

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Smith, Benjamin House

Name of Property
Franklin County, OH
County and State

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 73001438

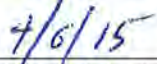
Property Name: Smith, Benjamin House

County: Franklin County State: OH

Multiple Name:

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper


Date of Action

Amended Item in Nomination

This SLR is issued to make the following substantive corrections:

Section 8

The property is listed as a significant example of Second Empire style architecture . The date of construction given is the early 1860s. In fact, the house was completed in 1869. A long newspaper description appeared in the *Ohio Statesman* on June 19, 1869. The same newspaper identified the architect as Nathan B. Kelley (1808-1871) of Columbus. Kelley was an important Columbus architect who completed work on the state capitol building. His design for the Smith House was a very sophisticated interpretation of French residential architecture with its use of quoins, neo-classical ornament, particularly the stone entrance portico, and a relatively low-pitched mansard roof.

The nomination is also vague on the career of the first owner, Benjamin E. Smith. According to the *History of the City of Columbus* by Alfred E. Lee (W.W. Munsell & Co.: NY and Chicago, 1892), Smith was a dry goods merchant who became a banker and invested heavily in railroads. He was over-extended, and his banking house, Bartlett & Smith, was forced to close in July 1877 due to the financial panic that began in 1876. Smith returned to his native New York, but his fate has not been documented.

The Ohio State Historic Preservation Office had documentation regarding the addition and alterations made by the Columbus Club in 1886.

The State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

Distribution

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Franklin
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ENTRY DATE	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Columbus Club Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Smith, Benjamin, House *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
181 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 15
Chalmers P. Wylie

STATE: Ohio CODE: 039 COUNTY: Franklin CODE: 049

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	club		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Columbus Club

STREET AND NUMBER:
181 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus

STATE:
Ohio

CODE:
039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Franklin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
380 South High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbus

STATE:
Ohio

CODE:
039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

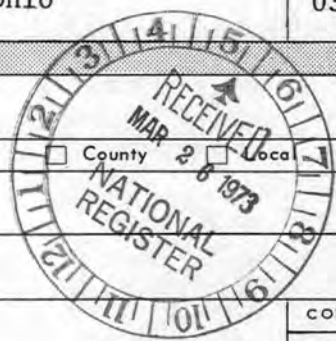
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:



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STATE: Ohio

COUNTY: Franklin

ENTRY NUMBER: 1973

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: The Columbus Club building is an excellent example of Italianate Second Empire architecture in Columbus, Ohio. Two stories plus the mansard roof in height, the main part of the building is five bays by three bays. Built in the early 1860's on a sandstone foundation, the Columbus Club building was constructed of brick with sandstone trim. The ground floor of the main part of the building measures approximately forty-five by thirty-five feet.

There is a bay window to the east of the columned, arched front entrance. Bay windows also occur on the east and west sides at the first floor. Round-headed, double-hung sash windows are employed elsewhere.

The second floor exterior is graced by a row of the round-headed windows with rather elaborate hoodmolds. Round-headed dormers protrude from the slate mansard.

Additional exterior features include extensions of the building on the south and east sides. It is not difficult to interpret what parts are original and which are added. It seems sage to assume that the one-story addition with the crowning balustrade is not original, but that the wings on the south are early. When the building was a private home these rooms were no doubt utilized as guest rooms and servants' quarters.

Interior: Enormously high-ceilinged rooms with ornate marble open fireplaces and richly-carved wooden moldings sum up the interior of the Columbus Club building. The large bay-windowed drawing rooms are located on either side of the building. Though modern electrical wiring and plumbing devices have been added, the architectural features gracing the interior have been preserved.

The second floor contains what were once the bedrooms, but which are now put to various uses by the Columbus Club. The style of decoration follows the first floor pattern of elegance.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **circa 1860**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though the records are inadequate, Benjamin E. Smith was generally known as a financier. It is believed that Smith was connected with railroads after the mid-nineteenth century. Apparently quite prosperous, Benjamin Smith built this fine mansion in the 1860's. In its time and today, it is one of the finest buildings in Columbus. Smith lived in the house until 1883 when he moved to New York City in search of a more lucrative career.

The house was available for rental in 1884 and was rented by the state of Ohio as a governor's mansion. Its first occupant was Governor George Hoadly, Ohio's thirty-sixth chief executive. Governor Joseph Foraker, who succeeded Hoadly, also resided here.

In 1886 the newly-formed Columbus Club purchased the house and grounds. Its members and officers were the elite of Columbus' political and business leaders.

Since that time, the Columbus Club has endeavored to preserve the character and original appearance of this fine building.

The Columbus Club Building stands as an important example of Second Empire architecture in a location where its original neighboring buildings have long since been razed.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arter, Bill, Columbus Vignettes, Columbus, Ohio: Nida-Eckstein Printing, 1966.

Hood, Marilyn G., ed. The First Ladies of Ohio and The Executive Mansions. Columbus, Ohio: The Ohio Historical Society, 1970.

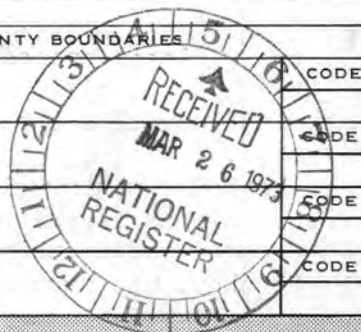
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Larry Alan Beers

ORGANIZATION: The Ohio Historical Society DATE: Nov. 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
1932 Forest Village Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Daniel R. Porter

Title Ohio Liaison Officer

Date 20 March 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Roberton Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/4/73

ATTEST:

Spencer Woodford
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/25/73

PROPERTY Columbus Club Building

STATE Ohio

Smith, Benjamin
House

WORKING NUMBER 3. 26. 73. 2628

TECH REVIEW

Photos 3

Maps 1

8/3/73

Franklin

CONTROL REVIEW

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4-27-
73

OK

HISTORIAN

Accept - AML C
4/30/73 Shuel

Accept 1-73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
IKH
4/30/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK 4/25/73

KEEPER

OK 4/25/73
W.M.
5/25/73

watch name

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 8-7-73

Re-submit _____

Entered _____

JUN 4 1973



NPS Number 6/4/73

Title: Smith House

Loc. Franklin, Ohio

main facade - showing entrance

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NO STOPPING ANY TIME
NO STOPPING 3:00 - 9:00 WEEKDAYS



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south and west facades

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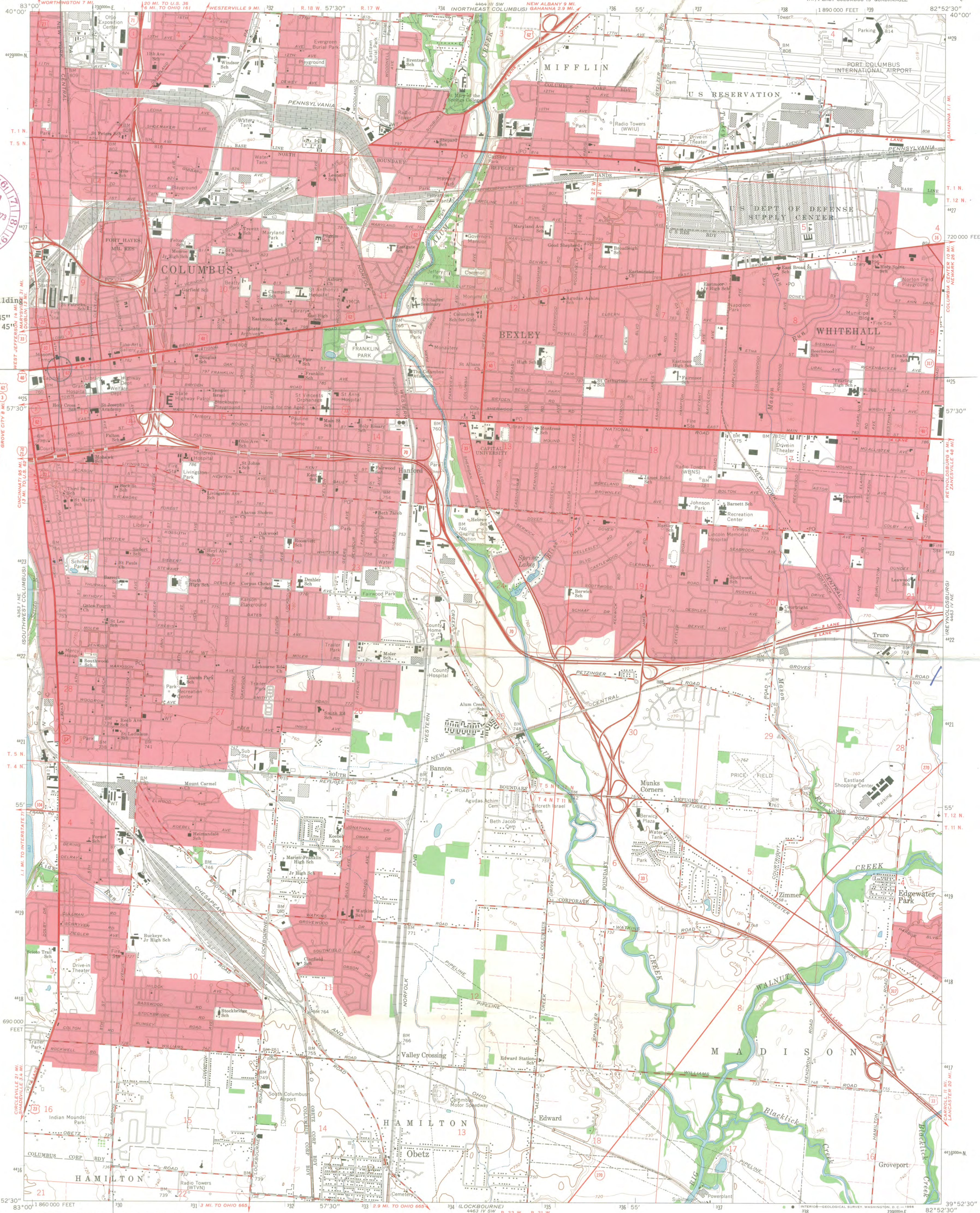
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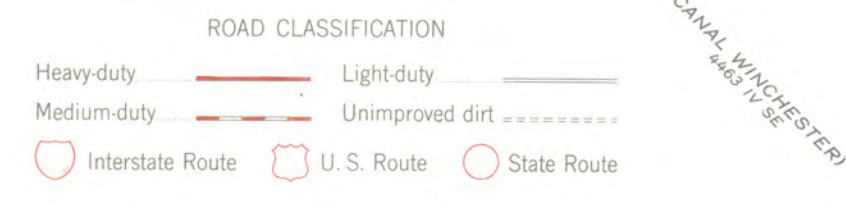
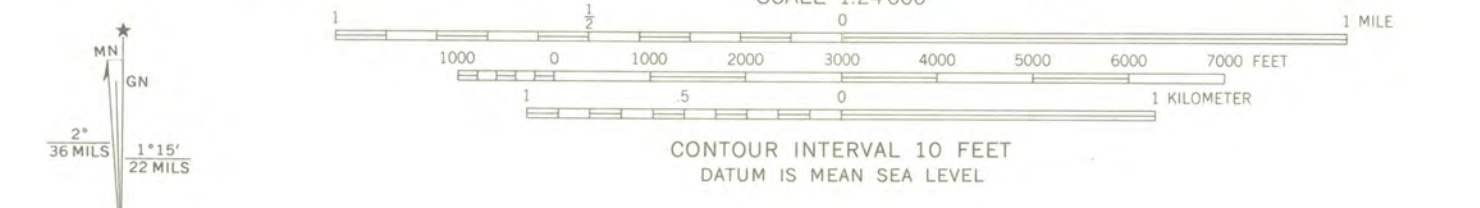


Columbus Club Building
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Longitude: 82°59'45"

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E 329520
N 4425280



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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District
Area south of Base Line lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River
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1964

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. Topographical Map. Southeast Columbus Quadrangle, 7 1/2'

SCALE: **1:24,000**

DATE: **1964**

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **OHIO**

Date Entered **JUN 4 1973**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Newlove Works	Harmony Township Clark County
Dixon Mound	Homer Licking County
Smith, Benjamin, House	Columbus Franklin County
Trinity Cathedral	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Logan County Courthouse	Bellefontaine Logan County

Also Notified

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 Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.
 Hon. Clarence J. Brown
 Hon. John M. Ashbrook
 Hon. Chalmers P. Wylie
 Hon. Louis Stokes

State Historic Preservation Officer
 Mr. Daniel R. Portex
 Director
 The Ohio Historical Society
 Columbus, Ohio 43211

PHR NRowland: pcl 6/13/73

Director, Northeast Region