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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Jersey Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall

Other names/site number: Jersey Grange Hall

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: 10424 Morse Road S.W.

City or town: Jersey State: Ohio County: Licking

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

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

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 X A B C D

<u>Barbara Bowen</u>	DSHPO for Inventory & Registration	<u>1-30-2018</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
<u>State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection</u>		
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

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:

- 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:) _____

for *Alycia Obermeyer*
Signature of the Keeper

3-22-18
Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall
RECREATION AND CULTURE/Auditorium
COMMERCIAL/Retail Store

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER/storage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: brick, limestone, slate

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 nominated property consists of the Jersey Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hall and an associated wood frame detached privy (photos 1 – 4). The IOOF Hall is a two-story brick building with hip roof and was built in 1911. The hall is located on the north side of Morse Road in the center of the unincorporated village of Jersey in Jersey Township, Licking County, about 4 miles northwest of the city of Pataskala and nine miles west of the village of Granville. The hall was built in the rectangular form common to small-town commercial buildings. It always has been free-standing and never shared walls with other buildings. It is of brick bearing wall construction, with a recessed double-door entry on the south elevation (photo 5) centered in a traditional commercial storefront. The building's overall massing and some details such as the brick corbelling, tall, narrower window openings and paired window pattern suggest modest references to the Italianate style. At the hall's northeast corner is a small wood privy. It has shiplap siding, a wood shingle roof, and is in poor condition. Its date is unknown, but its design and materials suggest that it could have been built at the same time as the IOOF Hall. The property maintains a high level of integrity, which is discussed in more detail below.

Narrative Description

Physical Context

Jersey is a small community located at the intersection of Morse and Headley's Mill roads. Because of its location some distance from other towns, Jersey historically served as the

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commercial center for surrounding farms. Until a fire several years ago, a wood frame general store stood immediately west of the hall and remained in operation until its demise. Its loss left the IOOF Hall as the only other commercial building in the village. To the east and the west, along Morse Road, there are several older residences (photo 6), most of which have received recent modernization such as new siding, new roofing, and altered porches. In the southeast of the intersection is a well-preserved brick Italianate residence (photo 7), and, farther east on the south side of Morse Road, is a wood frame building that once served as a carriage factory (photo 8). All these buildings, the IOOF Hall included, are modest in size and scale, and Jersey still has the rural character that has defined it since its establishment in the 19th century (photo 9); the parcel on which the IOOF Hall is located was part of the original town plat.

Exterior

The two-story Jersey IOOF Hall has a limestone foundation, brick running bond load-bearing masonry walls with limestone details, brick corbelling, and a slate hip roof with newer galvanized gutters. The building has no basement and measures approximately 32 by 60 feet. The original wood windows and some of the exterior doors were recently replaced with new wood one-over-one double hung windows and metal doors, but original opening sizes, fenestration pattern, and locations have been retained (photos 10 – 14).¹

The front of the building (photos 5, 11, 13, 14) faces south and is two bays wide. The first floor featured a storefront with two full-length windows divided by wood mullions into four large panes, with transom above, that flanked a recessed center doorway featuring a paired transom and double wooden doors with lower wood panels and upper glass sash (photo 15). The original doors and transom survive, as do two flanking and angled one-over-one double hung windows with transoms and wood bulkheads. The display windows to either side of the doors were removed by an earlier owner and their openings filled with concrete block and small modern sliding windows. A limestone sill runs the length of the storefront and concrete steps go up to the entrance. The storefront is enframed by brick end walls with limestone bands and topped by a band of brick corbelling. The first and second floors are separated by limestone belt course. The second floor has two paired windows with limestone lintels and sills. Between the windows is a carved stone IOOF emblem on the datestone (photo 16). The front elevation is topped by brick corbelling running along the cornice, a detail that was not continued on the other elevations.

The west elevation (photo 1) has four bays, with the first floor featuring three openings – at the rear end a single new steel door with transom; then a fixed single sash window (possibly a transom that was above a bricked-in door); original, unaltered double wood paneled doors with a double transom; and, at the front end, a single new steel door in a newer opening as evidenced by its stone base and lintel, which differ from others in the building. The second story has four single one-over-one double hung replacement windows with limestone lintels and sills located roughly over the lower story openings. Two brick interior chimneys are located on this side of building.

¹ The fire in the neighboring building to the west damaged the windows and doors on the west side of the building. The decision was made to replace all the windows and many of the doors.

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The east elevation (photo 2) has four bays featuring three second story one-over-one double hung replacement windows with limestone lintels and sills; and two interior brick chimneys. On the second floor at the rear end of this elevation is a single door with transom and metal fire escape (photos 3, 4). Below the fire escape is a first floor paneled steel door with transom and stone lintel; this was converted from an original window, as can be seen in historic image #8. Next to the building near its northeast corner is a deteriorating wood frame privy.

The north (rear) elevation has two bays with two small fixed single sash windows on the first floor and, directly above them, two double-hung windows. All windows have limestone lintels and sills, the same as throughout the building. All four windows have been boarded over on both the interior and the exterior.

Interior

The interior of the building is remarkably intact. It features an open first floor (photos 17 – 22) with enclosed wood stairs along the west side wall near the front of the space. Square wood columns down the center of the room support the second floor and ceiling structure. The original pressed metal ceiling is almost entirely intact, as are the original plaster walls. Just inside the enclosed stairway are the paired wood doors that enabled users of the second floor hall to enter the stairway from the west elevation of the building.

The second floor was devoted entirely to its function as a lodge hall/meeting space. Upon climbing the stairs, members turned left through a six-panel varnished wood door into an anteroom (photos 23, 24). It and an adjacent room to the east were lighted by windows in the building's south wall. All walls in these two rooms were plastered, and the anteroom had a plain plaster ceiling. In the north wall of the anteroom was a six-panel door leading through a cloak room and to another door into the auditorium (photos 25, 26). On both doors were circular wood covers that could be opened to reveal a peephole through which those seeking entrance could be verified as members; a knob-activated bell was also mounted on each door. The east wall of the anteroom had a six-panel door leading into a second room (photo 24). This space had plaster walls, a decorative pressed metal ceiling (photo 27) and, in the northwest corner, several floor-to-ceiling varnished wood cabinets used to store fraternal regalia and paraphernalia; a small access hatch to the attic was adjacent to the cabinets. Adjacent to them, in the office's north wall, was a wide sliding door into the auditorium (photo 28). In both rooms all of the original building elements just described remain in place, except that the plaster on the south wall of both rooms, and on the east wall of the second room, was removed at some point in the past, leaving the brick exposed.

The auditorium and stage occupy the rest of the second floor and, as in other parts of the building, retain nearly all of their original design elements. The auditorium is rectangular, approximately 31 feet deep, with a 10.5-foot-deep low stage at the north end. Raised side platforms contain several oak-and-leather benches that appear to be original (photos 31 -33). A worn but obviously older carpet is on the floor (photo 34). The auditorium has plaster walls with

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plain projecting pilasters into which two space heaters are vented. The decorative pressed metal ceiling is intact (photo 35). Suspended fluorescent fixtures provide light for the auditorium.

The stage and backstage area are unusually well preserved. An original passageway at stage left (on the right or east side when looking toward the stage) leads to the backstage area (photo 36). There is another doorway at far stage right (photo 31).

The backstage area has plain plastered walls but has retained its ornate pressed metal ceiling (photo 37), with historic exposed-bulb lighting fixtures. Two sets of paired movable suspended wood panels remain in place on the stage (photo 38). Perhaps most impressive of all the building's features, however, are the painted fabric curtain and the painted fabric backdrop flat.

The historic curtain currently is draped over the stage (photos 39, 40) but is in good condition and is signed in its lower left corner. It was the work of William Beck & Sons Co. of Cincinnati, which supplied "Velour Curtains, Cyclorama, and Stage Scenery." The backdrop flat is hanging toward the back of the stage (photos 41 – 46) and features an idyllic rural sunrise or sunset scene; it is framed by simulated curtains and is surrounded by advertising panels for local businesses, one of which includes a two-digit phone number. At the left and right of the central scene, toward its top, two small signs painted over the simulated curtains urge visitors to "Be a Granger" and to "Join Now." This flat unfortunately has received some damage: the paint is entirely missing (photo 41) at the lower left corner in an area about two feet square; otherwise the painted surface has survived remarkably well for over a century.

Integrity

The Jersey IOOF Hall retains a high level of all seven aspects of integrity: it is on its original site and retains its physical association with the crossroads village of Jersey; its original design, despite alterations to the storefront windows, remains largely intact on the exterior, and fully intact on the interior; its setting, the village of Jersey still is modest in scale and rural in character; nearly all of the hall's original character-defining materials and features remain intact and in place; the workmanship expressed in its masonry walls, extensive second floor woodwork, pressed metal ceilings, and stage curtains and flats all remain intact; it still strongly evokes the character and feeling of a small town commercial and social venue; and its association with both the fraternal aspects of Odd Fellowship and the more political aspects of the Grange is clearly communicated by the building. The adjacent privy, which, as noted, is in poor condition, still contributes to the property and its integrity by evoking an earlier period when the conveniences of living were different from those of today.

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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
- 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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History
Agriculture

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Period of Significance

1911-1968

Significant Dates

1911

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

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 Jersey Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall is nominated under National Register Criterion A as locally significant for its association with rural fraternal and grange movements and its importance in the commercial and social life of the agriculture-based community of Jersey and Jersey Township during the early- to-mid-twentieth century. This significance arises from the property's social role as a fraternal hall and its historic agricultural role as the meeting place for the Grange. The period of significance begins in 1911 when the building was constructed by the IOOF and ends in 1968 (the fifty-year National Register cutoff), although the building was used by the Grange until 1986. In that year, the Central of Jersey Grange merged with the Blendon Grange (Franklin County) and sold the building to the current owners. During the entire period of significance, the IOOF/Grange Hall was of critical importance to the fraternal, commercial, agricultural, social, and cultural life of its small rural community.

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

Jersey Township/Village of Jersey

Located in west central Licking County, Jersey Township is bounded on the north by Monroe Township; south by Lima Township; east by St. Albans Township; and west by Franklin County. Jersey Township had historically and continues to have a strong rural agricultural character. Only in the past two decades has this begun to change along its western edge with the expansion of the city of New Albany from Franklin County. As recently as 1990, less than 5% of the land in Licking County was urban.

Jersey Township was established in 1820, although settlement in the area began as early as 1815. The township, which was formed by dividing St. Albans Township, received its name because most of its early settlers were from the state of New Jersey. The village of Jersey, which is located along the southern edge of the township and is the only platted settlement in the township, was laid out in 1832 by C. Headley, W. Condit, E. Beecher, and A.D. Pierson. The founders owned property in the area and lent their names to several local roads – Condit Road, Headley’s Mill Road, and Beech Road. Wickliffe Condit established the first tannery in the township; Lewis Headley built the first sawmill, south of the village; and the Jersey Post Office was established in 1833 and discontinued in 1907.

An 1866 atlas of Licking County illustrates the rural character of the township and contains a business directory of Jersey. (figures 1 and 2). The businesses served the local rural population with dry goods, boots and shoes, harnesses, groceries, and hardware and provided carpentry, joinery and medical services. The village also had a cemetery, a school, and a Presbyterian Church. E.B. Pierson owned lots 10-12 on the northeast corner of the crossroads of Morse Road (east-west) and Township Road 29 (north-south, also called Headley’s Mill Road) in the center of town. Pierson had a store on lot 10 and lived on lot 12; lot 11, where the nominated property is located, was vacant. Pierson’s store sold harnesses, boots, shoes, clothing, dry goods, groceries and general merchandise, according to the 1866 atlas.

Lots 20 and 21 were identified on the 1866 atlas as “carriages” under the name Harrison. The Harrison Brothers Buggy Works was established on this site, and was in business until 1928. The company made phaetons and buggies and had a market beyond the immediate area. It was considered the only industry in Jersey. The popularity of automobiles led to its closing, but a two-story historic frame building still stands on the site (photo 8).

While the village did not expand much beyond its original 30 lots, two organizations that had a significant impact on the social, cultural, educational and civic life of the rural community were established in the early 1870s – the Jersey Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), and the Central of Jersey Grange, which are described in more detail below.

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Licking County is typical of much of Ohio in its rural and agricultural history. The Licking County Agricultural Society was established in 1832 and held its first County Fair in 1833. In a report on the 11th census in 1890, Ohio was described as follows: "With regard to the total number of farms reported from different states and territories, Ohio is well in the lead with 251,430 followed by Illinois, Missouri, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, and Iowa in the order named and each upwards of 200,000. . . ." ²

The population statistics for Jersey Township illustrate its sparse rural development throughout the period of significance. In 1850, the population for the township was 1,230, and all of Licking County had a population of 38,846. At that time, the county had 233,761 acres of farmland. Major agricultural products were sheep, corn, wheat, and oats. In 1880, the population of the township was 1,348. "At the turn of the 20th century, the farms in the township averaged 100 to 200 acres, with most having a team of horses, milk cows, sheep, and chickens. Corn, wheat, oats, soybeans and hay were the major crops. Everyone had a garden and fruit trees." ³

By 1930, Jersey Township had 943 people living on 207 farms. In 1940, one decade later, the population was just 1,003 – still below the 1850 population number. In the past 20 years, New Albany, located adjacent to Jersey Township in Franklin County, has grown as part of the city of Columbus's exurban expansion. New Albany has grown from a population of 409 in 1980, to an estimated population of 9,879 in 2015, and some of the expansion has taken place in western Jersey Township. Even so, the area around the village of Jersey is still rural and agricultural. In 2010, 70% of the land in Jersey Township was in agricultural use. The township's 2030 Comprehensive Plan stated that Jersey Township has been rural and agricultural since its inception and that its "identity is drawn from its agricultural roots." ⁴

Today, the village of Jersey has a handful of houses, a church, and a school. The nominated building is the only surviving property associated with the two organizations that supported the agricultural, civic, social, and cultural life of the community – the IOOF and the Grange.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF)

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) had its origins in England in the 1700s, and the first lodge in the United States was established in Baltimore in 1819. Popularly known as Odd Fellows, it is a non-political, non-sectarian international fraternal organization. The order is also known as the *Triple Link Fraternity*, referring to the order's "Triple Links" symbol, alluding to its motto "Friendship, Love and Truth." The organization provided for aid to the infirm, widows, and orphans, as well as providing a sense of brotherhood and mutual support. The first African American lodge was formed in 1842 in New York City. The African American Odd Fellows lodges never separated from the English Order and are known as the Grand United Order of Odd

² *Report on the Statistics of Agriculture in the U.S. at the 11th Census, 1890*. U.S. Department of the Interior. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office. 1898

³ *Preservation 2000*. A publication of the West Licking County Historical Publication Committee, 1999. p. 235.

⁴ *Golden Jubilee History, Ohio State Grange, 1872-1922*. Ohio State Grange Proceedings, 1922.

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Fellows (GUOOF). The IOOF was the first national fraternal organization to include both men and women when it adopted the Rebekah Degree on September 20, 1851. The Odd Fellows were also the first fraternal organization to establish homes for senior members, widows, and orphaned children. In Ohio, the Odd Fellows Home of Ohio, dating from 1898, is located in the city of Springfield. (Clark County, NR 1980, #80002956) In 1896, the World Almanac showed the Odd Fellows as the largest among all fraternal organizations.⁵ “By 1897, there were 11,569 lodges in the United States with over 2,197,196 men having been initiated. The women’s counterpart, the Daughters of Rebekah numbered 4,808 chapters with 298,263 members.”⁶

IOOF lodges were found in both urban and rural areas throughout the country. The late 19th and early 20th centuries were a thriving period of membership. The peak was in the early 1920s, when there were reportedly 2,676,582 members throughout the world. Today, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs continue to exist with nearly 10,000 lodges in approximately 26 countries, consisting of men and women who united for mutual aid and conviviality, providing social and practical support for each other and their communities in every way possible.⁷

Many lodges were founded in the post-Civil War period, including a number in Licking County. In fact, an 1876 Centennial History of Licking County stated that “We have also not been tardy in establishing organizations other than Colleges, Seminaries and Schools to promote Social, Literary and Benevolent interests. Of this class are the Masonic, and Odd Fellows Lodges, found in every section of our County”⁸ The last IOOF Lodge in Licking County closed in Newark, the county seat, in 2014.

The Grange (Patrons of Husbandry)

The Grange, officially referred to as The National Grange of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, is a fraternal organization in the United States that encourages families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of their community and of agriculture.⁹

The Grange was established in the period immediately following the Civil War by Oliver H. Kelly, an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After visiting the South in the aftermath of the war, he found agricultural practices and conditions that were facing serious challenges. Many of these challenges were shared by farmers in other areas of the country as well and included the increasing railroad freight rates, falling prices for agricultural products,

⁵ Gray, Burke. *Fraternalism in America, 1860-1920*. www.phoenixmasonry.org

⁶ Historic American Buildings Survey, Odd Fellows Home of Ohio. 1987.

⁷ www.IOOF.org

⁸ Smucker, Issac. *Centennial History of Licking County, Ohio*. Newark: Clark & Underwood Printers. 1876.

⁹ www.ohiohistory.org

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mechanization of farming practices, and the cost of farm equipment. “The greatest year in Grange history was 1874, so far as the number of organizations is concerned. . . during 1874 the granges organized numbered 11,941. . . .”¹⁰ On the 50th anniversary of the Ohio Grange, one of the speakers noted, “The Grange has always claimed as one of its greatest accomplishments the fact that it was the first organization after the Civil War that brought North and South together in fraternal good will. . . .”¹¹ (figure 6)

While bringing North and South together was a major accomplishment, the Grange is credited with a wide variety of other initiatives. Although it was apolitical in terms of endorsing specific candidates or political parties, the Grange was certainly politically savvy in advocating for the interests of rural America. Among its many accomplishments are the following:

Granger Laws – In 1867 the Grange began its political advocacy efforts to regulate prices of railroad transportation and grain elevator services. The laws varied by state, but had the desired effect of stabilizing prices. The laws were passed by Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. Granger Laws, and their general principles, were validated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1876, but then overturned by the Court in 1886 because regulation of interstate commerce was reserved by the Constitution to the federal government. However, the grangers’ efforts bore fruit when in 1887 the federal Interstate Commerce Act set maximum railroad rates and prohibited discrimination between short-haul and long-haul rates.

Free Rural Mail Delivery – The Grange became an advocate for free mail delivery to rural areas in the 1890s.

Cooperative Purchasing – Local Granges would frequently band together to undertake cooperative purchasing for the benefit of their members. This ranged from machinery that could be shared to agricultural supplies. Some local Granges even built and operated their own grain elevators.

Pure Food Laws – The Grange supported both state and federal pure food laws in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Education – The Grange advocated for agricultural training in rural schools, which was adopted in Ohio in 1917.

Roads – Improvement of rural roads was another issue that was advocated by both local and state Granges. This became increasingly important in the early 20th century as part of the “good roads” movement.

Agricultural Extension Service – The Grange fostered the creation of the Extension Service through The Ohio State University, which still exists in every county in Ohio.

¹⁰ *Centennial History of the Ohio State Grange, 1873-1973*. p. 19.

¹¹ *Golden Jubilee History, Ohio State Grange, 1872-1922*. Ohio State Grange Proceedings, 1922. P. 31

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These and other issues were critically important to agricultural communities, but the local Granges also had a community-focused mission. During the Jubilee celebration of the Ohio Grange in 1922, G. R. Lewis, the keynote speaker, stated,

The Grange is the power house in the community from which radiates community work in all directions. Grange meetings have made it possible for multitudes of our isolated farmer folks to broaden their vision of the life and things in general. Many a farm home has been made happier by the teachings of our Grange work, elevating our men and women to a higher plane of efficiency in life. Teaching our farmer folks to realize their moral obligation, their duty to home and family, is the work of the community. . . .

He also talked about social and cultural events and stated that the Grange should also “show itself outside the Grange Hall, in visits and mutual help. . . . A Grange without music is a Grange bereft of half of its power”¹²

Ohio began establishing local Grange organizations in the early 1870s. In 1873-74, Ohio had 517 Granges in 72 of its 88 counties. By 1877, the number of Granges in Ohio had grown to over 1,200, with 50,000 members statewide. By that time, all of Ohio’s counties had at least one Grange. The 1929 official roster of the Ohio State Grange listed the following Granges in Licking County: Central of Jersey, Fallsburg, Bennington, Newark, Wyoming Valley, Licking Valley, Thorny Point, Derthick, Etna, Centennial, Kirkersville, Brownsville, Laylin, Chatham, Franklin, Hanover, Pataskala, Perryton, Purity, Welsh Hills, Wilkins Run, Madison, Alexandria, Hebron, Granville, Johnstown, and Hartford. By 1998, only seven Granges remained active – Bennington, Newark, Laylin, Franklin, Wilkins Run, Madison, and Hartford.

Local Granges included both men and women as voting members – an unusual occurrence in the late 19th century. They also had youth members and programs. The educational, social, and cultural activities of the organization animated rural life – especially in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when rural people were more isolated than today (figure 3).

History of the Jersey IOOF Lodge #523 and Central of Jersey Grange

The Jersey IOOF Lodge #523 was established in the early 1870s. The organization purchased a “portion of lot # 10 and lot #11 beginning “5’ east of what was known as Eliza B. Pierson’s store building as it stood on the 5th day of February 1876.”¹³ The organization built its frame lodge hall next to the Pierson Store that same year (figure 4).

The Central of Jersey Grange of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, the first in Licking County, was established in 1874 and built its own hall in 1876. A publication dating from the Jubilee Anniversary of the Ohio Grange (1872-1922), published in 1922, had a description of the Central of Jersey Grange Hall. “That these grange halls dotting the state have been mighty

¹² *Golden Jubilee History, Ohio State Grange, 1872-1922*. Ohio State Grange Proceedings, 1922. p.43

¹³ Licking County Deed Book 330, page 31.

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instruments of service, we have ample evidence to prove. Central of Jersey Grange No. 766 of Licking County was organized in 1874 at the home of John Meyers. A hall was begun soon afterwards, and this was completed and dedicated in 1876. Since that time, there has never been a week but there has been a light in that Grange hall, conclusive proof that this is a community center.”¹⁴ No information could be found on maps, in county records, or in local histories to locate the building.

Jersey was a small crossroads community -- an 1881 history of Licking County estimated the population of Jersey as “perhaps, 100.”¹⁵ Given the population of the township at the time (1,348) and the fact that both organizations had men and women as members, it is reasonable to consider that overlapping membership was large and that these two organizations would have been centers of the fraternal, social, and cultural life of the township.

Jersey suffered a major fire in 1911 that leveled both the Dickerson & Co. store (formerly the Pierson Store) and the frame IOOF building. An unused frame school, which had been recently replaced by a brick building in Jersey, was moved to the corner site for use as the new Dickerson & Co. store, while the IOOF immediately chose to rebuild in brick on its same site (figures 5-7). The IOOF triple link symbol and date is proudly displayed between the upper story windows.

In 1929 the Central of Jersey Grange had 184 members, one of the largest in Licking County’s rural townships. The Grange began to use the IOOF building right around the time it was completed in 1911. In 1915, county records show that the property taxes on the building were paid by the Central of Jersey Grange (figure 8). This fact and the “Be A Granger” sign painted on the backdrop flat in the second-floor backstage area (photo 42) certainly supports the supposition that the two groups shared the building in its very early years.

It is not known exactly when the IOOF ceased to use the building, but it was sold by the IOOF Board of Trustees to the Central of Jersey Grange on May 16, 1938. In any case, by the late 1930s, the Grange had become the focus of community activity, but by the 1980s, membership had dwindled and was aging. In 1986 the Central of Jersey Grange merged with the Blendon Grange in Franklin County. “The last local active Grange was Central of Jersey, which also happened to be the first from this area.”¹⁶ All of the remaining members from 1986 are now deceased.

The Central of Jersey Grange was affected by a larger trend of decreasing fraternal membership due to expanding options for social and cultural activities both within and outside the community, and less isolation for rural families than in the past. During the period from 1968 to 1992 the following Grange Halls in Licking County were sold: Johnstown and Fallsburg in 1968;

¹⁴ *Golden Jubilee History, Ohio State Grange, 1872-1922*. Ohio State Grange Proceedings, 1922. p. 31

¹⁵ Hill, C.C. *History of Licking County, Ohio Its Past and Present*. Newark: A.A. Graham & Co. Publishers, 1881. p. 484.

¹⁶ Smith, Helen. *Preservation 2000*. “The Grange.” A publication of the West Licking County Historical Publication Committee, 1999. p. 662.

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Madison and Thorny Point in 1970; Newark and Welsh Hills in 1971; Granville and Liking Valley in 1973; Jacksontown in 1980; Derthick in 1981; Jersey in 1986; and Centennial in 1992.

The nominated property was occupied in 1911, having been completed quickly in the same year as the fire. The first floor had several commercial uses over the years, including a restaurant, pool hall, and the first location of the Jersey Baptist Church (now located elsewhere in the area). The stairs to the second floor were accessible from the first floor and from the exterior through paired doors in the west elevation. The lodge/grange hall, which has not been used since sale of the building in 1986, is virtually unchanged, retaining its early 20th century character, including the stage with its artistically painted curtain and backdrop; furniture, historic floors, wall and ceiling finishes in the lodge room; and built-in regalia cabinets. The building has been vacant for the last several decades.

A second devastating fire struck this same corner in the early 2000s. It destroyed the adjacent store, which was never rebuilt, but the brick IOOF/Grange Hall survived with the only damage being to windows and doors on the west elevation.

Summary

The IOOF and Central of Jersey Grange were the two most important fraternal, social, and agricultural membership organizations in the rural community of Jersey and Jersey Township during the period of significance, when the population of the entire township never exceeded 1,500 people and the vast majority of the population lived on farms. Their programs and activities, which included entire families, relieved the isolation of rural residents and maintained the civic, social, and cultural life of Jersey and Jersey Township. This building is closely associated with both organizations and is the only brick commercial building constructed in Jersey. It is an important landmark in both the cultural and physical context of the community.

The building retains a high degree of integrity of location (it is on its original site dominating the center of the village of Jersey); design (it retains its original size and configuration, the triple link symbol of the IOOF and date between the second story windows, and the lodge hall and regalia room in original condition); materials (brick exterior, interior finishes with decorative pressed tin ceilings, wainscoting, regalia cabinets); craftsmanship (decorative finishes, stage with painted canvas curtain and scenic backdrop); feeling (the building retains its historic character with clearly delineated commercial and lodge/meeting hall spaces reflecting its historic uses); and association (it is clearly representative of its use by both IOOF and the Grange during its period of significance). The major change has been the infilling of the storefront windows, which was done after the building became vacant. The window areas and ceiling showing where the storefronts were located is clearly visible from the interior, so the alteration could be easily reversed. Historic photos are available to guide a re-creation of the original configuration of the storefront windows.

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10. Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
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11. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The nominated property is entirely contained in Parcel # 082-107670-00.000 as recorded by the Auditor of Licking County, Ohio.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes the entire parcel historically associated with the nominated property.

12. 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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Photo Log

Name of Property: Jersey Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall

City or Vicinity: Jersey

County: Licking

State: Ohio

Photographer: Jeffrey Darbee

Date Photographed: May, 2017

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

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- 1) East view toward west elevation; former general store site in foreground.
- 2) West view toward east elevation; privy is beneath fire escape at right.
- 3) Close-up view, looking west, of fire escape and privy.
- 4) Southwest view of east (left) and north (right) elevations.
- 5) North view of main entrance in south elevation. Paired doors, transoms, and flanking windows are original elements.
- 6) Context view looking west along Morse Road toward intersection with Headley's Mill Road.
- 7) South view toward historic brick residence across street from IOOF Hall, in southeast corner of intersection of Morse and Headley's Mill roads.
- 8) Southeast view of former carriage factory, east of IOOF Hall, on south side of Morse Road.
- 9) Context view, looking east along More Road from intersection with Headley's Mill Road. East view of west elevation of IOOF Hall. Former carriage factory (photo 8) visible through trees at far right.
- 10) Southeast view of north (left) and west (right) elevations.
- 11) North view toward south (main) elevation. Stone infill and concrete walk and steps are of uncertain date.
- 12) Southeast view of original west elevation entry doors to first floor and stairway to second floor lodge hall.
- 13) Northeast view showing west (left) and south (right) elevations.
- 14) Northwest view showing south (left) and east (right) elevations.
- 15) Close-up of south (main) elevation original paired entry doors.
- 16) Close-up of carved stone IOOF symbol in second floor datestone, south elevation.
- 17) First floor, north view in east half of commercial space.
- 18) First floor, south view in west half of commercial space. Enclosed stair to second floor is on right, with paired west elevation entry doors visible in stairwell.
- 19) First floor, south view toward main entrance, showing pressed metal ceiling.
- 20) Detail of pressed metal ceiling in vicinity of main south elevation entrance.
- 21) First floor, southwest view of west elevation paired entry doors in stairwell.
- 22) South view upstairs to second floor.
- 23) South view toward second floor landing, showing original varnished wood six-panel door.
- 24) Second floor, northeast view in anteroom in south end of building.
- 25) North view of bell- and peephole-protected entrance door to lodge hall.
- 26) Second floor, north view through two doorways, past cloakroom, into lodge hall; portion of stage visible in background.
- 27) North view, looking upward at pressed metal ceiling in office, southeast corner of second floor.
- 28) Second floor, northwest view in office, showing original regalia/paraphernalia storage cabinets; sliding door to lodge hall at right.
- 29) Second floor, northeast view in office; sliding door to lodge hall at left.
- 30) Second floor, east view in office

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- 31) Second floor, northwest view to stage
- 32) Second floor, southeast view of auditorium
- 33) Second floor, south view of auditorium
- 34) Second floor, northeast view of auditorium; original flooring and raised side steps, historic carpeting
- 35) Second floor, south view of historic tin ceiling and plaster details
- 36) Second floor, north view of stage
- 37) Second floor, southeast view of stage
- 38) Second floor, west view of stage
- 39) Second floor, north view of stage and historic curtain
- 40) Second floor, historic curtain
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From the 1875 Atlas

Figure 1. Jersey Township map from 1875 Evert's *Atlas of Licking County, Ohio*.
The village of Jersey is located at the southern edge of the township.

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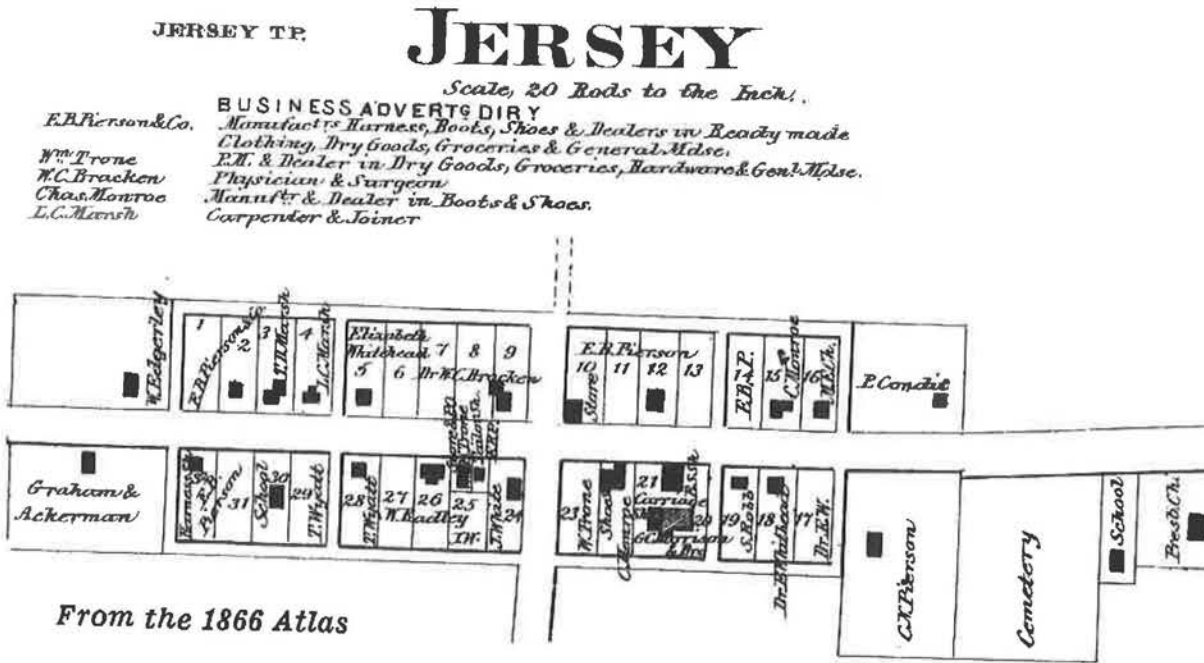


Figure 2. Map of Jersey with Business Directory from 1866 Beers Atlas of Licking County, Ohio. Lot 11 is the location of the nominated building.

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Figure 3. Historic photo with Dickerson's Store and the IOOF before the 1911 fire. The IOOF building is the second to the left.

Source of all historic photos is Douglas Smith, the owner of the nominated property.

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Figure 4. Another view of the Dickerson's Store and a corner of the IOOF building before the 1911 fire.



Figure 5. Ruins of the fire that destroyed both the Dickerson's Store and the IOOF.

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Figure 6. Photo of the old school that was moved and adapted into the Dickerson's Store after the 1911 fire.



Figure 7. Bricks being delivered for construction of the new IOOF building. The building in the rear of the photo is the former school building that was moved to become the new Dickerson's Store.

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Figure 8. Photos of the rebuilt IOOF building, looking west on Main Street. Date of photo is unknown

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Figure 9. Another view, looking east, of the rebuilt IOOF building, second from left.

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Figure 10. Tax receipt for payment of taxes on the nominated property in 1915. Even though the Grange was not the owner of the property until 1938, the payment of taxes does seem to indicate that the building was being used by both the IOOF and Grange early in its history.

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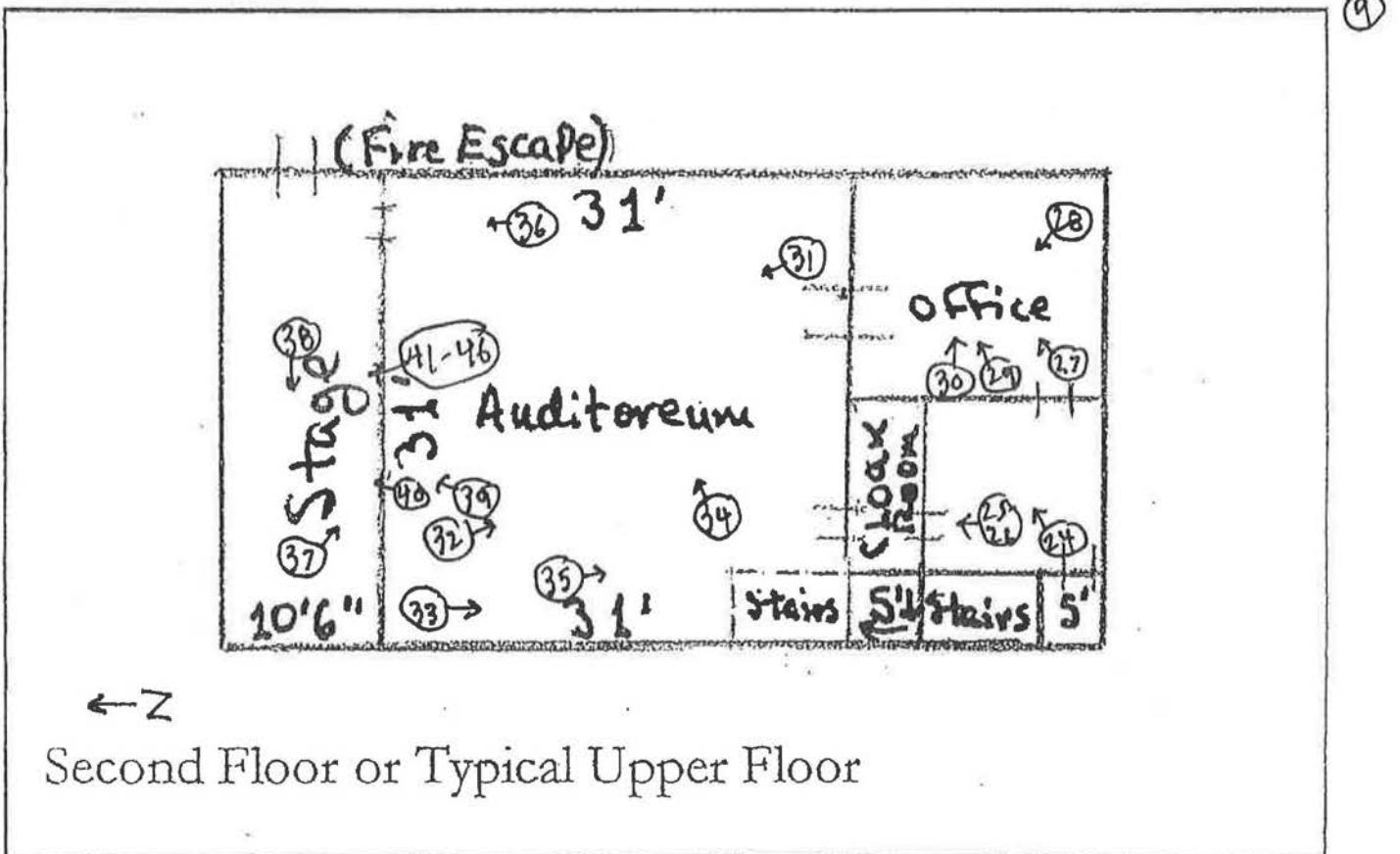
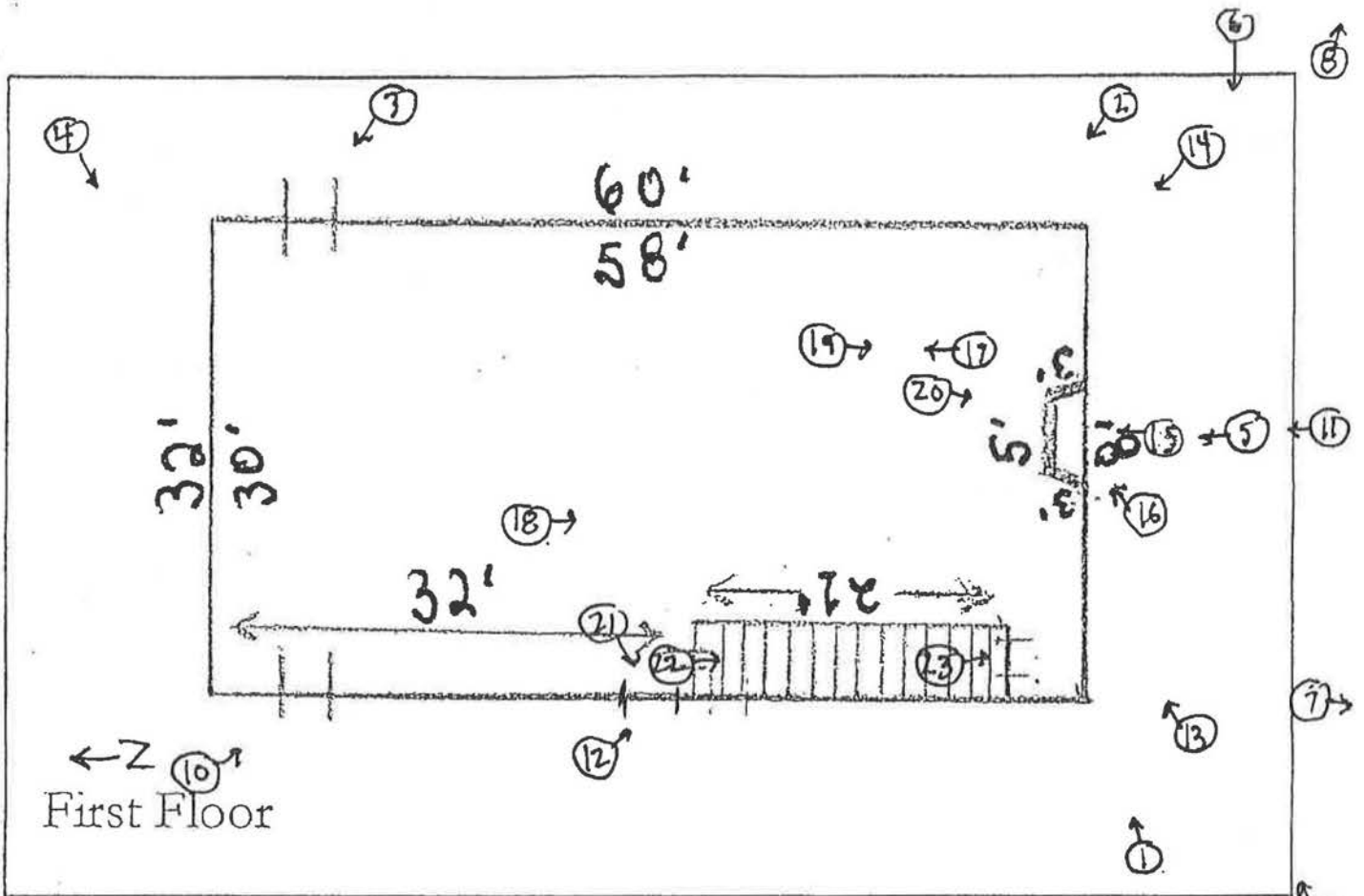
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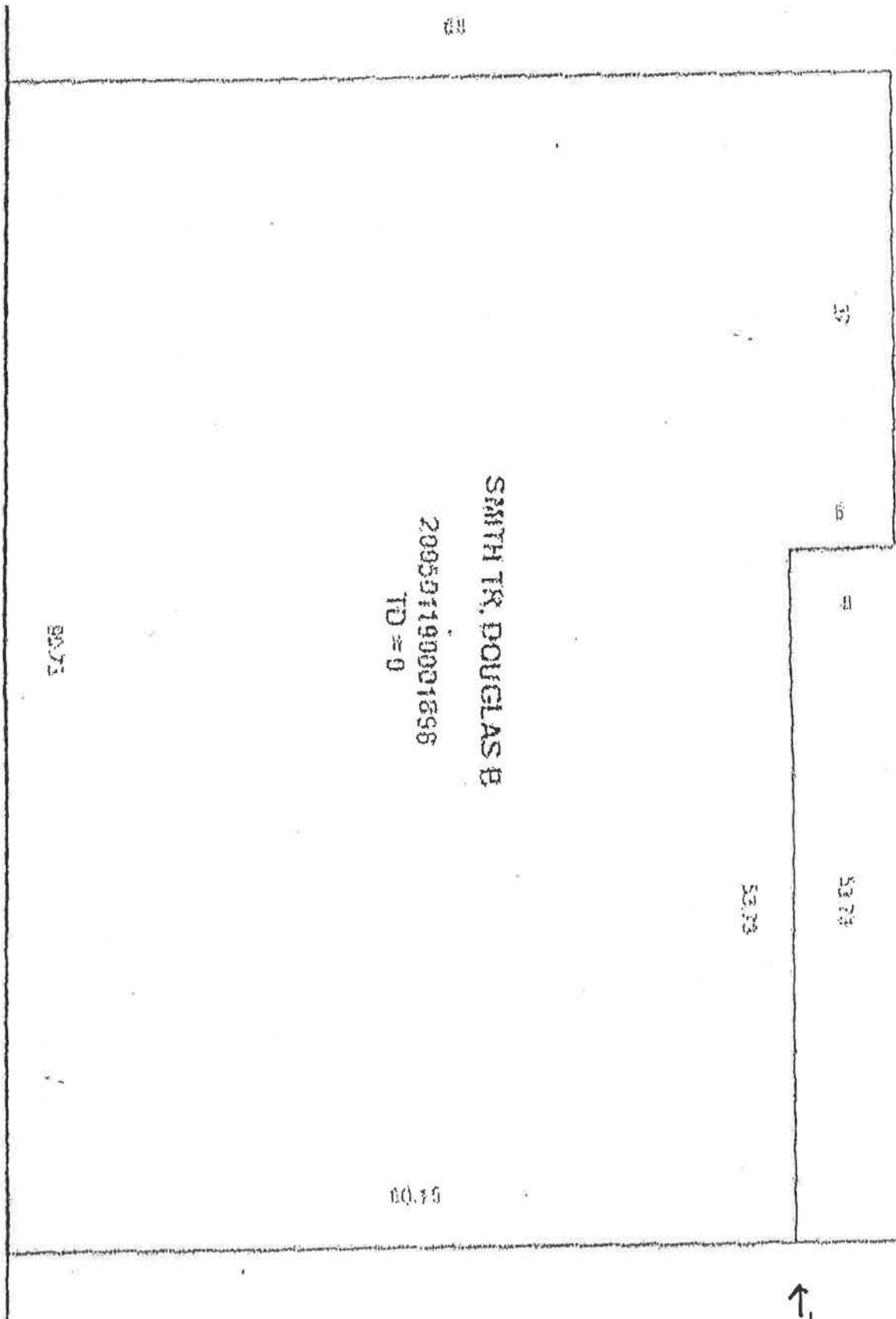
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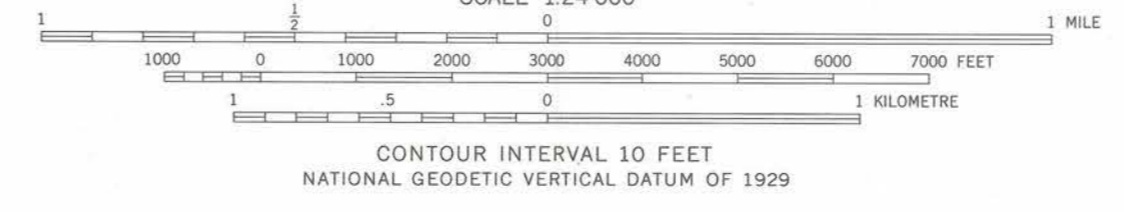
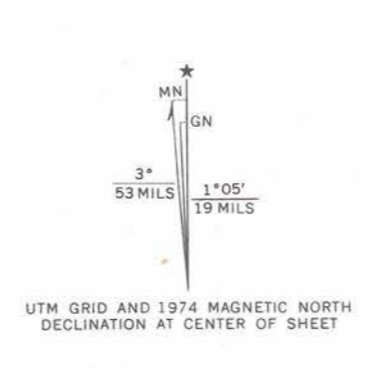
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Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find two (2) new National Register nominations for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new nomination submission.

NEW NOMINATION

Jersey Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall
Outville Hay and Grain Company Building

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

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