tinnerman  $(1845 - 1925)^4$  was about two years old when his parents emigrated from Prussia in 1847 and settled west of the Cuyahoga River, which became part of Cleveland in 1854. After a brief period as a farmer, Henry F. Tinnerman, George's father, resumed his trades of blacksmithing and wagon making and opened a business near the present day intersection of Lorain Avenue and Fulton Road. George Tinnerman completed a three-year apprenticeship in the tinner's trade while in his late teens and continued in his trade as a journeyman. Henry is last listed as a wagon maker in the 1866 *Cleveland Leader City Directory*, the same year George is listed as a tinner. George then opened his own business in 1867 selling stoves and tinware, from the location of his father's former business. The business soon evolved into a general hardware store, as shown by the illustration of his building in the 1874 *Atlas of Cuyahoga County* (Figure 21). By the mid-1880s, Tinnerman was well known in the city as a purveyor of a variety of hardware, paints and painting supplies, along with sheet metal fabrication of tin, copper, and iron, including roofing and gutters. He sold a broad selection of cooking and parlor (heating) stoves<sup>5</sup> and used this knowledge to develop significant ideas for improving them. His first

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Research was conducted in the U.S. Patent and Trade Office annual volumes, plus Google Patents (accessed September 24, 2016). Of the 107 patents identified, 17 involved stoves and ranges, and 89 involved fasteners. There was also one design patent for a gas and coal range. In addition, 44 Canadian patents, issued in 1950 or earlier, were identified on the European Patent Office website (accessed 24 September 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Death notice, G. A. Tinnerman, *The Plain Dealer*, April 18, 1925, p. 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Leading Manufacturers and Merchants of the City of Cleveland and Environs: A Half Century's Progress 1836-1886. New York: International Publishing Co., 1886, p. 115.

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improvement was to manufacture ranges—defined as a cooking stove with an oven and a flat top with heating elements—from wrought steel<sup>6</sup> instead of the traditional cast iron. According to accounts, Tinnerman tested his prototype by having his wife bring to the store a batch of biscuit dough, placed it in a heated oven, and told her the biscuits would be ready in seven minutes, which proved to be true. He then demonstrated the range to a number of his friends with the proposition: "Give me \$10 and your old stove and I will set up one of my ranges in your kitchen." In most instances his offer was accepted, and the new ranges worked satisfactorily.

Satisfied with the performance of the steel range after this informal marketing, by 1885 Tinnerman was manufacturing and selling<sup>7</sup> what would be known first as Ohio Wrought Steel Ranges, and then more simply as Ohio Steel Ranges (Figures 22 and 23). He is listed as a stove manufacturer for the first time in the 1888 *Cleveland City Directory*, with the notation "wrought steel ranges." The company name Tinnerman Steel Range Company first appeared in the 1899 *Cleveland City Directory*. In 1900, the *Cleveland City Directory* listed six Stove Manufacturers, including Tinnerman. The number of listings for Stove and Range Manufacturers increased to nineteen in the 1910 *Cleveland City Directory* and 26 in the 1928 *Cleveland City Directory*. Not all of these companies were necessarily direct competitors of Tinnerman. For example, a company might manufacture only small, portable stoves for heating purposes, or kitchen ranges that did not provide the option of using gas piped into homes as a fuel source. Like many industries during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, numerous small manufacturers satisfied consumer demand for stoves and ranges. Only later in the 20<sup>th</sup> century did kitchen appliance manufacturing consolidate among fewer manufacturers.

The Tinnerman Steel Range Company marketed its products for home, restaurant, and hotel use. Within fifteen years, Tinnerman was selling Ohio Steel Ranges as far away as the West Coast (Figure 24). In 1906<sup>8</sup> Tinnerman introduced their version of a "combination gas and coal range," meaning an appliance that operated on gas or another fuel, such as coal, and the firm won awards at the 1909 Cleveland Industrial Exposition (Figure 25). One company advertisement touted that "if gas and coal are both unavailable, you can burn *wood, coke,* empty boxes, or the BACK FENCE" (Figure 26).

The first recorded location of the company's manufacturing plant was in the center of a block south of Lorain Avenue, not far from Tinnerman's store. Built c.1893, the building was originally accessible only via alleys off W. 38th (Mechanic) St. to the west and Chatham Ave. to the south (Figure 6). The company's success required expansion, so another building was constructed across a small alley to the south, and the foundation for the third addition was in place by 1896 (Figure 7). In 1914, a 60,000 square foot, three-story addition was built,<sup>9</sup> which created frontage on Fulton Road (Figures 11, 12, and 19) by demolishing two houses. Shortly

<sup>8</sup> Advertisement, *The Plain Dealer*, 28 November 1918, p. 9, noting that twelve years had passed since the introduction of their combination range.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Wrought steel is defined as any hot or cold working of the metal. In this instance, it would mean the forming of metal into the sheets needed to create a kitchen range.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Coates, William R. A History of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland. Vol. 3, pp. 113-115. Chicago and New York: The American Historical Society, 1924; Leading Manufacturers and Merchants of the City of Cleveland and Environs: A Half Century's Progress 1836-1886. New York: International Publishing Co., 1886, p. 115.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Warehouse Building Permit, *The Plain Dealer*, 4 June 1914, p. 16.

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after the addition was completed, the name of the company was changed to the Tinnerman Stove & Range Company.<sup>10</sup> The hardware store was closed in 1913 to focus on the stove and range manufacturing, in which the company had become a regional leader.<sup>11</sup> During the 1910s, the company received several patents related to improvements in burners and oven compartments for combination ranges.

George Tinnerman retired from the day-to-day operation of the business in 1916, handing management of the company over to his only surviving son, Albert H. Tinnerman.<sup>12</sup> A 1924 county history noted that, ".... for nearly forty years the products of the Tinnerman stove and range manufactory have been recognized as representing an important factor in the industrial and commercial activities in Cleveland."<sup>13</sup> George A. Tinnerman was also known for his civic stewardship and material advancement of Cleveland, especially the development of the West Side as one of the organizers and incorporators of the Lorain Street Savings Bank in 1890.<sup>14</sup> Later renamed the Lorain Street Savings & Trust, George Tinnerman was bank vice president prior to becoming president May 12, 1897, a position he held until his death in 1925.<sup>15</sup>

Albert Tinnerman (1879-1961)<sup>16</sup> like his father, continued to make product improvements in the kitchen range business. A breakthrough for the company was Albert's invention of a new fastening device, the "speed nut," which prevented loosening due to vibration by locking itself to a screw using spring tension. It eliminated the necessity for lock washers on bolts and dramatically reduced assembly time to secure metal pieces together by replacing riveting or welding in many applications. In the early 1920s, kitchen ranges were undergoing a major advancement with the change from combination fuel sources to solely gas, because of the widespread availability of natural gas pipes coming into homes. Manufacturers took advantage of the change to redesign kitchen ranges, introducing appliances with porcelain enamel exterior finishes. According to Albert Tinnerman, the first fasteners were produced for use on this new type of Tinnerman range. They had two advantages over previous methods: 1) eliminating the cracking of porcelain enamel stove surfaces due to over-tightened bolts and vibration during manufacture, shipment, and installation; and 2) could be concealed from view on the range exterior by being inserted through concealed flanges in the range panels. This spring tension fastener enabled Tinnerman Stove & Range Company to manufacture the first all-porcelainenameled gas range using concealed fasteners (Figures 27-31).<sup>17</sup>

The spring tension fastener patent was issued in 1924 (Figure 32) and revolutionized assembly methods in the range industry and, ultimately, the entire fastening industry worldwide.<sup>18</sup> For the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Cleveland City Directories, various years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Tinnerman Adds to New Plant," *The Plain Dealer*, 6 June 1954, p. 13-C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Metal Worker, Plumber and Steam Fitter, v.86, p. 661, Nov 24, 1916.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Coates, William R. *A History of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland*. Vol. 3, pp. 113-115. Chicago and New York: The American Historical Society, 1924.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> "Financial Institutions," *The Plain Dealer*, 10 May 1895, p. 18; "Mrs. Tinnerman Dies in Florida," The Plain Dealer, 16 March 1936, p. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Alburn, Wilfred Henry. This Cleveland of Ours. Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1933, vol. IV, pp. 773-776.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> "Tinnerman Products Founder Dies at 82," *The Plain Dealer*, 5 September 1961, p. 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> "Birthday – Albert H. Tinnerman," *The Plain Dealer*, 9 June 1943, p. 18; "Tinnerman Products Founder Dies at 82," *The Plain Dealer*, 5 September 1961, p. 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "Tinnerman Adds to New Plant," *The Plain Dealer*, 6 June 1954, p. 13-C.

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Name of Property County and State next fifteen years, the company pursued the manufacture of products in both the kitchen range and fastener industries. From the mid-1920s through the mid-1930s, Tinnerman obtained thirteen patents involving various aspects of stove construction, including the first oven thermostat mounted inside the oven, rather than on the exterior of the stove.

Tinnerman ranges continued to be widely sold during the 1920s and 1930s. For example, a 1920 newspaper advertisement listed more than eighty Cleveland retailers where Tinnerman ranges could be purchased.<sup>19</sup> In addition, the ranges were marketed through downtown Cleveland department stores, including Halle Bros., Higbee's, May Company, and Sterling & Welch. In the 1929-1930 timeframe, Tinnerman ranges cost about \$140 to \$160, depending on options. During the 1930s those stores also sold kitchen ranges manufactured by Estate, Magic Chef, Round Oak, and Tappan.<sup>20</sup> Tinnerman's market area continued to be extensive, with a 1933 publication noting that Tinnerman "is now specializing in the manufacture of a high-grade gas range, marketed throughout the central states and metropolitan New York."<sup>21</sup>

Beginning in the mid-1930s, George A. Tinnerman II, grandson of the founder and son of Albert, successfully explored the application of the spring tension fastener to a wide range of other products. During the 1930s and 1940s, the company received at least 89 patents related to fastening devices. The rapidly expanding production of fasteners eclipsed range manufacturing, which was discontinued in 1940 when Tinnerman Products, Inc. was formed.<sup>22</sup> To accommodate its increased production, the company expanded several times within the center of the block it occupied, such as building a 12,000 square foot addition in 1941. During 1941 through 1945, the company applied for at least 38 patents, as it developed specialty fasteners widely used in the production of U.S. military equipment such as fighter planes and bombers, trucks, jeeps, and tanks, but also specific products such as gas masks and hand grenades (Figures 33-36).

In the post-war market, the demand for spring tension fasteners grew rapidly. For example, their fastener application saved Ford Motor Company \$4,500,000 in production costs in 1950.<sup>23</sup> In addition to automobiles, other uses included air conditioners, refrigerators, dishwashers, fans, lighting, electronics, farm equipment, industrial heaters, office furniture, televisions, radios, and toys.<sup>24</sup> Albert Tinnerman held the positions of president and treasurer of the new corporation, and son George was vice president and general manager.<sup>25</sup> Like his father, Albert had a long association with the Lorain Street Savings & Trust, becoming its president in 1929.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Advertisement, *The Plain Dealer*, 17 October 1920, p. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Advertisements, *The Plain Dealer*. 12 June 1929 (May Company), 26 June 1930 (Halle Bros. Co.), 24 November 1930 (Sterling & Welch), plus 22 January 1937 (Higbee's).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Alburn, Wilfred Henry. This Cleveland of Ours. Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1933, vol. IV, pp. 773-776.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> "Stops Making Stoves," *The Plain* Dealer, 6 January 1940, p. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> "Tinnerman Adds to New Plant," The Plain Dealer, 6 June 1954, p. 13-C.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> "Stops Making Stoves," The Plain Dealer, 6 January 1940, p. 16.

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Due to the company's growth, Tinnerman Products opened a new and much larger manufacturing facility and corporate office in 1950 in Brooklyn, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb. Tinnerman Products used the Fulton Road building as a branch plant, finally closing and selling it in 1957. Several different companies have occupied the premises during the past six decades.

## Conclusion

The Tinnerman Steel Range Company Building illustrates a period of almost 65 years from the late 19th through mid-20th centuries when three generations of the Tinnerman family and their industrial company created important innovations in the diverse fields of kitchen stoves and fasteners. The company's founder, George A. Tinnerman began producing kitchen ranges in the mid-1880s, as an outgrowth of his general line hardware store and sheet metalwork company dating to the 1860s. The success of the range manufactory necessitated creation of a separate business, and it was relocated to a new factory in the same neighborhood. Within fifteen years, Ohio Steel Ranges were being sold locally and throughout the country. Tinnerman obtained at least seventeen patents from the 1910s into the 1930s for improvements to kitchen range construction and operation. One patent, for a spring tension fastener to hold stove panels together without damaging the porcelain enamel exterior surface, launched a new business line that led to worldwide prominence for the company. During the 1930s and 1940s, the company received at least 89 patents related to fastening devices. During the years 1941 through 1945, the company applied for at least 38 patents, as it developed specialty fasteners widely used in the production of U.S. military equipment such as fighter planes and bombers, trucks, jeeps, and tanks, but also specific products such as gas masks and hand grenades. Marketed as the "Speed Nut," the fastener reduced assembly time and production costs and prevented the loosening of connections caused by vibration. The Speed Nut's success continued during the 1950s, with uses in items such as automobiles, air conditioners, refrigerators, dishwashers, fans, lighting, electronics, farm equipment, industrial heaters, office furniture, televisions, radios, and toys. The factory expanded several times, first for kitchen range production – ended in 1940 to focus on fastener production – and then for fastener production itself. Tinnerman's burgeoning fastener industry success, however, necessitated construction of a new manufacturing plant and corporate office in a suburban community. The Fulton Road plant in Cleveland continued to operate until closing in 1957, bringing to an end three generations of industrial innovation and production at the site.

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- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
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## Or UTM References

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3. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
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## Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Located on the west side of Fulton Road just south of Lorain Avenue, the Tinnerman Steel Range Company property (later the Tinnerman Stove & Range Company, and Tinnerman Products, Inc.) is contained on one lot known as Permanent Parcel Number 007-05-015 (Figure 1). It is further described as situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, and known as being Sub Lot Number 1 in the Tinnerman Products Inc. Re-subdivision of Part of Original Brooklyn Township Lot 52 as shown by the recorded plot in Volume 41, Page 38 of Cuyahoga Map Records.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary follows the historic property lines of the parcel the Tinnerman Steel Range Company (later the Tinnerman Stove & Range Company, and Tinnerman Products, Inc.) occupied during the Period of Significance.

### **11. Form Prepared By**

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### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

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• Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Tinnerman Steel Range Company

City or Vicinity: Cleveland

County: Cuyahoga

State: OH

Photographer: Heather Rudge

Date Photographed: Spring 2016

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photograph 1 of 44 Description: South and east (front) elevations of 1914 three-story addition facing onto Fulton Road. Camera Direction: Northwest

Photograph 2 of 44 Description: East (front) elevation of 1914 three-story addition facing onto Fulton Road; became the street entrance to building. Camera Direction: Northwest

Photograph 3 of 44 Description: North elevations of 1914 three-story addition. Camera Direction: Southeast

Photograph 4 of 44 Description: North elevations of 1914 three-story addition and the original two-story Tinnerman manufacturing building.

Camera Direction: Southeast

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Photograph 5 of 44 Description: Detail of south elevation showing covered and replaced windows. Camera Direction: West

Photograph 6 of 44 Description: View of the original alley entrance off W. 38<sup>th</sup> St. to the original Tinnerman manufacturing building set in the middle of the block behind adjacent residential buildings. Camera Direction: East

Photograph 7 of 44 Description: Original alley entrance to the Tinnerman manufacturing building set in the middle of the block behind adjacent residential garages. Camera Direction: East

Photograph 8 of 44 Description: North entrance elevation to the original Tinnerman manufacturing building and 1914 addition beyond. Camera Direction: East

Photograph 9 of 44 Description: West elevation of Tinnerman manufacturing building abutting the rear of W. 38<sup>th</sup> St. residential properties. Camera Direction: South

Photograph 10 of 44 Description: West and south elevations of additions to Tinnerman manufacturing building along W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Camera Direction: North

Photograph 11 of 44 Description: Parking lot and loading docks on south elevation of the Tinnerman manufacturing building. Camera Direction: Northwest

Photograph 12 of 44 Description: South and east elevations of the Tinnerman manufacturing building looking up Japan Court with abutting residential buildings to the right. Camera Direction: Northwest

Photograph 13 of 44 Description: Building entrance in south bay of 1914 three-story addition on Fulton Rd.; stair services all three floors. Camera Direction: Southwest

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Photograph 14 of 44 Description: First floor of 1914 three-story addition with non-historic office buildout; typical of second and third floors. Camera Direction: Southwest

Photograph 15 of 44 Description: First floor of 1914 three-story addition with painted boards covering the industrial steel sash windows. Camera Direction: Southeast

Photograph 16 of 44 Description: View of structural steel framing and industrial steel sash windows along the north elevation behind a non-historic partition. Camera Direction: North

Photograph 17 of 44 Description: View of structural steel framing and industrial steel sash windows along the north elevation behind a non-historic partition. Camera Direction: Northeast

Photograph 18 of 44 Description: View of structural steel framing and industrial steel sash windows along the north elevation. Camera Direction: North

Photograph 19 of 44 Description: View of freight elevator in 1914 three-story addition. Camera Direction: Southeast

Photograph 20 of 44 Description: View of original building section with exposed structure and non-historic partitions. Camera Direction: Southeast

Photograph 21 of 44 Description: View of two-story space in the original building section with exposed structure and industrial steel sash windows. Camera Direction: Southwest

Photograph 22 of 44 Description: View of through connector into timber-frame addition. Camera Direction: Southeast

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Photograph 23 of 44 Description: Circa 1896 addition with exposed heavy-timber construction. Camera Direction: North

Photograph 24 of 44 Description: Circa 1896 addition with exposed heavy-timber construction and original industrial steel sash windows. Camera Direction: Northeast

Photograph 25 of 44 Description: West addition with exposed structure and original industrial steel sash windows. Camera Direction: Southwest

Photograph 26 of 44 Description: West addition with exposed structure and original industrial steel sash windows. Camera Direction: South

Photograph 27 of 44 Description: West addition with exposed structure and original industrial steel sash windows on what was an exterior wall until south addition beyond was constructed. Camera Direction: Southeast

Photograph 28 of 44 Description: South clerestory addition with exposed structure, original industrial steel sash windows, and non-historic partitions. Camera Direction: Northeast

Photograph 29 of 44 Description: South clerestory addition with exposed structure, original industrial steel sash windows, and non-historic partitions. Camera Direction: West

Photograph 30 of 44 Description: South clerestory addition with exposed structure and original industrial steel sash windows. Camera Direction: North

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 Description: South clerestory addition with exposed structure and original industrial steel sash windows.

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Photograph 33 of 44 Description: Loading dock addition with exposed structure. Camera Direction: Southeast

Photograph 34 of 44 Description: Historic stair and door between first and second floor of 1914 addition. Camera Direction: Southwest

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Photograph 36 of 44 Description: 1914 addition second floor, typical non-historic partitions and dropped ceiling. Camera Direction: Southwest

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Photograph 38 of 44 Description: 1914 addition second floor, typical non-historic partitions and dropped ceiling. Camera Direction: North

Photograph 39 of 44 Description: 1914 addition second floor, non-historic partitions and original steel sash window. Camera Direction: Northwest

Photograph 40 of 44 Description: Typical non-historic partitions and dropped ceiling in second floor portion of original building (connected to 1914 addition). Camera Direction: Northwest

Photograph 41 of 44 Description: Second floor portion of original building (connected to 1914 addition) with replacement windows. Camera Direction: West

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Photograph 42 of 44 Description: 1914 addition third floor, typical non-historic partitions and dropped ceiling. Camera Direction: Northeast

Photograph 43 of 44 Description: 1914 addition third floor, typical, with painted boards over windows. Camera Direction: Northwest

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Figure 9: Same mid-block building and parcel configurations; three-story addition on Fulton constructed in 1914 will replace two houses to the east of the Tinnerman parcels (labeled "SHOP"). *Source: Plat Book of the City of Cleveland, 1912, Vol. 2, Plate 11; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

Figure 10: 1912 map showing Tinnerman Steel Range Co.; the two houses to the east of the triangular Tinnerman parcel will be replaced by a three-story addition on Fulton in 1914. *Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1912, Vol. 3, Sheet 69; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

Figure 11: Footprint of brick three-story addition on Fulton. *Source: Plat Book of the City of Cleveland, 1922, Vol. 2, Plate 8b; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

Figure 12: Tinnerman Stove & Range Company (named changed c.1914) clearly shown with frontage on Fulton Road and the same mid-block building configurations with the connector across the alley, 1937. *Source: Cleveland Historic Maps, Digital Collection*.

Figure 13: 1937 Hopkins Map used to show alleys (Vinton Ave. SW and China Ct. SW) vacated by the City of Cleveland in 1941 to allow significant expansion of Tinnerman due to WWII manufacturing contracts. *Source: Cleveland Historic Maps, Digital Collection*.

Figure 14: 1951 map showing expansion and construction of additions and three, small freestanding buildings; the construction stopped at the vacated China Ct. SW. Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1951, Vol. 3, Sheet 69; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.

Figure 15: 1951 map showing parking (outlined in black) from the vacated alley (China Ct. SW; not shown on map) south to Chatham Ave. SW. *Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map*, *1951, Vol. 3, Sheet 70; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

Figure 16: 1952 map showing expansion and construction of additions and three, small freestanding buildings; the construction stopped at the vacated China Ct. SW. *Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1952, Vol. 3A, Sheet 41A; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

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Figure 17: Aerial photo of Tinnerman (outline added), 1959. Source: Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.

Figure 18: Aerial photo of Tinnerman (outline added), 1979. Source: Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.

Figure 19: Historic photo of the south and east (front) elevations of the 1914 addition on Fulton, looking northwest, date unknown. *Source: Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, CP02759, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

Figure 20: View of alley (W. 37<sup>th</sup> Place) at west boundary of Tinnerman property, looking south, 1945. *Source: Cleveland Public Library Photo Collection, BZA Case, 1945-09-26, Cleveland, Ohio.* 

Figure 21: Advertisement for G. A. Tinnerman Hardware and Stove Store, 1874. *Source: Atlas of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.* 

Figure 22: G. A. Tinnerman Hardware and Stove Store invoice, 1889. *Source: Private Collection.* 

Figure 23: Advertisement for Tinnerman Steel Range Co., 1897. Source: History of the Cleveland Fire Department, Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.

Figure 24: Seattle, WA store advertisement for "Ohio Steel Ranges" made by Tinnerman Steel Range Co.,1902. *Source: Trade Register, Vol. 18 (10), p. 51, University Libraries, University of Washington,* 

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Figure 25: Advertisement for Tinnerman Steel Range Co. prize-winning range at the 1909 Cleveland Industrial Exposition. *Source: The Plain Dealer, June 23, 1909, page 3.* 

Figure 26: Advertisement for Tinnerman "OHIO" Ranges. *Source: The Plain Dealer, October 31, 1920, page 10.* 

Figures 27 & 28: Photos of enameled stove manufactured by Tinnerman Stove & Range Co., manufactured 1926 or later. *Source: Private Collection*.

Figure 29: Photo of Tinnerman enameled stove model number badge, stove manufactured 1926 or later. *Source: Private Collection.* 

Figure 30: Photo of Tinnerman enameled stove patent numbers, stove manufactured 1926 or later. *Source: Private Collection.* 

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Figure 34: Advertisement for Tinnerman Products, Inc. Speed Nuts, *Electronics* magazine, September, 1943. *Source: Private Collection*.

Figure 35: Photo of Tinnerman Products, Inc. Speed Nut Sample Plate, front, mid- to late 1940s. *Source: Private Collection*.

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Figure 9: Same mid-block building and parcel configurations; three-story addition on Fulton constructed in 1914 will replace two houses to the east of the Tinnerman parcels (labeled "SHOP"). *Source: Plat Book of the City of Cleveland, 1912, Vol. 2, Plate 11; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 10: 1912 map showing Tinnerman Steel Range Co.; the two houses to the east of the triangular Tinnerman parcel will be replaced by a three-story addition on Fulton in 1914. *Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1912, Vol. 3, Sheet 69; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 11: Footprint of brick three-story addition on Fulton. *Source: Plat Book of the City of Cleveland, 1922, Vol. 2, Plate 8b; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 12: Tinnerman Stove & Range Company (named changed c.1914) clearly shown with frontage on Fulton Road and the same mid-block building configurations with the connector across the alley, 1937. *Source: Cleveland Historic Maps, Digital Collection.* 



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Figure 13: 1937 Hopkins Map used to show alleys (Vinton Ave. SW and China Ct. SW) vacated by the City of Cleveland in 1941 to allow significant expansion of Tinnerman due to WWII manufacturing contracts. *Source: Cleveland Historic Maps, Digital Collection.* 



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Figure 15: 1951 map showing parking (outlined in black) from the vacated alley (China Ct. SW; not shown on map) south to Chatham Ave. SW. *Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1951, Vol. 3, Sheet 70; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 16: 1952 map showing expansion and construction of additions and three, small free-standing buildings; the construction stopped at the vacated China Ct. SW. *Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1952, Vol. 3A, Sheet 41A; Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 17: Aerial photo of Tinnerman (outline added), 1959. *Source: Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 18: Aerial photo of Tinnerman (outline added), 1979. *Source: Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 19: Historic photo of the south and east (front) elevations of the 1914 addition on Fulton, looking northwest, date unknown. *Source: Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, CP02759, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 20: View of alley (W. 37<sup>th</sup> Place) at west boundary of Tinnerman property, looking south, 1945. *Source: Cleveland Public Library Photo Collection, BZA Case, 1945-09-26, Cleveland, Ohio.* 



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Figure 21: Advertisement for G. A. Tinnerman Hardware and Stove Store, 1874. *Source: Atlas of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.* 



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Figure 22: G. A. Tinnerman Hardware and Stove Store invoice, 1889. Source: Private Collection.



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Figure 23: Advertisement for Tinnerman Steel Range Co., 1897. Source: History of the Cleveland Fire Department, Cleveland Public Library Digital Collection, Cleveland, Ohio.



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Figure 24: Seattle, WA store advertisement for "Ohio Steel Ranges" made by Tinnerman Steel Range Co., 1902. *Source: Trade Register, Vol. 18 (10), p. 51, University Libraries, University of Washington,* http://digitalcollections.lib.washington.edu/cdm/ref/collection/advert/id/429



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Figure 25: Advertisement for Tinnerman Steel Range Co. prize-winning range at the 1909 Cleveland Industrial Exposition. *Source: The Plain Dealer, June 23, 1909, page 3.* 



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Figures 26: Advertisement for Tinnerman "OHIO" Ranges. Source: The Plain Dealer, October 31, 1920, page 10.



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Figures 27 & 28: Photo of Tinnerman enameled stove manufactured by Tinnerman Stove & Range Co., manufactured 1926 or later. *Source: Private Collection.* 





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Figure 29: Photo of Tinnerman enameled stove model number badge, stove manufactured 1926 or later. *Source: Private Collection.* 



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Figure 30: Photo of Tinnerman enameled stove patent numbers, stove manufactured 1926 or later. *Source: Private Collection.* 



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Figure 31: Advertisement for Tinnerman Ohio De Luxe All White Gas Range. This advertisement was published while the patent for the spring tension fastener was pending. *Source: The Plain Dealer, September 20, 1923, page 30.* 



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Figure 32: Portion of the "Spring Nut" patent filed by Albert H. Tinnerman. Filing Date: January 19, 1923; Issue Date: October 21, 1924, Patent 1,512,653. *Source: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Online Database, Washington, DC.* 



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Figure 33: Advertisement for Tinnerman Products, Inc. Speed Nut System, *Flying* magazine, August, 1943. *Source: Private Collection.* 



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Figure 34: Advertisement for Tinnerman Products, Inc. Speed Nuts, *Electronics* magazine, September, 1943. *Source: Private Collection.* 



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Figure 35: Photo of Tinnerman Products, Inc. Speed Nut Sample Plate, front, mid- to late-1940s. *Source: Private Collection.* 



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Figure 36: Photo of Tinnerman Products, Inc. Speed Nut Sample Plate, back, mid- to late-1940s. *Source: Private Collection.* 















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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination
Property Name:	Tinnerman Steel Range Company
Multiple Name:	
State & County:	OHIO, Cuyahoga
Date Rece 1/6/201	
Reference number:	SG100000663
Nominator:	State
Reason For Review	
<b>X</b> Accept	ReturnReject <b>2/21/2017</b> Date
Abstract/Summary Comments:	Meets Registration Requirements
Recommendation/ Criteria	Accept
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DOCUMENTATION	see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NPS TRANSMITTAL CHECK LIST

OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 800 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Columbus, OH 43211 (614)-298-2000

The following materials are submitted on <u>Dec. 30 2016</u> For nomination of the <u>Time man Skel</u> to the National Register of Historic Places: Range Co., Cuyaloga Co, OH

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
Paper PDF
Multiple Property Nomination Cover Document
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Multiple Property Nomination form
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Photographs
Prints TIFFs
CD with electronic images
Original USGS map(s)
Paper Digital
Sketch map(s)/Photograph view map(s)/Floor plan(s)
Paper VPDF
Piece(s) of correspondence
Paper PDF
Other
Please provide a substantive review of this nomination
This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
The enclosed owner objection(s) do do not
Constitute a majority of property owners Other:



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December 30, 2016

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief, National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1201 Eye St. NW, 8th Fl. (2280) Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find five (5) new National Register nominations for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new nominations submission.

NEW NOMINATION William Kelley Hardware-Hayesville Odd Fellows Hall Ashland Tinnerman Steel Range Company Budd Dairy Company The Edna Lowrie, S. Gale and Agnes P., House

COUNTY Cuvahoga Franklin Franklin Hamilton

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copies of the nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for the following: Tinnerman Steel Range Company, Cuyahoga County and The Edna, Franklin County.

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact the National Register staff in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000.

Sincerely, War

Lox A. Logan, Jr. Executive Director and CEO2000 State Historic Preservation Officer Ohio History Connection

Enclosures