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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
HISTORIC Wellington - Huntington Road Multiple Resource Area
AND/OR COMMON Historic Resources Along the Wellington - Huntington Road

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER S of Wellington along OH 58
Route 58, South
CITY, TOWN Wellington vic. VICINITY OF 13
STATE Ohio CODE 039 COUNTY Lorain CODE 093
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Donald J. Pease

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME multiple ownership - see continuation sheet
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Lorain County Administration Building
STREET & NUMBER 226 Middle Avenue
CITY, TOWN Elyria STATE Ohio 44035

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Ohio Historic Inventory
DATE 1976 - 78
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Lorain County Regional Planning Commission
CITY, TOWN Elyria STATE Ohio 44035
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The historic resources area lies along a north-south road in a rural area comprised of gently rolling farmland and patches of wooded land. Farmhouses with their surrounding outbuildings are spaced along this road. Plenty of open space still faces this major road, although some newer houses have been built along it. There are, as yet, no incompatible commercial or industrial uses along this stretch of highway. The major historic resources of this area are the farmhouses. There are also some important outbuildings, such as the two old one room schools that have been converted to storage buildings. In and near Huntington Center are three old church buildings, two of which have been converted to other uses. On the corner of Route 58 and Route 162 are an old inn and an old brick school building that are vestiges of Huntington's past as a small community. The township cemetery also lies along this road. Findley State Park and a state wildlife area constitute prominent open spaces that border on this road.

With four exceptions, the buildings that comprise this historic resources area are Greek Revival in style and predate the Civil War. They were built when Huntington was a much larger community and are reminders of the town's most prosperous past. There are two basic types of Greek Revival houses to be found in this area. One type is a story and a half Greek Revival house that features a bold, massive entablature and large corner pilasters. The other type is a full two story house with more delicate detailing and lighter cornices. This type also has a semi elliptical fan light in the attic. The larger buildings, such as the three churches and the old inn all exhibit the typical characteristics of the Greek Revival style: rectangular plan; simple, massive entablatures and corner pilasters; entranceways enframed by smaller entablatures and pilasters; and clapboard siding. The four buildings that are not Greek Revival are the two old schools, which have vertical board and batten siding and wood trim characteristic of the Italianate style, and the public school, which is built of brick and dates from the early Twentieth Century, and the Mosher House. The Mosher House is an interesting turn of the century house that shows the influence of the prairie style in its horizontal siding and broad overhanging eaves.

Since the buildings in the resource area are separated from one another, except in Huntington Center, there is no strong physical link from one property to another. The Greek Revival houses along this road constitute about three quarters of all the houses in the area, so they are a dominant feature along this road. At one time, these Greek Revival buildings were the only structures to line this road and they were in greater numbers than at present. And while they continue to be the dominant physical feature along this road, the increasing encroachment of this area by residential development threatens to disrupt the rural setting these buildings now enjoy. There are only two commercial uses of land in the area and these are quite inobtrusive. There are several public or semi public buildings in the resource area. These are clustered near the intersection of Route 58 and Route 162. Large old shade trees are present on many of the properties and add to the historic character of the area.

Archeological resources have not been inventoried as part of this survey. Lorain County is known to possess a number of significant sites and it is entirely possible that significant sites lie within the historic resources area.

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There are sites that have the potential to yield information on Huntington's early history. For instance, the site of the old Huntington hotel, which burned in the 1930's, could yield some interesting artifacts. Sites of some of the first structures to be built in the township lie along this road.

A number of outbuildings are clustered around the nominated farmhouses. These are generally older structures constructed with massive wood framing. Some of them have had other uses. Behind the O.T. Baker House is a garage that was once an old one room school, originally located at Huntington Center. Behind the Gregg House is another similar old one room school. It was once located at the corner of Baker and Bursley Roads. North of the William Nooney House is a small barn which was once used as a blacksmith shop. Other outbuildings had associations with the cheese industry, which flourished in this area during the late nineteenth century. These barns and other outbuildings are to be included in the National Register along with their farmhouses.

State Route 58, which runs between Wellington and Huntington, has long been known as a road with many interesting older houses along it. While Huntington Township has other Greek Revival houses scattered throughout, the most impressive and the greatest number lie along this road. Driving along this road is visual experience unequalled by any other roads in the vicinity. Route 58, as South Main Street in Wellington, is in the center of a designated historic district and has many outstanding older houses lining both sides of it. The historic resources area, which begins at the southern edge of the Wellington Historic District, is a logical extension of this district south through Huntington. Nomination of the historic resources area with emphasis on this road, rather than on a township or city, recognizes the visual importance of this grouping of historic buildings and hopefully will do more to advance the preservation of the scenic beauty of this road.

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Not all of the older houses along this road are included in the nomination. Those that were not specifically included were smaller, less impressive structures that have had major alterations, such as new exterior siding or large incongruous additions, or those that have not been well maintained and are deteriorated, or those that were not particularly distinguished architecturally or historically. In the future, if some of these buildings are restored or rehabilitated, they may be added to the list of nominated properties. While most of the nominated buildings were selected on the basis of their architecture, many of them also have historical significance of a local nature.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1830 - 1911 BUILDER/ARCHITECT various

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Some of the finest and best preserved examples of rural Greek Revival architecture in this area may be found along the road from Wellington to Huntington. These Greek Revival farmhouses, along with their attendant outbuildings, are finely crafted and well-proportioned examples of the first major style of architecture to appear in this part of Ohio. In addition, the historic resource area contains the remnants of what was once a thriving settlement. The resource area is located along a road that was of major importance in the transportation of goods and services in the mid nineteenth century.

Huntington Township was first settled in 1818 by a group of people coming from Connecticut. In 1822, the township was organized and a wave of settlement began. The first road to be opened was a north-south road through the center of the township. It was used to establish a trading link between this rural area and Lake Erie, which was then a major route for goods flowing to and from the East Coast. During the 1840's an established community began to take form at the center of Huntington Township, serving as a place of commerce for the surrounding farmlands. Four churches were erected during this decade, and stores and inns were established. The settlement of Huntington continued to be largely oriented along this north-south route, which is where most of its trade originated. For a brief time around 1850 Huntington had a larger commercial center than any of the adjoining townships. However, when the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad came through Wellington in 1849, Huntington's fate was sealed. A migration of commerce and people from Huntington to Wellington occurred; a number of houses were physically moved by teams of horses from Huntington to Wellington. Huntington's population began a steady decline over the succeeding decades, falling to less than half its peak population of 1,200. Only recently, with advancing suburban sprawl, has Huntington's population decline been reversed, and its population is still far below that of 1850.

Huntington's most famous native son was Myron T. Herrick, wealth Cleveland businessman, governor of Ohio and U.S. ambassador to France. Herrick was born and raised in Huntington, and although his residence is not a part of the resource area, some building's that exist today were important landmarks in the town of Huntington where Herrick grew up. Other prominent people from Huntington include State Senator J. T. Haskell and Tass Phelon, who was Huntington's only county commissioner. Both of these men lived in the William Nooney House.

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Because Huntington has seen virtually no new development since the 1850's, many of its buildings are largely undisturbed. While some, such as the Township Hall and Old Inn, have fallen into disrepair, others are in a good state of preservation. The Darlon Allen House and the John A. Chapman House are two examples of very well preserved Greek Revival farmhouses. Many outbuildings and barns are still intact, as well.

Because these buildings are, for the most part, widely spaced, they do not form a continuous district. Their location along the road from Wellington to Huntington does create a visual relationship among these buildings, as they can be viewed as a fairly continuous series of early farmhouses separated by open space. Between Bursley Road and Route 162, the nominated buildings are located closer together and become more of a continuous district, but because of the difficulties of setting precise boundaries when the lots are still quite sizeable, it was decided to specify the significant buildings near Huntington Center.

The results of this survey of historic resources along Route 58 have been made available to local planning agencies. Development could be considered a threat to the northern portion of the resource area, particularly around the Mosher House, but there are at present no official plans that would endanger the historic resource area. The major threat to this area in the foreseeable future seems to be the continuing trend toward new house construction in rural areas.

what was designed

This survey and nomination was done by the Lorain County Regional Planning Commission under contract with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. The contract was designed to comprehensively inventory the county through the Ohio Historic Inventory, and then to nominate selected properties to the National Register. The original form preparer served as the primary staffing for the contract.

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The Wellington-Huntington Road was a vital 19th century transportation route along which an impressive array of residences and public buildings were constructed. The arrangement of these highly significant buildings along the road compose a distinct and visually identifiable "resource area," with the road serving as the connecting thread, both historically and presently. Because of the importance of this road as a line of communication between Wellington and settlements to the south, the immediately adjacent area and side roads to the east and west do not exhibit this distinctive architecture. All eligible properties along the road have been nominated and no effort has been made to select only "the most major and most significant." In fact, of the approximately 60 buildings lining the road, over a third are being nominated at this time. The remainder are more recent 20th century buildings. It can simply be said that this stretch of road is a highly unique area within the county which should be considered apart from any other, including the Wellington Historic District.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Atlas of Lorain County, Ohio. 1857

Lake, D. J. Atlas of Lorain County, Titus, Simmons and Titus, Philadelphia 1874, page 45.

Williams Brothers, History of Lorain County, Ohio, Philadelphia, 1879, pages 278-84.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY see Ohio Historic Inventory forms

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A

ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING						

C

ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING						

D

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ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The multiple resource area begins at the southern edge of the village of Wellington, Ohio, along State Route 58. The area lies south along Route 58 (the Wellington-Huntington Road) for a distance of approximately five miles, passing through the small crossroads town of Huntington, until reaching

Stewart Road, which forms the southern terminus. It includes selected buildings and properties along both sides of this road throughout this length.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Steven McQuillin, planner

ORGANIZATION

Lorain County Regional Planning Commission

DATE

May 1978

STREET & NUMBER

21 Turner Block, Court Street

TELEPHONE

(216) 322-4725

CITY OR TOWN

Elyria

STATE

Ohio

44035

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

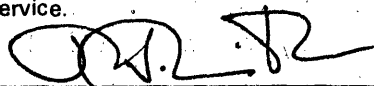
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



10/26/78

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6/15/79

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Bill Board

DATE

June 15, 1979