

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Cuyahoga
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	8-13-74

1. NAME

COMMON:	North Union Shaker Site
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: See Continuation Sheet Between North Park Boulevard and South Park Boulevard			
CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 22 - Charles A. Vanik	
STATE: Ohio	CODE: 039	COUNTY: Cuyahoga	CODE: 035

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:	City of Cleveland		
STREET AND NUMBER:	601 Lakeside N.E.		
CITY OR TOWN:	Cleveland	STATE:	Ohio
		CODE:	039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:	Cuyahoga County Building		
STREET AND NUMBER:	1219 Ontario		
CITY OR TOWN:	Cleveland	STATE:	Ohio
		CODE:	039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
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no bldg. on site

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a site of approximately 146 acres in a strip averaging 800 feet in width between North Park and South Park Boulevards, and bisected by Doan Brook. It includes two earthen dams constructed by the Shakers, and the lakes retained by the dams. A large area of open space is included in the strip between the two lakes. The dam for what is now the Lower lake was begun by 1826, strengthened and enlarged in 1831, and achieved its final and present size in 1836. Below the lower dam are the remains of the masonry mill race for a sawmill. The earthen dam for the Upper lake was constructed by 1854. The majority of the masonry parts of the dams have been completely rebuilt, except for a cylindrical spillway intake at the upper dam, which is of much older masonry than the new construction. Between the upper dam and Lee Road is the site of a three-story woolen mill, built in 1854 on a deep laid foundation of solid masonry. Near the site of the woolen mill, in the stream bed wash-out of Doan Brook, the following are among the artifacts found on the surface: (1) Fragments of amber and blue-green glassware, identified as almost certainly from Portage County glassworks, either at Mantua or Kent; (2) A half-dime coin, dated 1845; (3) Clay pipe fragments, including a pipestem marked "DOUGALL"; (4) A brass button with a brazed shaft, inscribed "WARRANTED TREBLE GILT"; (5) The metal haft of an unidentified hand tool; (6) Pottery shards, including: (a) Fragments with underglaze transfer prints, in blue, brown, and rose; (b) Fragments of "Gaudy Dutch" pottery, the multi-colored English Staffordshire soft-paste ware of around 1825; (c) Fragments of "Flow Blue," the rich blue underglaze ware; and (d) common brown salt-glaze ware.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1822-1889**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site is significant because it has already yielded and is likely to yield further evidence which will illuminate the commerce and industry of the North Union Shaker communal society, to supplement our current understanding of their religious beliefs, social customs, crafts and building. It comprises the working sites of two of the three "family" units of the community, and includes the earthworks of two dams built by the Shakers in 1836 and ca. 1854, a cylindrical spillway intake of nineteenth century masonry at the upper dam, portions of the masonry mill race at the sawmill site below the lower dam, and the site of the woolen mill foundations of 1854. It also includes an archeological site near the woolen mill site, currently being explored on the basis of surface finds by members of the staff of Case Western Reserve University. A large amount of open space is included in the designated area between the actual structures and sites, as this is essential to maintain the continuity and integrity of the Shaker community site.

This section of the Western Reserve was "violent with religious fervor in the early days of the nineteenth century," where the Campbellites, the Mormons, the Millerites and the Shakers all found expression. Minute accounts of the Shaker society at North Union, which lasted from 1822-1889, are preserved in one of the finest collections of Shaker manuscripts in the country at the Western Reserve Historical Society, especially the official chronicle of the society by Elder James Prescott.

The proposed site comprises approximately one-tenth of the original 1,400 acres of the North Union community and contains the valley of Doan Brook. This area was the origin of the Shakers' name for the community, "The Valley of God's Pleasure." In the Shakers' chronicle, "Doan Brook was the vital center, the life of the valley; it was soon dammed to furnish power for the gristmill and the tannery of the community." The North Union community, in Warrensville township, was established in 1822. A Church or Center family was formed at the Newburgh road and what is now

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8. Lee Road. By 1826 the brook had been dammed and a mill site established, and thus the Mill family was formed. In 1837 a Gathering family was established to the east of the Center family. The meeting-house and dwellings of these three families were outside the designated site, but the dams for the sawmill, gristmill and woolen mill exist. The glassware, pottery and metal objects found near the woolen mill site suggest that much other material from the working sites of these family units may be found.

The existing structural remains, together with the promise of the archeological work in progress, make this a site which has the possibility of yielding new information about the society and industry of the North Union Shakers, and their relations with other communities. The large open space between the known sites must also be considered, not as natural features, but as a potential source of such information.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

James S. Prescott, The History of North Union, 1822-1870 (Ms., Western Reserve Historical Society).
 Caroline B. Piercy, The Valley of God's Pleasure, (New York, 1951), 4, 9, 86-87, 91, 99-100, 113.
 David Brose, Interview and unpubl. exploration (chairman, Dept. of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	41° 29' 28"	81° 34' 59"				
NE	41° 29' 02"	81° 33' 17"				
SE	41° 28' 45"	81° 33' 25"				
SW	41° 29' 11"	81° 35' 07"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **146 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: **Western Reserve Historical Society** DATE: **October 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
10825 East Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: **Cleveland** 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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		E. Johannesen	
DATE OF PHOTO:		1973	
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Western Reserve Historical Society			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Upper Dam Spillway Intake. View from above, facing east.			

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Upper Lake, looking northwest toward dam. Visible masonry is modern. Spillway intake is at exact center of photograph.			

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Artifacts found in stream bed wash-out near woolen mill site:			
1. Portage County glassware fragments; 2. 1845 half-dime coin;			
3. Brass button; 4. Clay pipe fragments; 5. metal haft;			
6. Pottery shards, with transfer prints; 7. "Gaudy Dutch";			
8. "Flow Blue"; 9. Brown salt-glaze.			

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		Shaker Collection	
DATE OF PHOTO:		1880's	
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Western Reserve Historical Society			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Woolen Mill of 1854(demolished). Foundations are within the designated site.			

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Lower Dam Sawmill Race, looking Northwest.			

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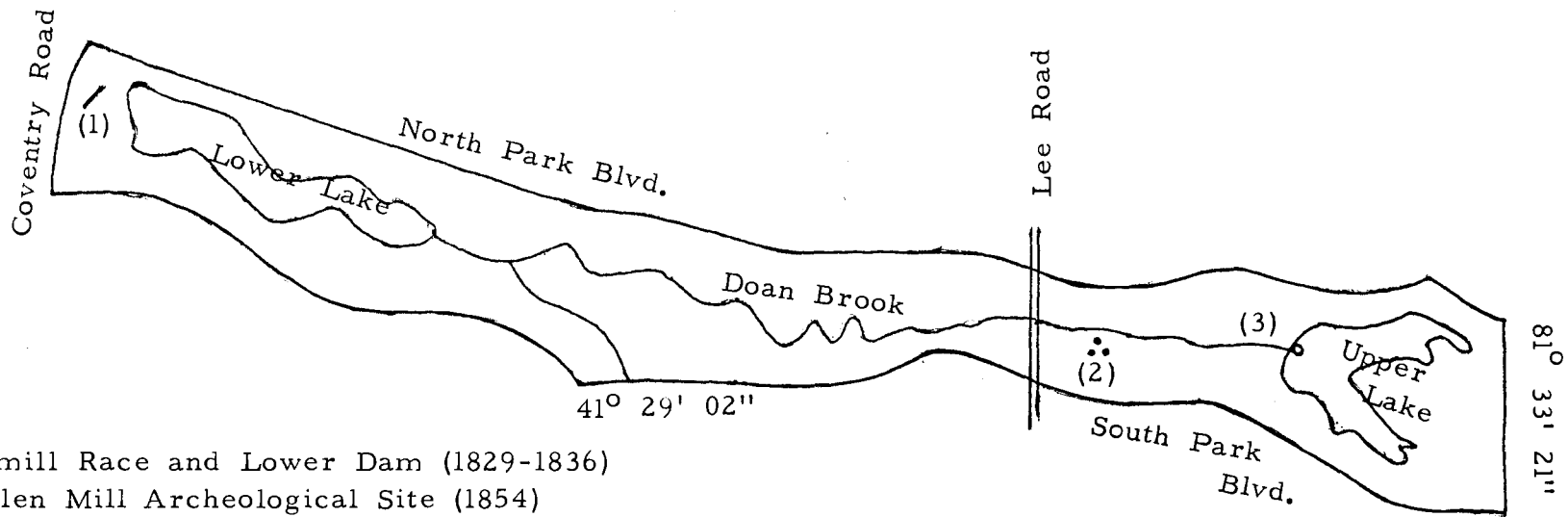
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10-301. The boundary of the site area begins at the southeast corner of Coventry Road and North Park Blvd. in Cleveland Heights; then proceeds generally southeast along the south curb line of North Park Blvd. until it intersects the line of longitude $81^{\circ} 33' 21''$. Continue south along this line to the north curb line of South Park Blvd.; then proceed west along South Park Blvd. until it intersects the line of latitude $41^{\circ} 29' 02''$ at the point where South Park Blvd. makes a triangular intersection. Proceed west along the line of latitude $41^{\circ} 29' 02''$ until it intersects the east curb line of West Park Blvd.; then proceed in a northwesterly direction until West Park Blvd. joins South Park Blvd. Proceed west along South Park Blvd. until it intersects Coventry Road; then proceed north along the east curb line of Coventry Road to the corner of North Park Blvd.

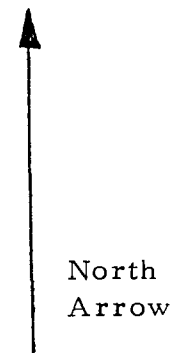


- (1) Sawmill Race and Lower Dam (1829-1836)
- (2) Woolen Mill Archeological Site (1854)
- (3) Spillway Intake and Upper Dam (1854)

NORTH UNION SHAKER SITE

Scale: 1:12,000

Approx. 146 Acres



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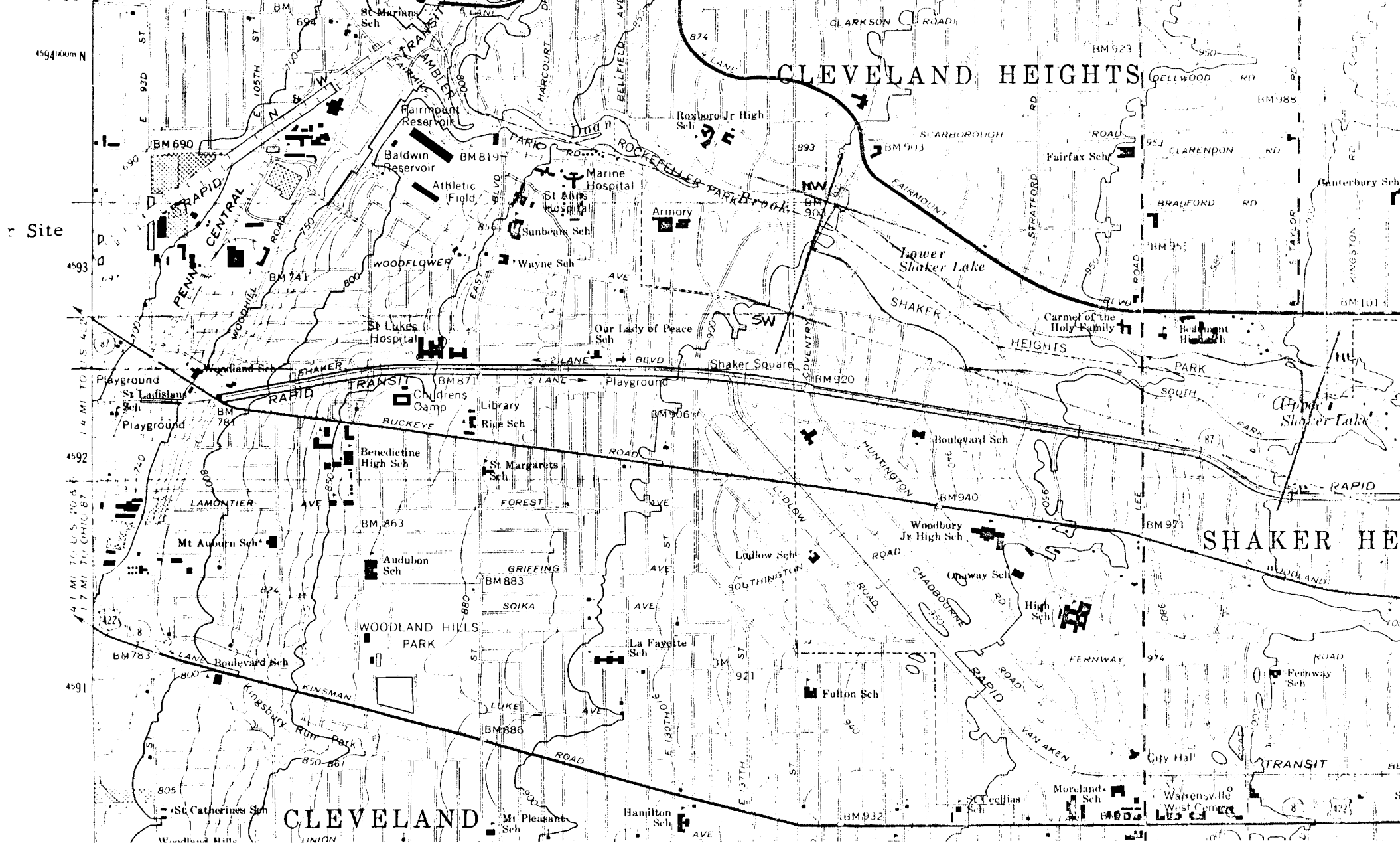
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: hand drawn			
SCALE: 1" = 12000' (1:120,000)			
DATE: 1974			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

11° 52' 10" NORTH
110° 10' 10" WEST

81° 37' 30" 48000m E. 449 0.4 M. TO U.S. 322 450 R. 12 W. 451 35' R. 11 W. 452 1.1 MI. TO U.S. 322 (EAST CLEVELAND) 4667 II SE 454



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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:	U.S.G.S. Shaker Heights Quadrangle		
SCALE:	1:24,000		
DATE:	1970		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
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HISTORIC North Union Shaker Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Shaker Heights VICINITY OF STATE Ohio COUNTY Cuyahoga

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Jonathan Westropp DATE OF PHOTO 1976
NEGATIVE FILED AT Western Reserve Historical Society

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET PHOTO NO.
Canoe Club building, lake (north) facade, looking south.

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9. Annual Reports of the Cleveland Park Commissioners (1909-1915).
10. UTM 451/630 East 4592/780 North (Shaker Lakes Canoe House)

September 11, 1974

Mayor
City of Cleveland
601 Lakeside N.E.
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that the North Union Shaker Site, (see enclosed location) Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is a brochure explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations for recognizing the importance of, and the need for, the careful and sensible preservation of Ohio's landmarks. Your farsightedness will surely serve as an example to other individuals and organizations in this state.

Sincerely,

Judith Kitchen
Architectural Historian and Administrator
Historic Preservation Office

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