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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: Leist, John House at Dutch Hollow

Other names/site number: _____

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: 10200 Cincinnati-Zanesville Rd. SW

City or town: Amanda State: OH County: Fairfield

Not For Publication: n/a Vicinity: X

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:

A ___ B X C ___ D

<p><i>Barbara Lower</i> DSHPO/Dept. Head Inventory & Registration May 24, 2023</p> <hr/> <p>Signature of certifying official/Title: Date</p> <p><u>State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection</u></p> <p>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	
<p>In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.</p> <hr/> <p>Signature of commenting official: Date</p> <hr/> <p>Title : State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	

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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:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

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Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling = House

DOMESTIC/secondary structure = Summer kitchen

DOMESTIC/secondary structure = Carriage house

AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuilding = Barn

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Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling = House

DOMESTIC/secondary structure = Storage shed

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

FEDERAL
I-House, Central Hall

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Walls = BRICK & STONE/sandstone

Foundation = STONE/sandstone

Roof = STONE/slate

Other = Chimneys = BRICK, Cornices = STONE

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 John Leist House at Dutch Hollow was completed in 1827 by John Leist, a prominent Fairfield County, Ohio architect, builder, and pioneer. This house in Clear Creek Township was the last of four (perhaps five) outstanding Federal-style brick homes that Leist built in the area between 1817 and 1827, and was his personal residence. The nominated property includes just over 10 acres of land located not far from the original Zane's Trace frontier road that stretched from Wheeling, W.Va. to Maysville, Ky. and was built on former Native American trails to encourage settlement of the Northwest Territory. The John Leist House at Dutch Hollow is an exceptionally well-preserved example of late Federal architecture in an early central Ohio farmhouse. Its high-level of original design and craftsmanship are indicative of the style of early rural settlers of the former Northwest Territory. Two other Leist-built houses are currently on the National Register: The Valentine Reber House (reference number 75001395) and the Royalton

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House (75001396), while a third National Register-listed property, the Joshua Stevenson House (07000581), is thought to also have been built by Leist. After falling into some disrepair on two different occasions, the John Leist House at Dutch Hollow has been expertly restored to its original splendor. The current owner is John Leist's fourth-great grandson.

Narrative Description

Exterior

The John Leist House at Dutch Hollow sits on approximately 10 acres in the Clear Creek Township in Fairfield County. The 1827 Federal style house is the latest of the extant Leist designed homes. The property is located off Cincinnati-Zanesville Road, in a relatively rural setting with the exception of a large auto lot to the southeast, across Cincinnati-Zanesville Road. The house is surrounded by mature trees and other plants, along with a pond behind the additional buildings. The northeast portion of the property consists of a heavily wooded area. The property consists of four contributing resources and one non-contributing resource. The contributing resources include the 1827 Federal house, the original 1827 bank barn, a summer kitchen, and a carriage house (both constructed later than the house and barn in the late 19th century). The non-contributing resource on the property is a 1980 detached three-car garage.

The John Leist House at Dutch Hollow is a 2 ½ -story Flemish bond brick residence that is 5-bays wide and 2-bays deep (Photo 1 and 2). The house is an I-House, Central Hall plan featuring the characteristic 2 stories, gable roof, end chimneys, and center hallway. The house contains a stone foundation, a symmetrical façade with a central entrance, and a gabled slate roof. Sandstone steps lead up to the central entrance on the main façade (south elevation) and contains fluted stone surrounds featuring a carved rope design and keystone as well as a decorative semi-circular fanlight (Photo 2). The main façade features seven windows, one directly above the entrance and two on each floor, flanking the entry. The windows are double hung, 6/6 lites with stone sills and lintels. The stone lintels contain decorative carved corner blocks (Photo 2). As mentioned above, the house contains a slate, gabled roof with two chimneys on either end. A modeled brick cornice arranged in a mousetooth configuration. The east and west, side elevations each feature two windows which match those on the main elevation (Photos 4 and 5). There is one located on the first and second floor, on the south side of the elevation. Additionally, there are two small fixed 4 pane windows located side by side at the peak of the elevation, just below the roofline. The east elevation also contains the exterior entrance to the cellar.

The rear elevation (north side) of the house contains an addition that dates later than the original construction of the home, but was added prior to 1882 (figure 2) (Photos 3, 4, 6). The two-story addition is on a stone foundation and features wood siding and a gabled, slate roof. A cover porch is located on the east side of the addition with a shed roof located below the second story windows. The roof of the porch is asphalt and is supported by 4 small, rectangular Tuscan columns. The addition contains two entrances, one is located on the porch and the other on the

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north elevation. A variety of windows are located on the addition. A total of five double hung, 6/3 lite windows located on the second story on the east, north, and west elevations – two side-by-side on the east and west elevations and one on the east of the north elevation – all of which feature green, wooden shutters. The west elevation contains two side-by-side double hung 9/6 lite windows on the first story. Flanking the north elevation entrance of the addition are single, 8 lite fixed windows. Finally, the porch contains a double hung 6/6 lite window with green wooden shutters.

The original brick exterior is still all intact. The original exterior wood shutters have been removed from the windows for restoration. The original 1870s white siding on the back addition was replaced by a previous owner in the 1940s, while the windows on the back addition have storm windows that are either original to the 1870s or were added at the same time the siding was replaced. The original windows on the main part of the house do not have storm windows.

Many of the original sandstone pavers and fence posts remain around the exterior of the house, as does the large stepstone that John Leist used to get in and out of his carriage. The original wood fence around the perimeter of much of the property also survives mostly intact. The original brick gate to the immediate west of the house appears to utilize the same bricks as the main house.

Interior

The first floor of the house contains the main hall, a dining room in the southeast corner, and a living room in the southwest corner. The kitchen is in the rear of the house with a small laundry room and bathroom, in the northern most portions – constructed with the late nineteenth century addition. From the main entrance, a main hall is flanked by the living room and the dining room and continues northward towards the kitchen, located at the north end of the first floor. Beneath the stairwell is the interior entrance down to the cellar.

Inside the original portion of the house are the original wood floors, wood carved rope molding, and mantels (Photo 7). Nearly the entire house is original, with interior features including built-in cabinets, door latches and handles (Photos 8, 9, 10) having been meticulously restored by previous owners, first in the 1960s by the Cluff family, then in the late 1990s and early 2000s by the Weinberg family following a three-year period of the house sitting vacant.

The wainscoting and staircase balusters and stair end details (Photo 11), architraves with carved corner blocks (Photo 12), handsomely carved mantels with fluted columns and circular and oval sunburst designs (Photos 13, 14, 15) are original and have been restored. The original wood doors are eight-paneled (Photo 16).

The second story consists of three bedrooms. The two original bedrooms are situated in the southwest and southeast corners of the house, above the living and dining rooms. The two original upstairs bedrooms have similar original carved mantels and built-in cabinetry to that of the first floor (Photos 17, 18). The third bedroom, attached bathroom, and the kitchen on the first

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floor were all constructed with the late nineteenth century addition added to the rear of the house. This bedroom spans the rear portion of the house within the addition and includes the added bathroom in the northwest corner (Photo 20). It is located on a split level, accessed by a landing in between the first and second floor. Additional changes include a bathroom that was added between the two original bedrooms in the 1960s (Photo 19). The kitchen was also tastefully modernized in the 2000s (Photo 21).

Additional Contributing Buildings

Other features of the homestead include the original Pennsylvania forebay bank barn built along with the house in 1827 – indicative of Leist’s Pennsylvania roots (Photos 22, 23, 24). At some point in the 19th century a “milk house” was added for dairy cows, and in fact is visible in an 1875 picture. The wood frame, bank barn is built slightly into a hill contains a gabled metal roof. It maintains its original post and beam framing (photo 24). Aside from the roof, much of the original construction and features exist.

The summer kitchen (Photos 25, 26, 27), and carriage house (Photo 28) were constructed later, perhaps in the late 19th century. The summer kitchen is unrestored and is located near the present-day kitchen on the east side of the house. The 2-story building matches the main house, with similar brick and a matching slate, gabled roof. The brick pattern is of a common bond and a rectangular, brick chimney is located on the roof – above the original bread oven. The entrance to the summer kitchen is on the south elevation and contains the original single, wooden door with a semi-elliptical brick arch above it. Two fixed 9 lite windows with brick lintels and stone sills are located on the second story of this elevation. The other elevations contain a series of 9/6 lite double hung windows. It looks virtually identical to how it would have in the 1800s, being of brick construction and still containing features such as the original bread oven, original wooden and brick floors, and exposed brick and plaster interior walls (Photo 29). The carriage house has been maintained in its original condition (Photo 28). It is located behind the addition of the main house and is wood framed with a gabled metal roof. It contains its original fixed, multi-pane windows. The only non-contributing building is a three-car garage built in the 1980s (Photo 30) that is situated to the northwest of the house.

Integrity Assessment

Location. The house is still in its original location and has not been moved.

Design. John Leist was a master builder, and this house reflects his focus on design detail. The exterior is laid out in the classic Federal style and the interior is highly functional while also showing exceptional levels of detail. The house exhibits characteristics of the I-house, central hall house type commonly associated with Mid-Atlantic, upland South settlers coming into Ohio during the early 19th century. These characteristics include the house’s overall 2-story, 5-bay, originally one-room deep, center hallway plan, gable roof with end chimneys.

Setting. The location of the John Leist House at Dutch Hollow is important because he was one of the pioneers of Clear Creek Township and his home was prominently visible on the road.

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Furthermore, his property was located not far from the original Zane's Trace that quite literally blazed a trail through the Northwest Territory in the late 1700s. Additionally, the house and outbuildings remain in a rural farm setting.

Materials. The sandstone used to build the foundation of this house was quarried on-site, and the brick was likewise fired on-site. The wood used for the floors, trim and shutters was made from trees cut down on-site. All these original materials remain in the house.

Workmanship. The house's quality workmanship is evidenced in the wainscoting, staircase balusters, stair end details, architraves with carved corner blocks, carved mantels with fluted columns, and circular and oval sunburst designs.

Feeling. The John Leist House at Dutch Hollow maintains a feeling of an early 19th century rural Ohio house is present. The stunning amount of originality that is retained to this day, two centuries after the house was built, speaks to the craftsmanship that John Leist employed in the construction as well as the way the house was maintained over the years.

Association. John Leist was not just a master builder of early 19th century Federal style brick homes. He was a War of 1812 veteran and the son of a Revolutionary War veteran; he was a lawyer, a pioneering settler, and the first justice of the peace in his township; he served as an early Ohio state legislator, a member of the Electoral College, and the co-founder of the first university in Central Ohio, now known as Capital University. In short, he was one of the most prominent citizens of Fairfield County throughout much of the 19th century. The association of an early 19th century federal home is still present in this house, looking much like it did during the period of significance and maintaining the same function.

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8. 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

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1827-1865

Significant Dates

1827

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

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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 John Leist House at Dutch Hollow is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an exceptionally well-preserved example of late Federal architecture in an early central Ohio farmhouse designed and constructed by John Leist. Its high-level of original design and craftsmanship are indicative of the style of early rural settlers of the former Northwest Territory. The house was completed in 1827 by John Leist, a prominent Fairfield County architect and master builder who was not just a master builder of early 19th century Federal style brick homes, but was also a War of 1812 veteran, the son of a Revolutionary War veteran, a lawyer, a pioneering settler, and the first justice of the peace in his township. He served as an early Ohio state legislator, a member of the Electoral College, and the co-founder of the first university in Central Ohio, now known as Capital University. In short, he was one of the most prominent citizens of Fairfield County throughout much of the 19th century. This house was the last of four (perhaps five) outstanding Federal-style brick homes he built in the area, and it was his personal residence from the date of construction in 1827 until he passed away in 1865. This period of significance is 1827 to 1865, reflecting the years that Leist built and lived in the house. Leist was a master builder, and this house reflects his focus on design detail. The exterior is laid out in the classic Federal style and the interior is highly functional while also showing exceptional levels of detail. The stunning amount of originality that is retained to this day, two centuries after the house was built, speaks to the craftsmanship that John Leist employed in the construction as well as the way the house was maintained over the years. The John Leist House expands knowledge about the work and important role of early 19th century architect-builders and their contributions to defining the early architectural character at a regional level during the period of early statehood and settlement.

The focus of the nomination is presenting the significance of John Leist as a local architect-builder. Additionally, Leist was a prominent citizen of Fairfield County and held numerous public offices. The nomination presents this information as biographical background and does not evaluate his specific significant contributions within these roles or compare these aspects of John Leist's life with those of other individuals holding similar positions during the same time period.

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

The John Leist House at Dutch Hollow was the last of four (perhaps five) outstanding Federal-style brick homes that John Leist built in Fairfield County, Ohio, and it was his personal residence. Leist was born in Northampton County, Pa. in 1784 and was a War of 1812 veteran. He was a pioneer of Clear Creek Township, moving there in 1807, and became the township's first Justice of the Peace. He was subsequently elected to the State Legislature in 1820, serving

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several terms, and was a state of Ohio canal commissioner for 22 years. He also served as a member of the Electoral College from Fairfield County in the 1832 presidential election.¹

John Leist's father, Andrew Leist, served in the Revolutionary War, rising to the rank of captain in the Northumberland County (PA) Militia by 1785.² Andrew also commanded a battalion that kept the peace during the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794.³ Around 1807, he moved his family west from Pennsylvania to Ohio, settling in what was then Fairfield County.⁴ It is likely that his property was in present day Pickaway County, large portions of which were in Fairfield County at the time. Continuing in this tradition of military service, John Leist was a First Lieutenant in the War of 1812 under General William Henry Harrison, leading a company of soldiers from Fairfield County.⁵

Fairfield County, which John Leist would later represent in the State Legislature and as a member of the Electoral College, had been established by Governor Arthur St. Clair on December 9, 1800 as the eighth county formed out of the congressionally chartered Northwest Territory.⁶ The county and its first town of Lancaster are three years older than the state of Ohio itself. It quickly became a haven for settlers of German descent from Pennsylvania who arrived via Zane's Trace. According to the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, "Zane's Trace cut through the forests of eleven counties, reaching the Ohio River at Aberdeen, across from Limestone (now Maysville), Kentucky. The trail roughly follows the routes of U.S. 22 and 40 to Lancaster, S.R. 159 to Chillicothe, U.S. 50 to Bainbridge, and S.R. 41 to Aberdeen."⁷

John Leist's own land was in Clear Creek Township, so named after a stream that runs in the southwest part of Fairfield County - a branch of which runs through the nominated property. It was settled circa 1800 by pioneers including Michael Nye, Charles Friend, and Apple and John Young. John Leist and his brother Jacob arrived from Pennsylvania in 1807, with their parents and siblings.⁸ Jacob Leist was an early preacher of the Lutheran faith who established the Dutch Hollow church near John's home. The church building still exists but is no longer active; John and numerous members of the Leist family are buried in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

Among the list of John Leist's accolades is his success as a designer and builder. As mentioned, Leist designed and built at least four confirmed houses in Fairfield County and likely one other. Like the other area houses he designed and constructed, the 1827 John Leist House at Dutch Hollow is a 2 ½ -story brick Federal-style residence. However, unlike the other houses he designed and built, this house was his residence from 1827 to 1865— built for himself, referring to the home as his "mansion". It showcases traditional features such as an arched Federal entrance, carved fluted stone surrounds, delicate fanlights, and stone lintels on the facades with

¹ Wiseman, C.M.L. Pioneer Period and Pioneer People of Fairfield County, Ohio. Columbus, Ohio: F.J. Heer Printing Co., 1901.

² Fisher, Dr. Charles. Snyder County [PA] Pioneers. Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania: Clearfield Co., 1938.

³ Leist-Parsons, Mary Sue. Leist and Allied Families, 1690-1990. Decorah, Iowa: The Anundsen Publishing Co., 1992.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Scott, Hervey. A Complete History of Fairfield County, Ohio 1795-1876. Columbus, Ohio: Siebert & Lilley, 1877.

⁶ City of Lancaster, Ohio. History of Lancaster. <https://www.ci.lancaster.oh.us/394/History-of-Lancaster>

⁷ The Ohio Bicentennial Commission. Ohio Historical Marker, 2003.

⁸ Scott, Hervey. A Complete History of Fairfield County, Ohio 1795-1876. Columbus, Ohio: Siebert & Lilley, 1877.

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carved corner blocks. The exterior and interior wood doors have their original latches and locks. The original barn, carriage house and summer kitchen are still intact and present on the property, offering excellent insight into 19th century farmstead life. Overall, the John Leist House at Dutch Hollow is an outstanding and well-preserved example of Federal-style brick construction in the early 1800s expanding United States.

In her seminal work *Heritage of Architecture and Arts, Fairfield County, Ohio*, Ruth Drinkle says of the John Leist House:⁹

“The unusually fine doorway detail, with rope carving in stone on the exterior frame and the same rope carving in wood on the interior door frame, the elongated sunburst detail over some interior doors the graduated detail of the stair bridge board, the interesting carved mantels mark all of these country homes as very sophisticated indeed for their time and location.”

The materials used to construct Leist’s house primarily originated on his own property. The sandstone for the foundation and walking stones was quarried from his property, bricks were fired on-site, and trees from his yard were felled to carve wood for the floors, stairs, windows, trim, and barn.

Leist also constructed at least three, and possibly four, additional houses in the same time period that are very similar in design and build to his own house. In order of construction, they are:

- The Royalton House. Fairfield County. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 (reference number 75001396).
- The Valentine Reber House. Fairfield County. Added to the National Register in 1975 (reference number 75001395).
- The Leist-Mathias House. Not presently listed on the National Register.
- The Joshua Stevenson House. Franklin County. Added to the National Register in 2007 (reference number 07000581).

Built in 1817 for his daughter Sarah and her husband Howard Allen, the Royalton House was Leist’s first and his smallest construction project. Drinkle says “the detail of the woodwork is extremely fine, as is the proportion of the delicate spiral staircase.”¹⁰ The Valentine Reber House was built in 1820 when “Valentine Reber...employed John Leist to build him a handsome house. Much of the same detail found in the 1817 house is also used here, but with more elaboration to fit this larger 1820 house.”¹¹ The Leist-Mathias House came next, about which Drinkle says: “The large 1824 house was ‘modernized’ or Victorianized by the addition of a bracketed cornice, but the handsome doorway and some of the same woodwork detail mark it as a Leist house also.”⁴ Finally, the Joshua Stevenson House is not definitively recognized as a John Leist house,

⁹Drinkle, Ruth W. *Heritage of Architecture and Arts, Fairfield County, Ohio*. Lancaster, Ohio: Fairfield Heritage Association, 1978.

¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹Ibid.

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but it does bear a striking resemblance to each of the other four known houses that Leist designed and built. Similarities include “the distinguishing characteristics of round of elliptical-arched Federal entrances with carved fluted stone surrounds and delicate fanlights and stone lintels on the facades with carved corner blocks.”¹² Ruth Drinkle connects Leist’s highly crafted and skilled carpenter work with the influence of builder’s guides specifically Asher Benjamin’s handbooks for American Builders.

A common theme among all of the Leist-designed houses is intricately carved woodwork, including elongated sunburst above doorways and in mantles. Elegant cornices and wainscoting are evident throughout all his designs. The exteriors of all the houses are 2 ½ -story brick construction that are 5-bays wide and 2-bays deep featuring stone foundations, symmetrical façades with central entrances, and a gabled slate roofs.

Leist’s own house at Dutch Hollow is especially significant in that it has changed relatively little since the back kitchen and bedroom areas were added in the 1870s. Interior features have been restored and the bathrooms and kitchen modernized, but the exterior of the house, barn, summer kitchen and carriage house have remained essentially the same for the last 150 years.

John Leist lived in his home from 1827 until his death at age 81 in 1865. His wife Charlotte stayed in it for one year after his death, at which point it passed down John’s son Cornelius Brown Leist and his wife Isabelle, who lived there until Cornelius’s passing in 1896. The house was then inherited by Cornelius and Isabelle’s children William, Ellen & Laura. Laura and her husband Charles lived there until her death in 1937, during which time part of the land was sold to build houses nearby. John’s house was then sold out of the Leist family for the first time to Mr. & Mrs. Francis Huddle, who were dairy farmers and lived there until 1963. The Huddle’s also sold off additional parts of the land, then subsequently sold the house and remaining property to Bernard Cluff, a prominent antiques dealer, and his wife, who lived there until 1989. The Cluff’s spent no small amount of time and money masterfully restoring many of the interior features. The house unfortunately sat vacant for three years, again falling into some disrepair before being purchased by Bruce & Madeline Weinberg in 1992. They modernized it over many years and sold it to the applicant in 2021.

The John Leist House at Dutch Hollow represents a renowned Fairfield County designer, builder, and politician. Leist’s home located near the historic Zane’s Trace is an excellent example of an early nineteenth century federal style house and represents the fine details that are represented in Leist’s work as a designer and builder. Constructed using local materials, the house features key architectural designs such as arched Federal entrance, carved fluted stone surrounds, delicate fanlights, and stone lintels on the facades with carved corner blocks that elevate the home’s character. With many of the original features and materials remaining both on the interior and exterior, the historic integrity of this house and property well represent the elevated design of a John Leist built house.

¹²National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Joshua Stevenson House, Franklin County, Ohio, 2007.

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Archaeological Potential Statement

While no archaeological investigation has taken place on the 10.05 acre property of the John Leist House, there is potential for locating archaeological resources. Additional historic research, combined with archaeological survey and testing, may locate archaeological resources that have yet to be identified. Below ground archaeological features may survive that date to the period of significance, such as cisterns, wells, privies, and remains of other structures, along with evidence of fence lines and paddocks. As such, archaeological deposits on this property could contain information that would enhance the understanding and interpretation of the daily lives of those that lived here, and augment the significance of the property. In addition, there is always potential to encounter unrelated historic and prehistoric archaeological resources. It is recommended that a historic preservation plan be developed that includes a directive that archaeological survey be performed prior to any land alteration activities on the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Valentine Reber House, Fairfield County, Ohio, 1975.

National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Royalton House, Fairfield County, Ohio, 1975.

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National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Joshua Stevenson House, Franklin County, Ohio, 2007.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): FAI-00135-13

10. Geographical Data

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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4. Latitude: 39.645557 Longitude: -82.804197

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

The property is bounded by state Route 22 (Cincinnati Zanesville Road SW) to the south, Peters Road SW to the north/northeast, a neighboring residence to the west (10392 Cincinnati Zanesville Road SW), and two neighboring residences to the north/northwest (10183 & 10185 Peters Road SW). These boundaries align with legal parcel 0110007750, as recorded by the Fairfield County Auditor, State of Ohio. Auditor's website: <https://realestate.co.fairfield.oh.us/> accessed February 15, 2022. See attached map for parcel boundary.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These boundaries are the legal parcel boundaries of the property. The original property when the house was built comprised 160 acres of farmland. After John Leist died in 1865, pieces of the land were gradually sold off to build the surrounding houses in the immediate area. This boundary reflects the remaining physical representations of the house and other contributing buildings.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

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- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

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

Photo Log

Name of Property: John Leist House at Dutch Hollow

City or Vicinity: Amanda

County: Fairfield

State: Ohio

Photographer: Mark Kersey

Date Photographed: March 2022

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

- 1 of 31. Exterior view showing the property from the street, camera facing Northwest.
- 2 of 31. Exterior view showing arched main entrance, camera facing North.
- 3 of 31. Exterior view showing rear of main house with late 19th c. addition, camera facing Southeast.
- 4 of 31. Exterior view of the house, camera facing West.
- 5 of 31. Exterior view of the house, original sandstone fence posts and white picket fence, camera facing Northeast.
- 6 of 31. Exterior view of the house north elevation, showing the late 19th c. addition, camera facing South.
- 7 of 31. Interior view showing carved mantel and rope moldings, camera facing Southeast.
- 8 of 31. Interior view showing interior wood trim on fireplace and door surrounds, camera facing North.
- 9 of 31. Interior view showing door latch, camera facing West.

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- 10 of 31. Interior view showing door latch, camera facing East.
- 11 of 31. Interior view showing the staircase, camera facing Northeast.
- 12 of 31. Interior view showing living room, camera facing Northwest.
- 13 of 31. Interior view showing carved mantel in the dining room, camera facing Southeast.
- 14 of 31. Interior view showing carved wainscoting, camera facing North.
- 15 of 31. Interior view showing carved mantel and rope moldings, camera facing East.
- 16 of 31. Interior view showing dining room and living room doors, camera facing West.
- 17 of 31. Interior view showing stairs looking down the stairs and showing bedroom 3, camera facing North.
- 18 of 31. Interior view showing bedroom 1 with carved mantel, camera facing Northwest.
- 19 of 31. Interior view showing bedroom 2 with carved mantel, camera facing Southeast.
- 20 of 31. Interior view showing bathroom added in the 1960s, camera facing East.
- 21 of 31. Interior view showing bedroom 3, camera facing Northwest.
- 22 of 31. Interior view showing modernized kitchen, camera facing East.
- 23 of 31. Exterior view of barn, camera facing southwest.
- 24 of 31. Exterior view of barn, camera facing East.
- 25 of 31. Interior view of barn, camera facing South.
- 26 of 31. Exterior view of summer kitchen, camera facing North.
- 27 of 31. Interior view of summer kitchen, camera facing East.
- 28 of 31. Interior view of summer kitchen upstairs, camera facing South.
- 29 of 31. Exterior view of carriage house, camera facing North.
- 30 of 31. Interior view of summer kitchen bread oven, camera facing Southeast.
- 31 of 31. Exterior view of non-contributing 1980s garage, camera facing West.

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Additional Information

Figure 1 – Picture from Combination Atlas Map of Fairfield County, Ohio, 1875 by L.H. Everts



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Figure 2 – Historical family photo circa 1882



l - r: John Phillip Leist holding son [Clarence], his wife Alice J. [Ullery] Leist, three women [prob. dau's. of C. B. Leist; Mellseña, Laura, Ella S.], Isabell [Wann] Leist, Cornelius B. Leist, Wm. A. Leist, woman [poss. Emma], Edward Peters Leist, Marcus Brown Leist, Mary Alice Leist, Mary Elizabeth [Peters] Leist holding Sarah Mertis and Charles Milton in chair. Taken ca. 1882 at old homestead.

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Figure 3 – The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette newspaper article January 31, 1963 (1)

THE LANCASTER (O.), EAGLE-GAZETTE, Thursday, January 31, 1963



LEIST-HUDDLE-CLUFF house, better known as Dutch Hollow, is a smaller dwelling well adapted for modern living but still retaining much of its early charm. It still has the original hardware and was built by John Leist, member of a pioneer family, in 1827.

(Photo By Duke Ellis.)

How Weather Looks

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Official Weather Bureau summary of Ohio's weather outlook: A band of light snow moved eastward over Ohio Wednesday night and was heaviest over the central counties, where about one inch of new snow cover fell. By daybreak skies began to clear over the northwest and extreme western portions of the state while a little light snow persisted over the central and eastern portions.

Some early morning temperatures were Toledo 6, Findlay 2 below, Dayton 3 above, Columbus 15, Youngstown 10, Chesapeake 23 and Marietta 12.

The morning weather map promises clearing skies over the remainder of the state during today. It will become clear and quite cold tonight with temperatures dropping to near zero over a good portion of the state by early Friday.

Some warming should take place Friday and Friday night.

DENVER SHAKEN

DENVER, Colo. (AP) A fairly strong earth tremor shook parts of Denver Wednesday and was felt as far away as Boulder, 35 miles northwest.

No damage was reported.

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Figure 4 – The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette newspaper article January 31, 1963 (2)

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Historical background for this series on Lancaster and Fairfield County's early homes was compiled and written by members of Fairfield Heritage Assn.)

THIS EARLY brick home is located about 3 miles west of Amanda on U.S. Rt. 22 in a picturesque, rolling section known as Dutch Hollow—so called because the Lutheran settlers built their first log church nearby.

Built by John Leist in 1827 for his own home, one finds in it the fine details of proportion and workmanship used when he built the Valentine Reber home in 1822.

Handmade bricks have mellowed to a weathered pink. A rare brick cornice, instead of the usual wooden one, distinguishes the eave line.

THE ENTRANCE door is of pleasing proportions with a semi-circular fanlight, carved stone frame with keystone and rope detail which is also carried throughout the interior woodwork.

In the entrance hall, beautiful elongated sunbursts are featured over each doorway. A lovely panelled wainscote with dado and rope motif again climbs with the stairway to a landing and upper hall.

The parlor to the west has panelled cupboards to the side of the fireplace which is still used and enjoyed in its original state. Gracing the east wall is an early cherry cupboard with the same sunburst in the center. It also has carved medallions at the ends and was found at a country auction by a former owner.

THE "FANCY ROOMS" (2 east rooms, dining room and bedroom above) contain the finest, most detailed carving. Wide recessed windows have panelled frames. The original hand carved mantels are adorned with medallions and sunbursts. There is a narrow cupboard in the chimney breast and both room boast panelled wainscoting and woodwork.

A smokehouse or outside kitchen of somewhat later date is located to the rear with the original Dutch oven and an open, much used fireplace which bears an early wrought iron cooking crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cluff of Columbus have recently purchased the home along with 40 acres from Mr. and Mrs. Francis Huddle, its most recent owners.

THE CLUFFS plan to preserve its many charms and to replace the dooryard fence which originally enclosed the front. They will use the same stone post with a typically Dutch motif of an inverted tulip at the top.

ALL OF THE stonework was quarried on the place. Much of it is of massive proportions such as the 10 foot sandstones used at the foundation and the thick stone slabs at the entrance to the cellar.

The Cluffs have recently restored 6 small houses in the German Village in Columbus, and are from a family who have been associated with the antique business for over 2 generations.

Catch A Dog, Win A Dollar

CINCINNATI (AP) — Want to make a fast buck? Catch a fast dog.

The place to make this easy money is suburban Newtown, which is plagued by a dozen dogs with a habit of upsetting garbage cans and establishing squatter's rights on citizens' lawns.

Since the town can't afford a dog-catcher, it set up a bounty of \$1 a dog—alive and barking, ready for delivery to county dog-pound.

"We can't catch 'em—they're too fast," Mayor Wendell Long admitted after Project Bounty went into operation.

"Only one dog was caught—but remember the weather's against us."

There are between 1,800 and 2,000 rooms in the Palace of Versailles, France.

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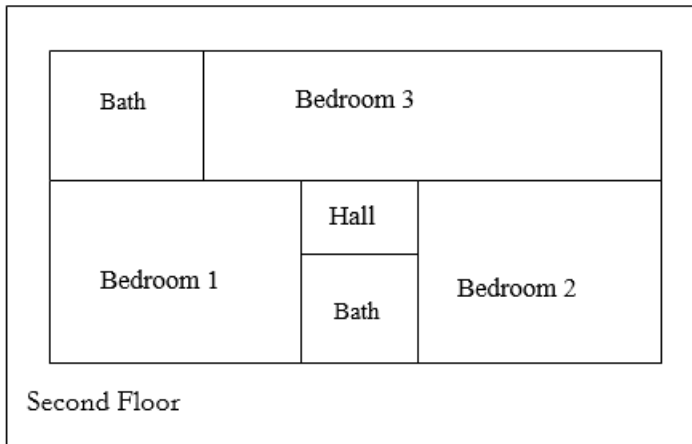
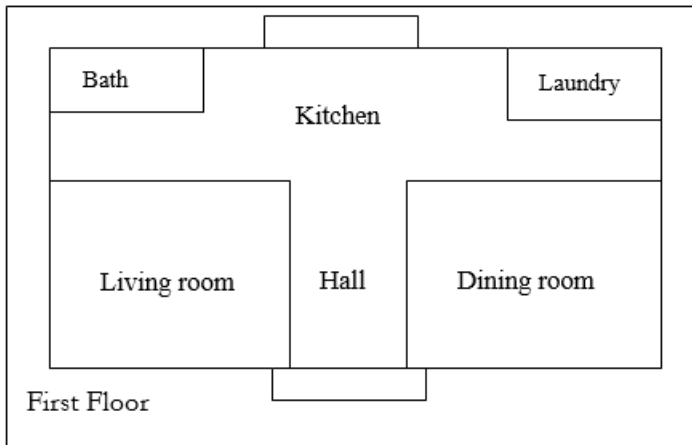
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Figure 5 – Rough Floor Plan



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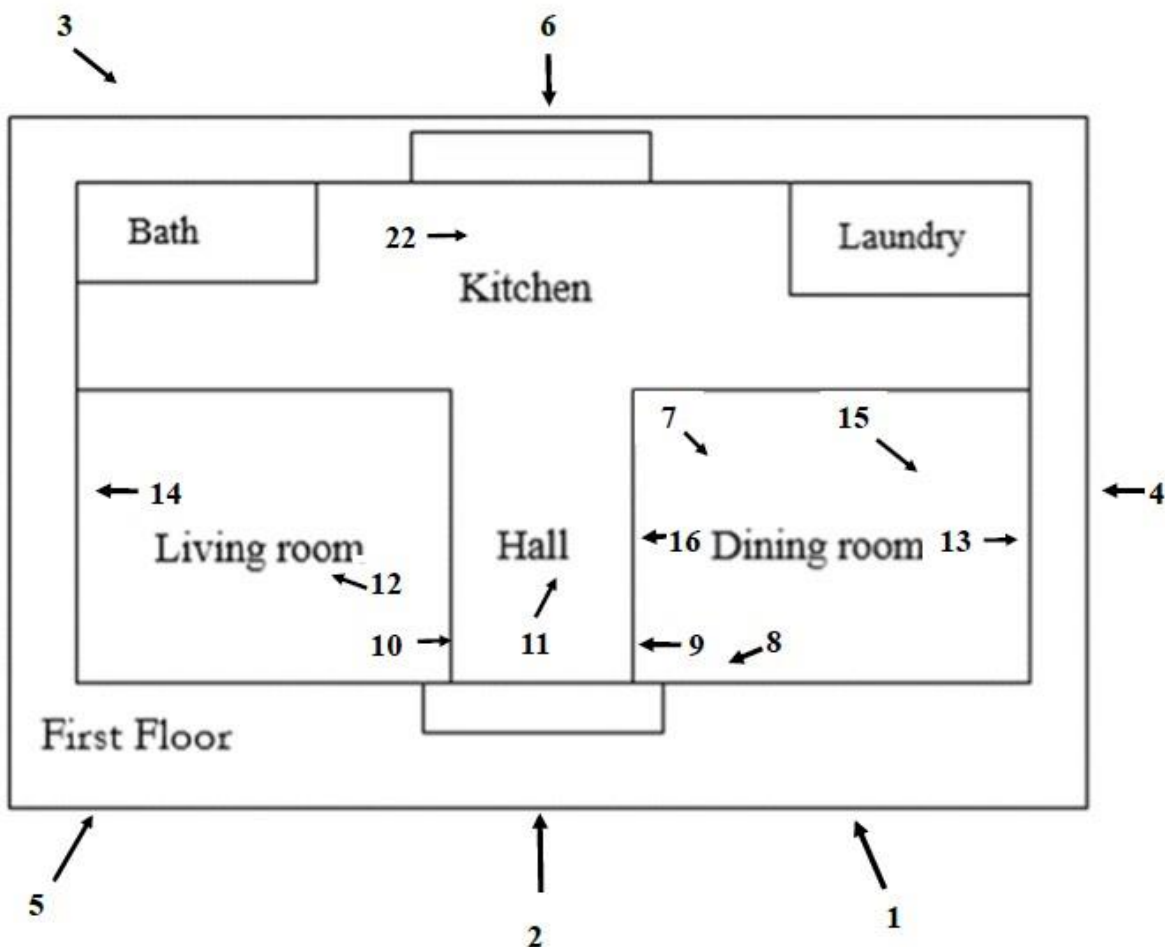
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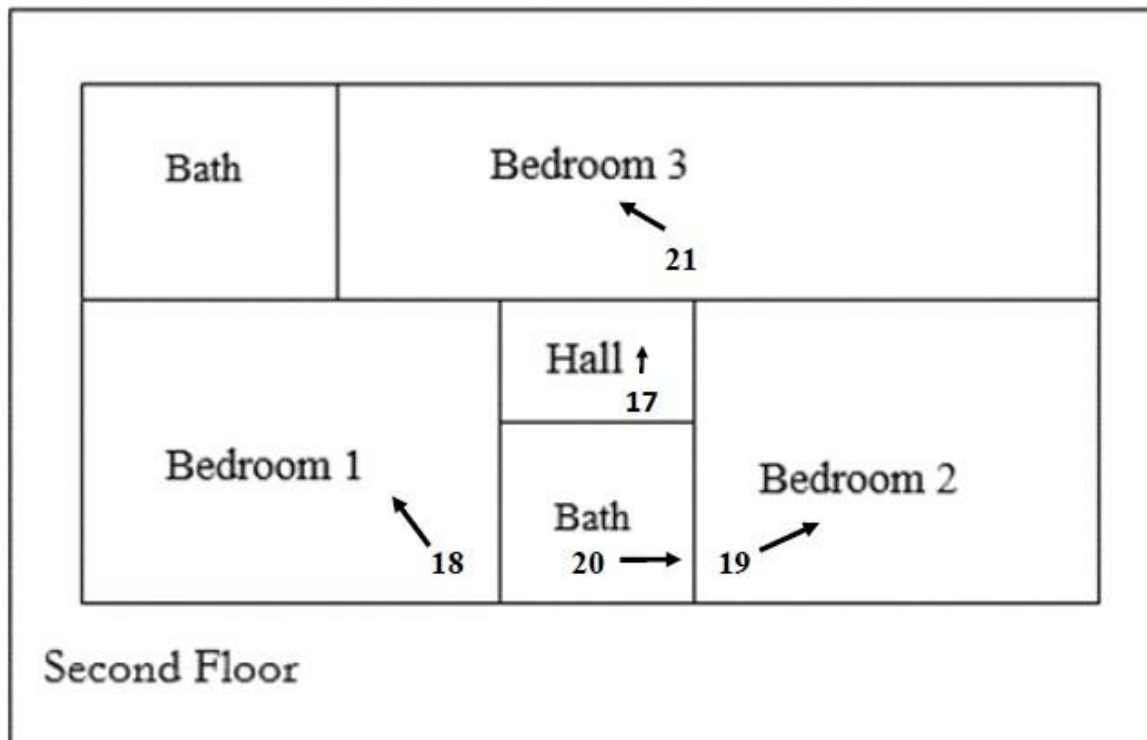
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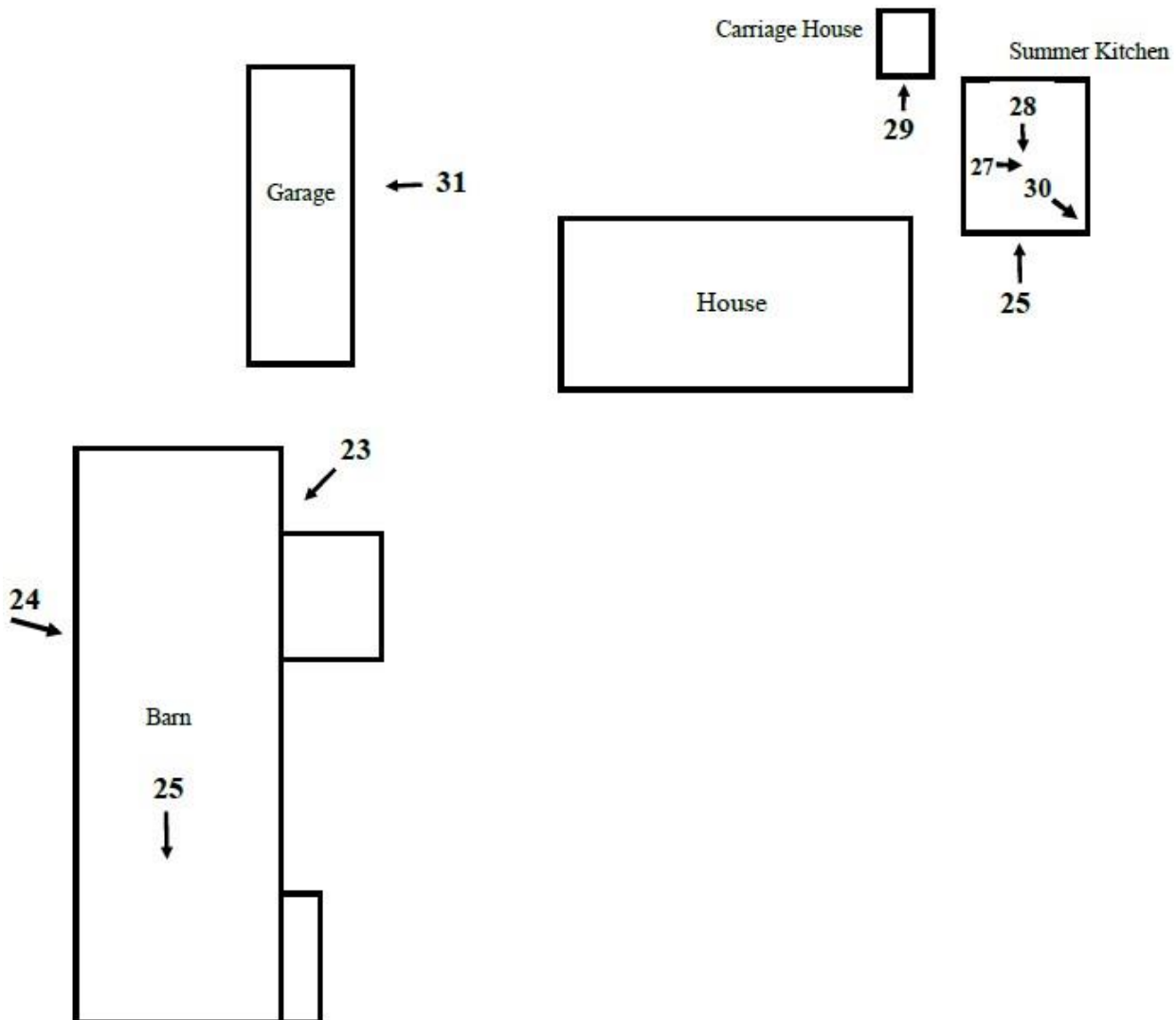
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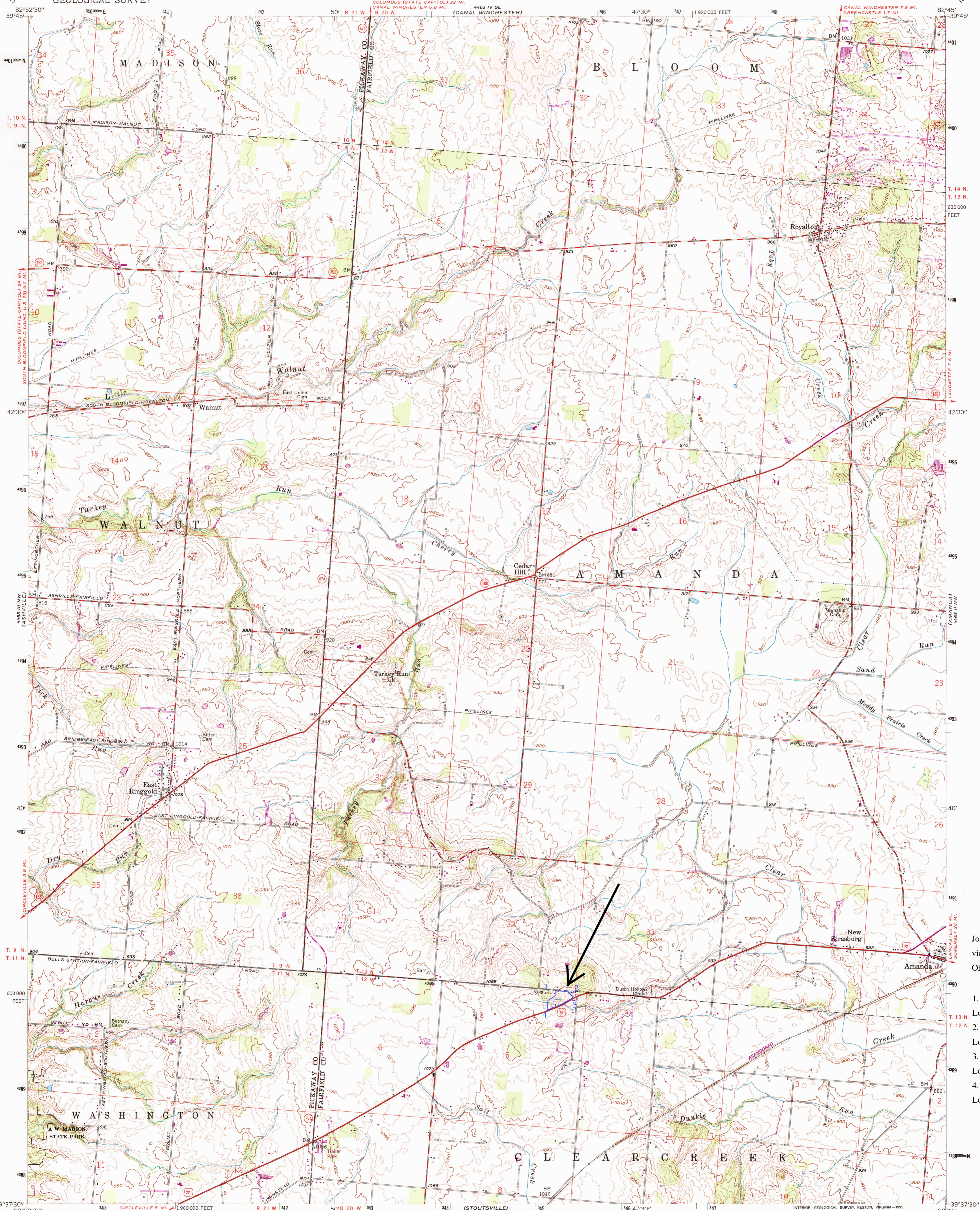
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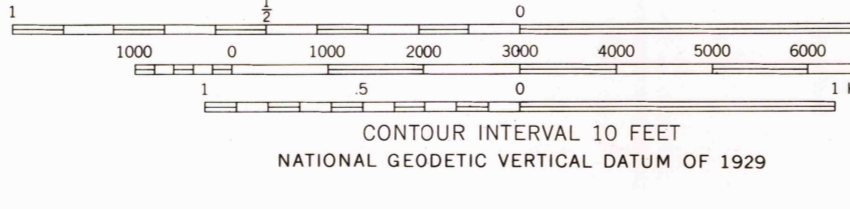
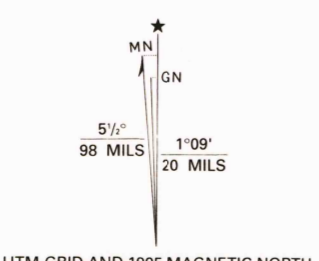
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