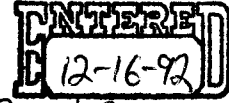


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Ref # 89000175

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

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1. Name of Property

historic name Hamilton, Gilbert, H., House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 290 Cliffside Dr. N/A not for publication
city, town Columbus N/A vicinity
state Ohio code OH county Franklin code 049 zip code 43202

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
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		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Babara Paver 10-29-92
Signature of certifying official Date
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

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determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

FDA-1511-13

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Signature of certifying official W. Ray Jure 2/1/89
SHPO Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

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- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Tudor Revival

foundation limestone

walls limestone

brick

roof slate

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Gilbert Hamilton House is a 2-1/2 story Tudor Revival style house, built in 1927. The house sits on a site overlooking a wooded ravine and a stream below. It faces the north slope of the ravine where no buildings are visible except for a portion of an elementary school about a hundred yards to the west, but even this is only visible when there are no leaves on the trees that dot the slopes of the ravine. The color of the stone retaining walls and the special landscaping around the house help to blend the house in well with its natural surroundings.

The house has a 2770 square foot ell-shaped plan, with front entrance in the interior angle of the ell. It has a 100 foot street frontage and side depths of 182.5 and 209.5 feet. The grade level of the house is above street level, connected by a single flight of stairs. A retaining wall along the public sidewalk, of similar stone as the house and garage, serves as a unifying element for the house, garage, and yard, the whole giving the impression of a small walled courtyard.

The Hamilton House is an excellent example of a medium sized residence in the Tudor Revival style. The walls of the house and garage are random ashlar coursed limestone, of a shallow rock-faced texture. Uncommon to most American Tudor Revivals, the finish resembles the English smooth tooled finish more than the deep rock-faced texture common to Tudor Revival houses in this country. The plan is a basic ell-shape with a single gable roofed projection enclosing the front entrance.

Also common in Tudor Revival style houses are the two massive chimneys, one to the west of the front entrance, and one in the rear side (north) of the house. The chimneys are stone up to the shafts where they become brick. The skintled brickwork continues up to the heads of the chimneys. The upper brick portion of the shaft of the front chimney has a decorative recessed panel. The chimney in the rear is paired above the stone into two separate shafts, connected by a brick arch at the top. All windows are narrow, steel casement types with molded wood surrounds and brick sills. The large living room window has a timber lintel in the English manner. Three flat roofed dormers are on the third floor.

To the west of the main house is a connected, flat roofed garage. Conforming to the uneven site, the garage is half sunken and serves as a screen for the service entrance and for the yard. The garage can be reached only from the basement stair landing of the house, or from the front entrance at street level. On the east side of the house is an attached, single-story solarium. The solarium's walls are half-timbered construction with skintled brick work in a herring bone pattern. On the ravine side (north) of the building

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is a single story enclosed porch that looks out over the ravine from a series of casement windows. On the west side of the house, leading off from the kitchen, is a service entrance, enclosed by vertical wood slats. This entrance is screened from the street by the garage.

Except for the gabled projection of the front entrance, the main roof and the roof over the solarium are hipped. All the roofs are covered by textured slate shingles, mottled purple in color with red highlights. The roofs have a typical Tudor style overhang, with hanging gutters.

The interior of the house is simple but in keeping with the English style and character. Interior features include the combined front entrance and stair hall with simple newel post, balusters, and stained wood trim. The entry leads into the living room through an opening in one direction and into the dinette bay and kitchen area through a door into the other. The kitchen has access to a small stoop and service yard, screened from the street by the half-sunken garage. The living room has a carved and molded sandstone Renaissance style mantle with a pair of flanking of glazed terrace doors leading to the flagstone-floor enclosed porch. The door and cabinet hardware, light fixtures, and sconces were revealed after cleaning to be solid brass. Overall, the house retains its architectural integrity.

Although the photographs were taken in 1986, they continue to accurately reflect the architecture of the house; no changes have been made since the photographs were taken.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1927

Significant Dates

1927

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Gilbert Hamilton House is significant under Criterion C as displaying the distinct characteristics of the early twentieth century Tudor Revival style. The residence is particularly noteworthy for its accurate adherence to English stone and half-timbering construction techniques.

The Tudor Revival is a popular suburban residential style loosely based on a variety of early English building traditions ranging from simple Cotswold cottages of stone and thatch roofs to large late medieval manor houses with intricate stone and brick work, half-timbering, and hung tiles. Although some of America's earliest examples of the Tudor Revival date to the late nineteenth century, it was still relatively rare before World War I. The style expanded explosively in popularity during the 1920s and 1930s when the Tudor Revival vied for prominence along with the Colonial Revival in suburban residential development.

The Hamilton House is an outstanding example of a Tudor Revival style residence. Typical stylistic characteristics displayed in the Hamilton House include its ell-shaped plan, massive chimneys, hipped slate roof with front gabled entrance projection, and narrow steel casement windows. What makes this example particularly outstanding is its special adherence to old construction methods and design. In the solarium of the Hamilton House, the half-timbering is structural, not merely decorative, with brickwork between and flush with the members of the timber framework. Another example of the adherence to English detail is the shallow, rock-faced texture of the stone walls, in contrast to the deep, rock-faced texture common in America. Special craftsmanship is seen in the fine brickwork in the chimneys and solarium. The skintled brickwork in herring bone pattern is particularly fine in the solarium.

Cliffside Drive runs along the south edge of Glen Echo ravine between Calumet and Indianola. The road, platted as part of the Indianola Park View Addition No. 3, first appears in the city directory in 1923. The Hamilton House was built in 1927 for Gilbert

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H. and Caroline J. Hamilton. Gilbert Hamilton dealt in real estate from offices in the Old Schultz Building in downtown Columbus. He was also manager of the Capitol Oil Company, one of the small oil companies that proliferated in that coming-of-age era of the automobile. Gilbert Hamilton died in 1949; his wife, Caroline, continued to live in the house until 1952. The house stood vacant for a short time until it was purchased by Everett Nelson, a professor at the Ohio State University, who lived in the house until 1981 when it was purchased by the present owners Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Victor E. Makari.

The Gilbert H. Hamilton House compares favorably through its style, setting, and material with other residential development along the picturesque ravines which cut through sections of the Ohio State University neighborhood (Iuka Ravine Historic District, NR: 5-8-86), Clintonville, and Beechwold (Old Beechwold Historic District, NR: 9-22-87). Houses overlooking the ravines tend to take advantage of their natural settings with landscaping, stone walls and steps. The houses often display stylistic influences of English Revival styles and construction materials of stone, brick, half-timbering, and stucco.

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Not only is the Hamilton house a good example of the Tudor Revival style, but it is also a rare example of stone bearing wall construction in single-family residential buildings in the City of Columbus. Using Sanborn Map Company fire insurance maps, the owner of the Hamilton house has plotted the locations of all single-family residential buildings with full or partial stone exteriors in the City of Columbus about 1950. This date ensured that true early 20th century Tudor Revival specimens would be included, but it also pre-dated large clearance projects of the Urban Renewal period, which might have eliminated part of the body of stone residential architecture. The located residences were not field-checked so it was not assumed that each located property was Tudor Revival in style; indeed many or even most probably were not. The intent of the survey was to show the scarcity of stone single-family residential architecture in Columbus, regardless of style; the additional fact that the Hamilton house is a good example of Tudor Revival only enhances its rarity and significance. It should be noted that not only is the exterior all stone, it is a stone bearing-wall building, not a veneered frame, block or brick building. The accompanying map plots the results of the Sanborn map survey. Only 25 stone single-family residential buildings, in addition to the Hamilton house, were found within the city's 1950 boundaries.

The first quarter of the 20th century, when Tudor Revival enjoyed its greatest popularity in this area, did see considerable use of the style in newly-developing Columbus suburbs such as Bexley (east side) and Upper Arlington (northwest side), both of which have always been separately-incorporated municipalities. Tudor Revival was very popular in these new communities, as were other European revival styles derived from French and Italian models. These suburbs, however, were generally developed as "retreats" for those well-off enough to afford them, a means of living away from Columbus and its (real or perceived) urban problems. The Hamilton house, on the other hand, was built in Columbus as a rare example of then-current suburban residential design aspirations. It is located in the Clintonville area where it stands out within its neighborhood. Surrounding buildings are sturdy but modest working- and middle-class houses such as four-squares, bungalows and vernacular frame structures of varying floor plans. Seeking to create a structure with higher aspirations, the designer of the Hamilton house employed both the current style of the late 1920s and took advantage of the site, which is perched on the south rim of a deep wooded ravine. With its plentiful Tudor Revival elements, its elevated site behind a low retaining wall, and its integration into the local landscape, the Hamilton house is a noteworthy example of the suburban ideal placed in a traditional urban setting.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Columbus City Directories.
 Abstract of title.
 Sanborn Insurance Maps.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- 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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone				Easting				Northing							

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot nos. 98 and 99, Indianola Park View Addition No. 3 as recorded in PLat Book 9, page 13, Franklin County, Ohio, Recorder's Office, Columbus, Ohio.

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Boundary Justification

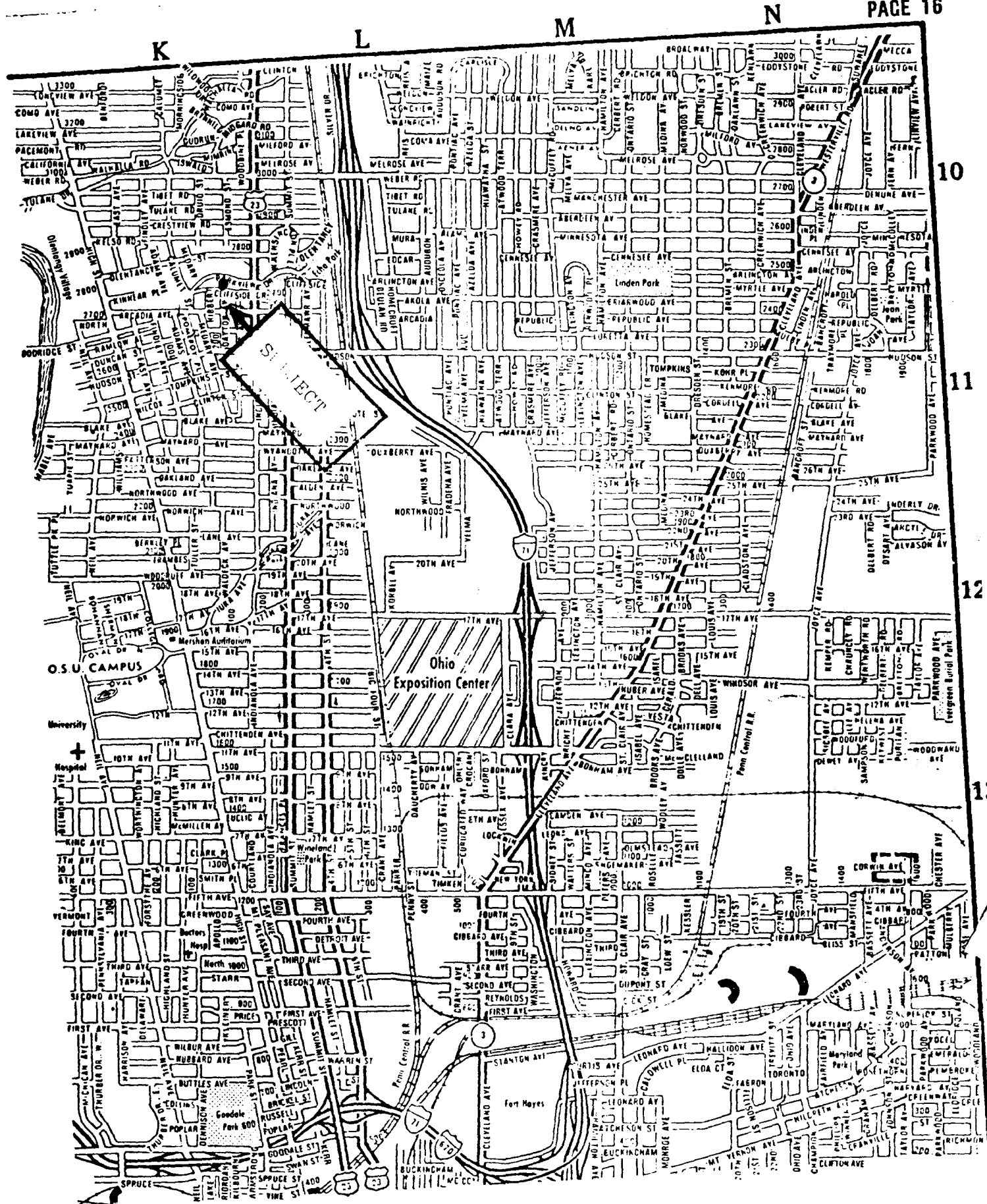
The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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 organization B. D. Rickey & Co. (Darbee) date May 1988; Jan. 1989; rev. Oct. 1
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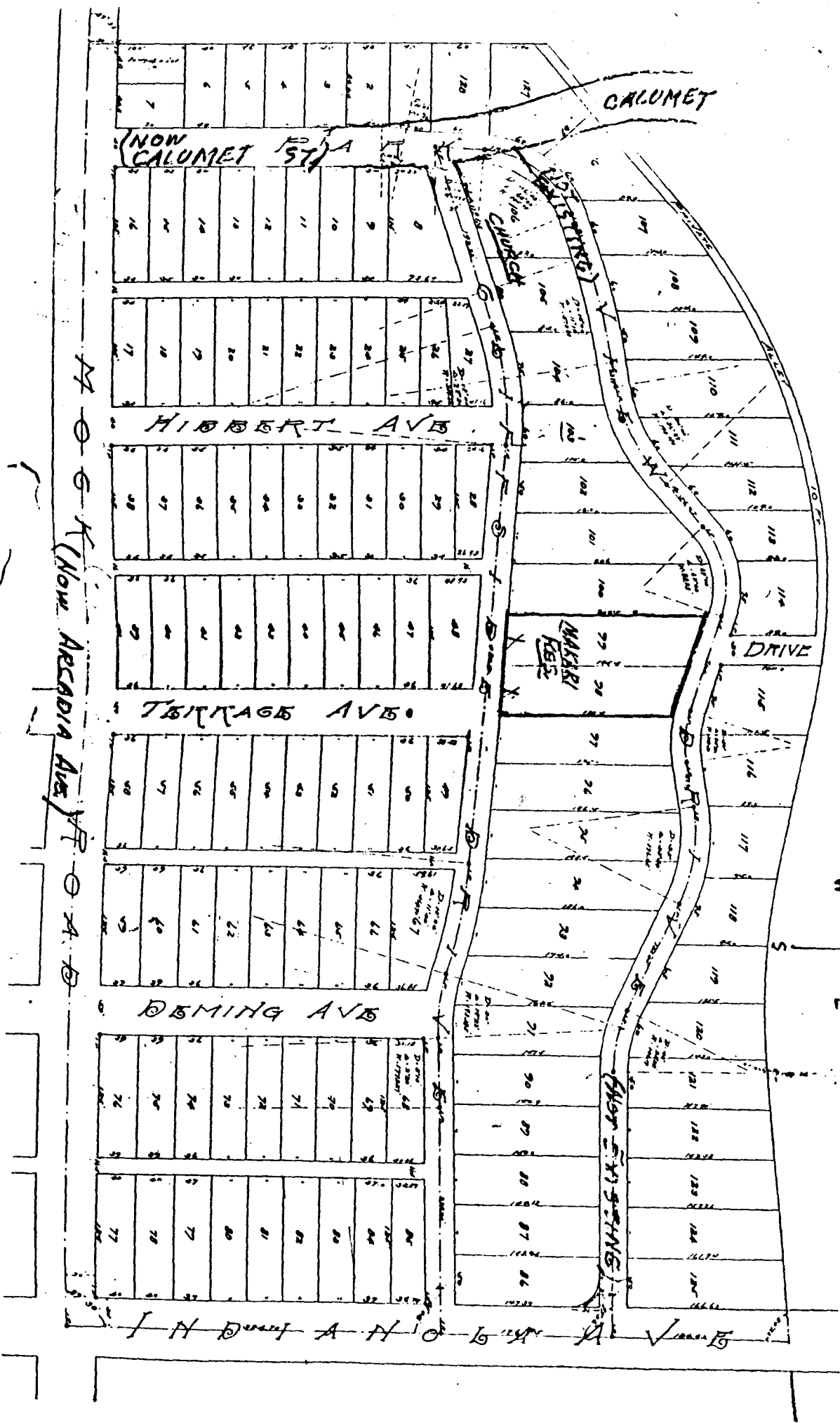
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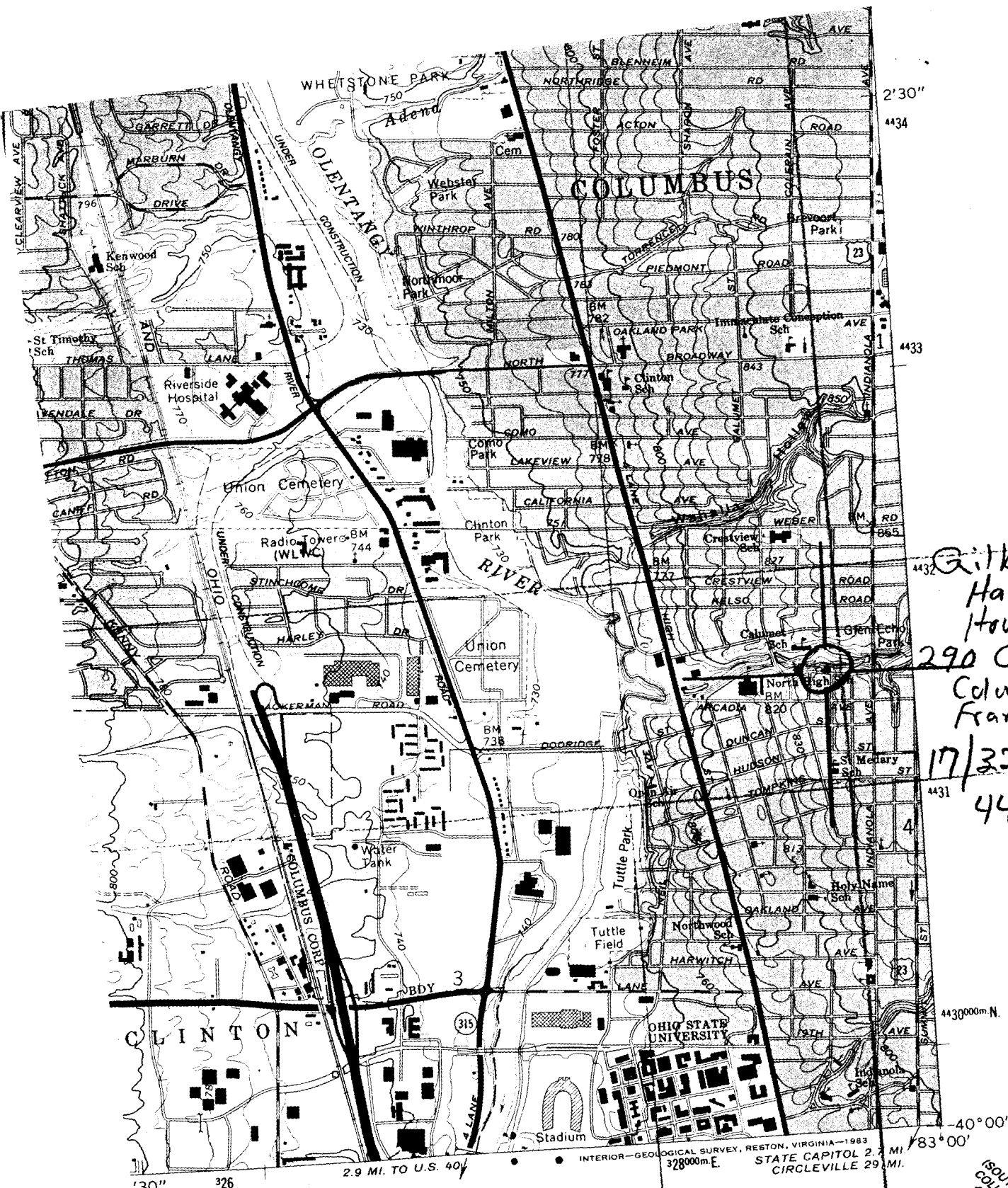
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INDIANOLA PARK VIEW ADD. NO. 3.





Gilbert H.
Hamilton
House
290 Cliffside
Columbus,
Franklin Co.
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
Interstate Route	U.S. Route	State Route	



NORTHWEST COLUMBUS, OHIO

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1965
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Buildings shown in purple and woodland compiled in cooperation with the State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken in 1965 and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1982. Dotted line indicates extension of urban area.

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January 12, 1993

Reverend and Mrs. Victor Makari
290 Cliffside Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Makari:

Re: Gilbert H. Hamilton House, 290 Cliffside Drive, Columbus,
Franklin County, Ohio.

This is to inform you that the above property has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior (NR listed 12/16/92). As you know, the nomination of this property was returned to this office some time ago for revision and was subsequently revised and resubmitted to the National Park Service.

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 as amended. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is information about the programs and services offered by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL/JER:tis

Enclosure

xc.: Sandra Davies, OHPO C-SC Regional Coordinator
Diane M. Cole, Columbus City Preservation Officer
Mayor Gregory S. Lashutka
MORPC
Jeff Darbee, B. D. Rickey & Co.
State Senator Eugene Watts
State Representative E. J. Thomas

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National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

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County: Franklin

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

Multiple Property Nomination form

Photographs

Photographs (copies)

USGS maps

USGS maps (copies)

Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

Correspondence

Other _____