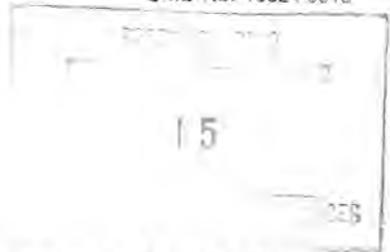


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name MOUNT VICTORY HISTORIC DISTRICT

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number MAIN & TAYLOR STREETS not for publication

city or town MOUNT VICTORY vicinity

state OHIO code OH county HARDIN code 065 zip code 43340

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Barbara Powers Dept. Head
Signature of certifying official/Title Planning Inventory Date March 12, 2001
S. Registrar

Ohio Historic Preservation Office -- OH SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action 4-19-01

MOUNT VICTORY HISTORIC DISTRICT

HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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	
19	5	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
19	5	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
secondary structure

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store, dept.
store, financial institution,
restaurant

GOVERNMENT: town hall, post office, fire st.

RELIGION: church, parsonage

AGRICULTURE: storage facility (continued)

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
secondary structure

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store, financial
institution, restaurant

GOVERNMENT: post office

RELIGION: church, parsonage

AGRICULTURE: storage facility

RECREATION/CULTURE: park

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate, Romanesque
Revival

NO STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK, STONE

walls BRICK, WOOD (weatherboard), STUCCO,
SYNTHETICS (vinyl)

roof METAL, ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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HISTORIC FUNCTIONS, continued:

INDUSTRY: manufacturing facility (mill)

RECREATION/CULTURE: sports facility (gymnasium)

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The Mount Victory Historic District consists of 24 buildings that make up the commercial center of this small farming and railroad community in southeastern Hardin County. The district is centered on Main Street, the town's primary north-south street which is also S.R. 31 connecting the county seat of Marysville in Union County with the county seat of Kenton in Hardin County. The primary east-west street is Taylor Street, also a state route. Crossing Main Street at the south end of the business district is the Conrail Railroad, a busy double-track freight line that extends across Ohio from east to west.

The overall character of this district is that of a small rural farming town, a crossroads of rail and road, where the mill and elevator, the business buildings, the church, and the old town hall still evoke the sense of work and community that shaped Mount Victory. The district's resources include 20 contributing and 4 non-contributing buildings. The majority of the buildings are traditional commercial buildings on Main and Taylor Streets that date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Most of these structures are constructed of brick, but two are built of frame and three are made of concrete block. The two frame buildings (Bldg. #4 and #19, photos 13 and 28) are among the oldest buildings in the district, along with the brick mill and a brick commercial building. Most of the brick commercial buildings on the east side of Main Street were built following a 1903 fire. The concrete block buildings date from the early 1900s, specifically 1912, 1917 and 1930, and are all related to automobile sales or service.

The district also includes industrial, institutional and residential property types. Located on Main Street immediately south of the railroad line are the Mount Victory Milling Company (Bldg. #16, photo 17) and the Mount Victory Elevator (Bldg. #6, photo 23), both of which have played a pivotal role in the economic development of this small town. At the north end of the district is the United Methodist Church and parsonage (Bldg. #3 and #2, photos 2 and 3), built in 1903 and c. 1920, respectively. East Taylor Street is the location for the old Town Hall (Bldg. #18, photos 24-27), a vernacular brick building from c. 1915 which once housed the council chambers, fire department and jail cell on the first floor and provided the town with a gymnasium on the second floor. The district also extends to the east on Taylor Street to include "Park Place," the village's grand 19th century residence that also served for a time as a hotel (Bldg. #22, photo 35).

The non-contributing buildings in the district include the Methodist Parsonage (Bldg. #2, photo 2) and the house at 103 N. Washington Street (Bldg. #24, photos 34 and 38), which have been covered with artificial materials; the McKim Building (Bldg. #13, photo 4), modified with a stucco covering and new storefront; and two commercial buildings which

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date from the early 1960s. These are the Mount Victory Bank building (Bldg. #8, photo 10) and the Mount Victory Hardware (Bldg. #9, photo 10), both built in the early 1960s. The district boundaries are drawn to exclude two other modern buildings on the west side of Main Street, both of which were built in the mid-1950s (photo 15).

BLOCK BY BLOCK DESCRIPTION

Main Street between RR and Taylor Street:

The east side of Main Street is primarily composed of a row of two-story brick business blocks that date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The long central section of the block was built following a 1903 fire. The buildings are vernacular commercial blocks with simple corbelled-parapet facades and second floor windows with sandstone lintels and sills. Original storefronts are visible in at least three locations, and may be covered over in some locations, while others are new. Beginning at the south, where the rail line passes, is the Williams & Johnson Building, built in 1881 and the earliest building on the block (Bldg. #15, photos 4 and 5). The long sloped-roof track-side elevation of this building, with its "Kentucky Club Pipe Tobacco" painted sign, makes this building a landmark as you approach Mount Victory from the south. The Williams & Johnson Building retains its wood and cast iron storefront columns and central recessed door.

To its north are three business blocks built in 1903 following a major fire in August of that year: the Boyd Harness Shop (Bldg. #14, photo 4), the McKim Block (Bldg. #13, photo 4) and the Boyd Block (Bldg. #12, photos 4 and 9). Both Boyd and McKim had lost buildings in the earlier fire. When they rebuilt, they unified the facades of these three buildings with a common corbelled cornice. Small square name/date plates identified the owners and date of construction. The upper facade of the McKim building is today obscured behind a stucco covering, added when the building was used as a furniture store in the 1950s or 60s.

The two buildings to the north of the Boyd Block (Bldg. #10 and #11, photos 6, 7 and 8) appear to pre-date the fire, probably c. 1900. Their upper facades are unified by rock-faced sandstone sill and lintel courses. The storefront of the building at 111 S. Main is original, including the double-leafed entry door (photo 8). The last two buildings in this block are the one-story, non-contributing buildings housing Mount Victory State Bank

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and Mount Victory Hardware (Bldg. #8 and 9, photo 10). In the early 1960s, they replaced earlier brick buildings that housed the same businesses.

On the west side of Main, the district includes two buildings situated in the south half of the block. Photographs from the early 1900s show that this side of the block was all constructed of frame, while the east side was completely built of brick. The frame buildings did not fare as well as the brick structures, with the result that only one remains today. This is the two-story clapboarded building once used as a hotel and restaurant and located at 116 S. Main Street (Bldg. #4, photo 13 and 14). It was among the largest of the buildings on this side of the street, and is typical of the character that was displayed c. 1900. The facade has a high bracketed-parapet in front of a low-sloped gabled roof. The second floor has five bays, including a center door, and the first floor has two storefronts flanking a center door that leads to the upper floor. To its south is the Ford dealership building that was added to the block in 1930 (Bldg. #5, photo 12). This is a concrete block building with rounded roof and brick facade with high parapet and three bays. The showroom window openings still exist but have wood infill.

Main Street north of Taylor Street

Occupying the northwest corner of Main and Taylor is a two-story brick vernacular Italianate commercial building constructed c. 1895 (Bldg #1, photo 1). Its features include two original storefronts and center doorway with openings separated by brick piers and unified by a projecting storefront cornice of wood. The second floor has four window openings on the main facade and five on the exposed south side elevation. The cornice is defined by corbelled and patterned brick set within recessed panels. To its north is the United Methodist parsonage, a brick-faced building from c. 1920. It is currently obscured by a mansard roof and modern materials and is classified as non-contributing (Bldg. #2, photo 2). Adjacent to it on the north is the Mount Victory United Methodist Church, originally the Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1903 (Bldg. #3, photos 2 and 3). A landmark in the community, the church is constructed of a buff-colored glazed brick with sandstone and wood details. The corner bell tower with steeple is a dominant feature of the Romanesque Revival building. The main block of the church has a high standing-seam hipped roof with projecting gables to front and south side. The gables have round-arched sanctuary windows with tracery. These and other round-arched windows in the building have decorative sandstone surrounds.

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Main Street south of the Railroad

Located immediately adjacent to the south side of the railroad tracks are the Mount Victory Milling Co. building (Bldg. #16, photos 17-19) and the Mount Victory Grain Elevator (Bldg. #6, photo 23). The mill is a three-story brick bearing and timber-framed building with flat roof and corbelled cornice. The Main Street elevation has five bays and other elevations have four bays. Windows and loading doors are segmental arched. Loading sheds are located on the south and east elevations. A distinguishing feature of the building today is the checkerboard logo of Purina Chows that was painted on the front of the building after the company started selling the product in about 1947.

Directly across Main Street from the mill is the Mount Victory Elevator, originally built in 1918. The original gable-roofed, wood-frame elevator building still exists, with a one-story frame office attached to its street side (east side). Grain storage capacity was increased in 1948 by the construction of the two concrete silos that exist to the west of the elevator, along the railroad tracks. Metal grain silos, new grain handling facilities and dryers were added to the property during the 1960s and 1970s.

Two buildings from the early 1900s are also included in the district on this side of the railroad. They are the LeVan Garage, a molded concrete block auto service building constructed in 1912, and the Mount Victory Service Station, a wholesale and retail gas station built in 1924. The garage (Bldg. #17, photo 20) is a one-story concrete block building with curved wood-truss roof and molded concrete block parapet facade accented by a pair of finial spheres at each end. The service station (Bldg. #7, photos 21 and 22) is a masonry building with concrete and brick exterior and original windows and door. A prominent feature is the original red-clay-tile hipped roof which extends over the drive-through bay where it is supported by heavy masonry piers.

Taylor and Washington Streets east of Main Street

Built to the rear of the Mount Victory Bank building is the Old Town Hall, a two-story brick building constructed in about 1915 (Bldg #18, photos 24-27). This vernacular brick structure features a raised parapet with recessed panels of brick and a facade with 10 bays separated by raised piers. Second floor windows have simple sandstone lintels and sills. On the first floor, openings are again separated by piers; some retain their original door or

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window while others have been filled in. In the opening adjacent to the bank is an original double-leafed door that leads to stairs to the upper floor, and another early door exists in the 2nd bay from the west side alley. The first bay on the west has been enlarged as a garage door to accommodate the storage of fire equipment for the town. The two other exposed elevations of the building have segmental-arched window openings. The upper floor of the building was originally used as a gymnasium and remains a large open space today with high finished wood ceiling, wood floor, and wood window trim. Basketball hoops were originally located on the east and west end walls.

Across the alley from this building on the south side of Taylor Street is a one-story wood-frame, gable-roofed building with boom-town front (Bldg. #19, photos 26 and 28). The building is faced with narrow clapboards, and has a standing seam metal roof and stone block foundation. The facade has a bracketed parapet and two bays, a door and a simple display window. Built c. 1890, this structure is illustrative of the type of frame commercial buildings that once existed in Mount Victory during the 19th century.

On the north side of Taylor Street is a one-story brick commercial building from about 1905 with pair of entry doors flanked by display windows (Bldg. #20, photos 29-31). This building has a decorative cornice with corbelled brick dentils and small applied-brick cross-shaped medallions. On the long exposed west side of the building, facing a parcel now used as a city park, is a painted mural that illustrates some of the early commercial and railroad history of Mount Victory. To the east of this building is a large one-story garage built with locally-produced concrete block (Bldg. #21, photos 31-33). The building has a gable roof with a raised parapet facade. The concrete block is distinguished by its long and narrow dimensions, giving the building a finished appearance. The facade has six bays, including two garage-door openings with large sandstone lintels etched with "GARAGE" and "1917."

Continuing east on Taylor Street is a one-story frame gable-roofed dwelling that faces Washington Street (Bldg. #24, photo 34). It dates from about 1890. A covering of artificial siding has obscured its original design and makes the house a non-contributing building in the district. The gable that faces Taylor Street has no fenestration; the front elevation faces east and has three bays, including a central entry door. Occupying the next corner on the north side of Taylor Street is the building known as "Park Place," built c. 1872 (Bldg. #22, photo 35). Pictured in the 1879 Atlas of Hardin County, this high-style Italianate brick building features a symmetrical facade with pair of three-sided Italianate

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two-story bays flanking a recessed central entry bay. Above the front door is a balcony with door opening from the second floor. The cornice, although not bracketed, has a wide frieze with recessed shaped panels. The low-pitched hipped roof has a linear frame monitor with three windows. The house is set well back from the street and the property is surrounded by a hairpin wrought iron fence. To the rear of the lot, off of a driveway on Washington Street, is a gabled frame garage with hinged doors and shed wing to one side (Bldg. #23).

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MOUNT VICTORY HISTORIC DISTRICT
LIST OF PROPERTIES

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Building Number	Building Address	Historic or Current Name	Date	Cont./ Non-cont.
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NORTH MAIN STREET (West Side)

1	N. Main Street	Attic Treasures	c. 1895	C
2	107 N. Main Street	M.E. Parsonage	c. 1920	NC
3	115 N. Main Street	M.E. Church	1903	C

SOUTH MAIN STREET (West Side)

4	116 S. Main Street	Rose's Restaurant	c. 1880	C
5	122 S. Main Street	Kennedy Ford Bldg.	1930	C
6	202 S. Main Street	Mount Victory Elevator	1918	C
7	S. Main Street	Mount Victory Svc Station	1924	C

SOUTH MAIN STREET (East Side)

8	103 S. Main Street	Mount Victory State Bank	1961	NC
9	105 S. Main Street	Mount Victory Hardware	1960	NC
10	109 S. Main Street	Goddard's	c. 1900	C
11	111 S. Main Street	Corbin Cottage	c. 1900	C
12	113-115 S. Main Street	Boyd Block	1903	C

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Building Number	Building Address	Historic or Current Name	Date	Cont./ Non-cont.
13	117-121 S. Main Street	McKim Block	1903	NC
14	123 S. Main Street	Boyd Harness Shop	1903	C
15	125 S. Main Street	Williams & Johnson Bldg.	1881	C
16	S. Main Street	Mount Victory Milling Co.	1877	C
17	213 S. Main Street	LeVan Garage	1912	C
<u>EAST TAYLOR STREET (South Side)</u>				
18	106 E. Taylor Street	Old Town Hall	c. 1915	C
19	114 E. Taylor Street	Touch of Country	c. 1890	C
<u>EAST TAYLOR STREET (North Side)</u>				
20	105 E. Taylor Street	Anderson's Antiques	c. 1905	C
21	117 E. Taylor Street	Chevrolet Garage	1917	C
22	205 E. Taylor Street	Park Place	c. 1872	C
23	205 E. Taylor Street	Garage	c. 1920	C
<u>NORTH WASHINGTON STREET (West Side)</u>				
24	103 N. Washington St.	Residence	c. 1890	NC

8. Statement of Significance

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.)

Property is:

- 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCE

INDUSTRY

TRANSPORTATION

Period of Significance

1872 -1950

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

MOUNT VICTORY HISTORIC DISTRICT

Name of Property

HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approx. 8

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	17	286420	4489960
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2	17	286610	4489980

3	17	286600	4489760
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4	17	286460	4489700

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Judith B. Williams

organization for Mt. Victory Community Development Assoc. date February 4, 2000

street & number 2237 Cambridge Boulevard telephone (614) 481-7999

city or town Columbus state Ohio zip code 43221

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name multiple

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

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The Mount Victory Historic District is significant under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A, the district is important for its role in the history of this small northwest Ohio farming and railroad community. The district contains buildings that illustrate the development of the town from the late 19th century to the mid 20th century, reflecting themes of agriculture, commerce, transportation, and community in Mount Victory during this period. Under Criterion C, the district illustrates architectural development in a rural community over the same period of time. The vernacular character of most of the district's buildings, with simple parapet facades, reflects a small-town environment that lacks the trappings of a larger city. The railroad line which engendered the town remains a significant presence, along with the mill and grain elevator that grew up beside it. A small-scale commercial district, with no building taller than two stories, grew up perpendicular to the rail line. The building which served as a town hall, with council room, jail cell and fire house, is an unpretentious building of simple character. Two buildings in the district stand out as examples of a more high-style design, however. These are "Park Place," built c. 1872 in an Italianate design for a local merchant and used in the early 1900s as a hotel, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1903 in a Romanesque Revival style.

Historical Background

The village of Mount Victory is located in Hale Township in the extreme southeast corner of Hardin County. Six hundred acres of land were originally purchased in 1830 by Cyrus Dille, but a town was not laid out until 1851, after it became clear that a rail line would be built through this section of the county. The Bellefontaine & Indianapolis Railroad, incorporated in 1848, was completed through Hale Township in 1852. In 1851, the towns of Ridgeway (about four miles west on the line) and Mount Victory were founded. Ridgeway pre-dates Mount Victory by a few months, and the story is told that the proprietor of that town, Samuel McCulloch, wanted to prevent another village from being established so nearby. McCulloch attempted to purchase the land and turn it into pasture, but was outbid by Ezra Dille, a son of Cyrus Dille. The name Mount Victory was chosen by Ezra Dille, it is said, to commemorate his victory.

The first buildings constructed in the newly-platted town included a sawmill built in 1851 to produce the large quantity of ties needed for construction of the railroad and lumber needed for building. The first store in the town was a small frame structure built in the fall

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of 1851 on Main Street north of the railroad. A long frame building containing a general stock of merchandise was built south of the railroad in 1852 and the first warehouse was built next to the railroad by Ezra Dille in 1852-1853. A frame building constructed at the southwest corner of Taylor and Main Streets became known as the Mount Victory Hotel. The northeast corner of the same intersection became the location for a frame, two-room school house in 1860. It was replaced by a new brick school building on W. Taylor Street in 1875. Churches were also constructed in the town beginning in the 1850s. A Methodist Church was constructed on the existing site in 1858.

In 1868, the Bellefontaine & Indianapolis Railroad was consolidated with the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad, which later became the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis (CCC & I) Railroad. Situated in an area that was remote from the county seat of Kenton or other railroads, this rail line was of great value to the business interests and progress of Mount Victory. The 1869 Atlas Map of Hardin County shows Mount Victory to contain 51 buildings within the original plat of the town. These are shown as mostly free-standing structures, with the greatest concentration being in the blocks of Main Street immediately north and south of the railroad line. The business directory listed three dealers in dry goods, groceries and hardware (Howe, Humphreys & Williams, and Elder); one proprietor of a warehouse (Howe); one proprietor of a sawmill (Miller); a physician and surgeon (Blair); an engineer (Barger); and two carpenters and joiners (Allyn and Pennock). As can be seen by this list of advertisers, frame construction was still the order of the day in Mount Victory.

One of the earliest brick buildings in Mount Victory was the home of Peter S. Howe, who built his Italianate style residence on East Taylor Street in about 1872. This remains as the most distinctive residential building in the community. Howe was significant in the early history of the town as the owner of a warehouse located on the south side of the railroad (where the Mount Victory Milling Co. is today) and a dry goods and general merchandise store on the north side of the railroad. He owned a large tract of land within the original plat, comprising most of the northeast quadrant of the village in 1879. His residence is the only Mount Victory building illustrated in the 1879 Hardin County Atlas. Known as "Park Place," it is reminiscent of the country style homes that were being promoted at that time. The house was later used as a hotel during the 1910s and 1920s, serving railroad passengers disembarking from the depot located one block to the south on Washington Street. The boundaries of the district are drawn to include this residential building

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because of its architectural significance and its tie-in to the commercial life of the community during the early 1900s.

In 1879, the town of Mount Victory became an incorporated village, having grown to include a population of about 350 people occupying 78 buildings within the original plat. The business interests of the village in that year included three physicians, four general stores, three provision stores, one stove and tin store, three shoe shops, two hotels, one saloon, one livery stable, three blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, one carriage painter, one harness shop, one cooper shop, one saw mill and handle factory, and one brickyard.

Among the specific businesses advertised in the 1879 Hardin County Atlas directory were L.T. Calvin, proprietor of the Union House Hotel; P. S. Howe, dealer in dry goods, groceries and country produce; M. S. Elder, dealer in merchandise and farm implements; B. D. Owens, dealer in hats, caps, boots, shoes, dry goods, groceries, lumber, and express and railroad agent; and a physician, teacher and justice of the peace.

By the 1870s and 1880s, the land surrounding Mount Victory had become known as good land for raising livestock and for growing corn, wheat and oats. Hardin County was a well-regarded agricultural county, with approximately 92 percent of its land being put to agricultural use. In 1877, according to local histories, the current Mount Victory Milling Company building was constructed on Main Street immediately south of the railroad, replacing an earlier warehouse on the site that may have been destroyed by fire (likely the warehouse of Peter Howe). The new building was built by Burke, Greathouse & Monegar as a grist mill and warehouse, with a capacity of producing 1,000 barrels of flour per week. R. B. Cougill, who worked as the miller, purchased the mill himself in 1903 and operated it until retiring in 1940. Flour milling was discontinued by the next owners, who remodeled the building as a feed mill and warehouse.

Mount Victory's location as a stop on the CCC & I Railroad during the 1880s and 1890s was combined with its location on an important road between the seats of Union County (Marysville) and Hardin County (Kenton). Known as the Mount Victory and Kenton pike to the north or the Mount Victory and Marysville pike to the south, this route was well traveled and was considered to be an "excellent pike" in the 1883 History of Hardin County, Ohio. Thus, Mount Victory contained a variety of businesses that catered to the road traveler, including a livery stable, blacksmith shops, a wagon shop, a harness and buggy shop, and a carriage painter.

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The Mount Victory passenger train depot was built on the north side of the railroad near Washington Street in about 1885 (it no longer exists). Both road and railroad travelers were served by several local hotels and saloons in Mount Victory. In addition to the Union House Hotel at the corner of Taylor and Main Streets, other buildings provided sleeping rooms for travelers as well. Typifying the buildings that were built during this period is the frame building at 116 S. Main Street, built c. 1880. It housed two commercial businesses on the first floor and provided sleeping rooms on the second floor. During the early 1900s it remained in use as a restaurant and hotel. One other early frame building remains at 114 E. Taylor Street, a small one-story gable-roofed building with boom-town facade. It is part of property once owned by the railroad company to the east side of the Main Street stores.

Brick commercial buildings were constructed beginning in about 1881 with the two-story building that housed Williams & Johnson's general merchandise store. It remains at 125 S. Main Street, and its long south elevation, facing the railroad line, is painted with a historic sign advertising Kentucky Club pipe tobacco. The north end of this block, at the southeast corner of Main and Taylor Streets, became the location for the Mount Victory Bank Building in 1890. The two-story brick structure was remodeled into the existing bank building in 1961. The commercial building at the northwest corner of Main and Taylor Streets was built c. 1895. It housed a variety of commercial businesses on the first floor, including the offices of the *Mount Victory Observer*, while the second floor may have been used as a hotel at one time.

Mount Victory grew at a rapid rate toward the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century. The 1879 population of 350 tripled to a population of 1,050 by 1910. According to Kohler's History of Hardin County, published in 1910, "From a place with one cabin in 1851, Mount Victory has grown to be a thriving town of 1050 souls, with electric lights, good streets, good walks, an excellent public school system, substantial homes, fine churches and various enterprises." The Methodist Episcopal Church, more than any other building in Mount Victory, seems to illustrate the town's outlook at the turn of the century. Built in 1903-04, the church appears to be architect-designed, but no architect has been identified for it. According to Kohler, "Very few towns the size of Mount Victory have a church equal to this one in architecture and beauty..." The Methodist Episcopal Church had its beginnings in 1853, with meetings held in the local school house until purchase of a church on the existing lot in 1860. Within a few years, the M.E. Church had become the leading congregation in the town. A brick church

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replaced the first building in 1879 and was used until the growth of the congregation resulted in construction of the existing building. The lot to the south of the church was used as a parsonage from an early date.

Mount Victory's main commercial streetscape, the block between the railroad and Taylor Street, was fully built up with businesses by the turn of the century. Most of the buildings were frame, often with gable or boom-town fronts. Brick buildings had been built at the north and south ends of the block on the east side of the street, while the structures in between and on the entire west side of the block consisted of frame buildings. The frame buildings on the east side of Main Street were destroyed by fire in August, 1903, displacing a number of businesses that included a furniture and undertaking business, a drug store, doctor's office and a pool room. Two of the property owners, T. J. Boyd and William McKim began construction almost immediately on two substantial new brick business blocks, known as the Boyd Block at 113-115 S. Main Street and the McKim Block at 117-121 S. Main Street. T. J. Boyd relocated his harness shop in a third building at 123 S. Main Street. The construction of these buildings gave the Mount Victory's Main Street a more urban appearance, with a long row of adjoining commercial facades.

While Main Street housed most of the commercial uses, the first block of Taylor Street east of Main also began to be developed with a small number of buildings after the turn of the century. On the north side, the building at 105 E. Taylor is a good example of a one-story brick commercial building from c. 1905. Directly across the street, to the rear of the Mount Victory Bank Building is the Old Town Hall, built c. 1915. This building provided space to house the village council chamber, jail cell, and fire-fighting equipment on the ground floor and the town's gymnasium on the upper floor. With basketball hoops at both ends, this large space served both the local school system and the general community.

In 1910, the businesses of Mount Victory included the flour mill, a saw mill, a cement block manufacturer, a handle factory, an electric light plant, three blacksmiths, a livery, two feed barns, a harness and buggy shop, two hardware and implement stores, three general stores, a grocery, two drug stores, three restaurants, two meat markets, three barbershops, and the Mount Victory Hotel. During the period from 1910 to about 1930, the community continued to expand its economic base, based upon two locational advantages. The first was the continued prominence of the railroad, which gave Mount Victory an advantage as a shipping center, and the second was the advent of the automobile and the town's location on a main road between county seats.

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The Mount Victory Milling Company continued to operate into the new century as a flour mill. In 1928, the custom grinding and mixing of livestock feeds became an important part of the mill's business. Flour milling was discontinued in 1940 when R. B. Cougill, who had purchased the mill in 1903, retired and the mill was remodeled for use as a feed mill and warehouse. The mill was operated as a warehouse for Arcady feeds, supplying dealers within an 80-mile radius for that company. Beginning about 1947, the company began advertising the Purina "Checkerboard Chows" through the familiar red and white checkerboard painted on the exterior of the building.

R. B. Cougill also was responsible, along with Earl C. Tapp, for construction of the main building of the Mount Victory Grain Elevator located directly across Main Street from the mill in 1918. After purchase of both the mill and elevator by a new owner in 1941, the capacity of the elevator's grain storage was increased to 35,000 bushels through the addition of two concrete silos in 1948. By 1976, additional expansions had increased the grain storage capacity tenfold, to 350,000 bushels. The elevator continues to operate today, buying and selling grain.

During the early 20th century, these two agricultural businesses were served by both the railroad line and, increasingly, truck traffic. During the 1920s, Mount Victory also became known as an important shipping center for livestock. The livestock shipping business began in 1921 with a volume of two to three cars per week of hogs, veal calves and some cattle. W. A. Kennedy, who recognized that there was a demand also for the high quality lambs that were in the area, obtained a contract with one of the country's largest meat packers. Within a few years, the Mount Victory Stockyards, located to the west of the grain elevator, was said to be the largest individual shipper of sheep and lambs in Ohio.

While the rail line provided shipping opportunities for these industries, it would eventually be eclipsed by the trucking industry. The impact of this industry is still evident today, judging by the large number of trucks that travel through Mount Victory on State Route 31. The automobile industry had an impact on this community as well. A total of four buildings in the historic district relate to the automotive period from 1912 to 1930, including two repair garages, a service station, and a car dealership. The two garages, located at 213 S. Main Street and 117 E. Taylor Street, date from 1912 and 1917, and are both built of molded concrete block. At the south end of the district is the Mount Victory Service Station, a classic gasoline station from 1924 that sold wholesale and retail Fleet

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Wing products of the Standard Oil Company. It catered to both the automobile and the farm tractor trade. Also present in the district is the Kennedy auto dealership building at 122 S. Main Street, built in 1930 as a showroom and sales building for Ford cars.

The character of the Mount Victory district is distinguished by the vernacular design of its buildings, clearly reflecting the small town, rural nature of this community. Yet, these buildings also show an attention to detail and an architectural significance that is not always achieved today. The buildings represent many of the commercial, civic, religious and industrial enterprises that have defined the town of Mount Victory over a period of nearly 100 years. The rural character of the mill and elevator, with the classic Purina checkerboard sign, seems completely at home with the vernacular brick or frame commercial buildings that line the Main Street, the 19th century residential character of Park Place, the distinctive style of the Methodist church, or the modern early 20th century design of the auto-related buildings. These buildings stand together to create a historic place that is recognizable and worthy of preservation.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the intersection of Main and Taylor Streets, go west to the first alley west of Main; turn north along the center of this alley to the north property line of the United Methodist Church; turn east and follow this line to the center line of Main Street; go south to the north property line of the park property owned by the village of Mount Victory at the northeast corner of Main and Taylor; turn east and follow the north property lines of this property and the buildings at 105 E. Taylor Street, 117 E. Taylor Street, 103 N. Washington Street, and 205 E. Taylor Street until reaching the east property line of 205 E. Taylor; turn south and follow the east property line of 205 E. Taylor to the intersection with E. Taylor Street; follow the center line of E. Taylor Street to the east property line of 114 E. Taylor Street; turn south along this property line and then turn west along the rear property line of 114 E. Taylor until you reach the first alley east of Main Street; go south along the center of the alley to the south property line of 213 S. Main Street; turn west along this line across Main Street to the south property line of the Mount Victory Service Station and the Mount Victory Grain Elevator property; continue west along this line to the west property line of same; turn north along this line to a point equal to the south property line of the building at 122 S. Main Street; go east along this line to the first alley west of Main Street; go north along the center of this alley to the north property line of the building at 116 S. Main Street; turn east along this line to the intersection with Main Street; go north along the center of Main Street to the point of beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries for the Mount Victory Historic District are drawn to include the significant concentration of commercial, institutional, and industrial properties that helped to define this small farming and railroad community during the second half of the 19th century and first half of the 20th century. The boundaries exclude a portion of Main Street where post- 1950 buildings are located, and do not include other areas of the village that are more residential in character. The only exception is an extension of the boundary to the northeast to include "Park Place," the architecturally significant residence at 205 E. Taylor Street, which played a commercial role in the community as a hotel.

MAPS ATTACHED TO THE NOMINATION:

USGS Map, Historic District Maps

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Description of Photograph Views

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Main and Taylor Streets
Mount Victory, Ohio
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Negatives at 2237 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio

1. NW corner of Main and Taylor Streets, looking northwest
2. West side of Main, north of Taylor Street
3. United Methodist Church, 115 N. Main Street
4. East side of Main, between RR and Taylor Street, looking northeast
5. 125 S. Main Street, looking north from RR crossing
6. East side of Main, between RR and Taylor Street, looking southeast
7. 109 S. Main Street, looking east
8. 111 S. Main Street, looking east
9. Boyd Block, 113-115 S. Main Street, looking east
10. East side of Main, between RR and Taylor Street, looking southeast
11. Main Street, looking north from RR crossing
12. 122 S. Main Street, looking west
13. 116 S. Main Street, looking northwest
14. West side of Main Street, looking north from 116 S. Main
15. Looking outside district at west side of Main Street, south of Taylor
16. Looking east on RR tracks toward mill and commercial buildings on Main Street
17. Mount Victory Milling Co and building at 213 S. Main Street, looking southeast
18. Detail view of north elevation, Mount Victory Milling Co.
19. View of Mount Victory Milling Co. and buildings north of RR tracks, looking northeast
20. 213 S. Main Street and Mount Victory Milling Co., looking northeast
21. Mount Victory Service Station, S. Main Street, looking southwest
22. Mount Victory Service Station, S. Main Street, looking west
23. Mount Victory Grain Elevator, S. Main Street at RR tracks, looking southwest
24. Old Town Hall at building at 114 E. Taylor Street, looking southeast
25. Old Town Hall, Taylor Street elevation, looking west

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Photographs, continued:

26. Old Town Hall, detail of first two bays, looking east
27. Old Town Hall, east and south elevations, looking north
28. 114 E. Taylor, looking northeast
29. View of 105 E. Taylor and northwest corner of Taylor and Main, looking northwest
30. 105 E. Taylor, looking north
31. 105 and 117 E. Taylor, looking northeast
32. E. Taylor Street, looking west toward Main Street
33. 117 E. Taylor Street, looking northeast
34. 103 N. Washington Street and 205 E. Taylor Street, looking northeast
35. 205 E. Taylor Street, looking north
36. 114 E. Taylor Street, looking southeast
37. Garage at 205 E. Taylor Street, looking east
38. 103 N. Washington Street, looking northwest

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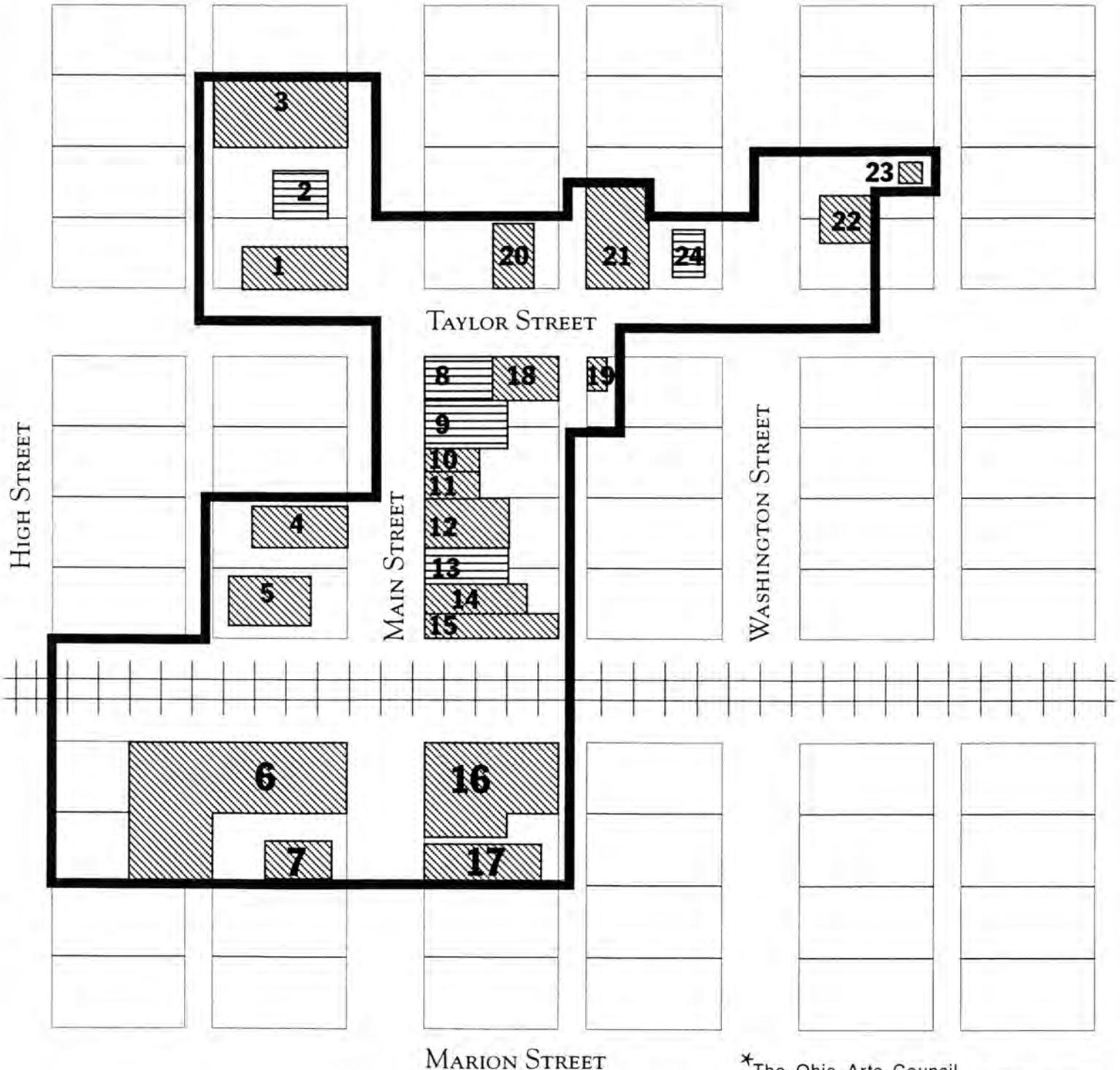
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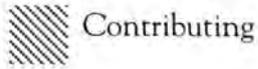


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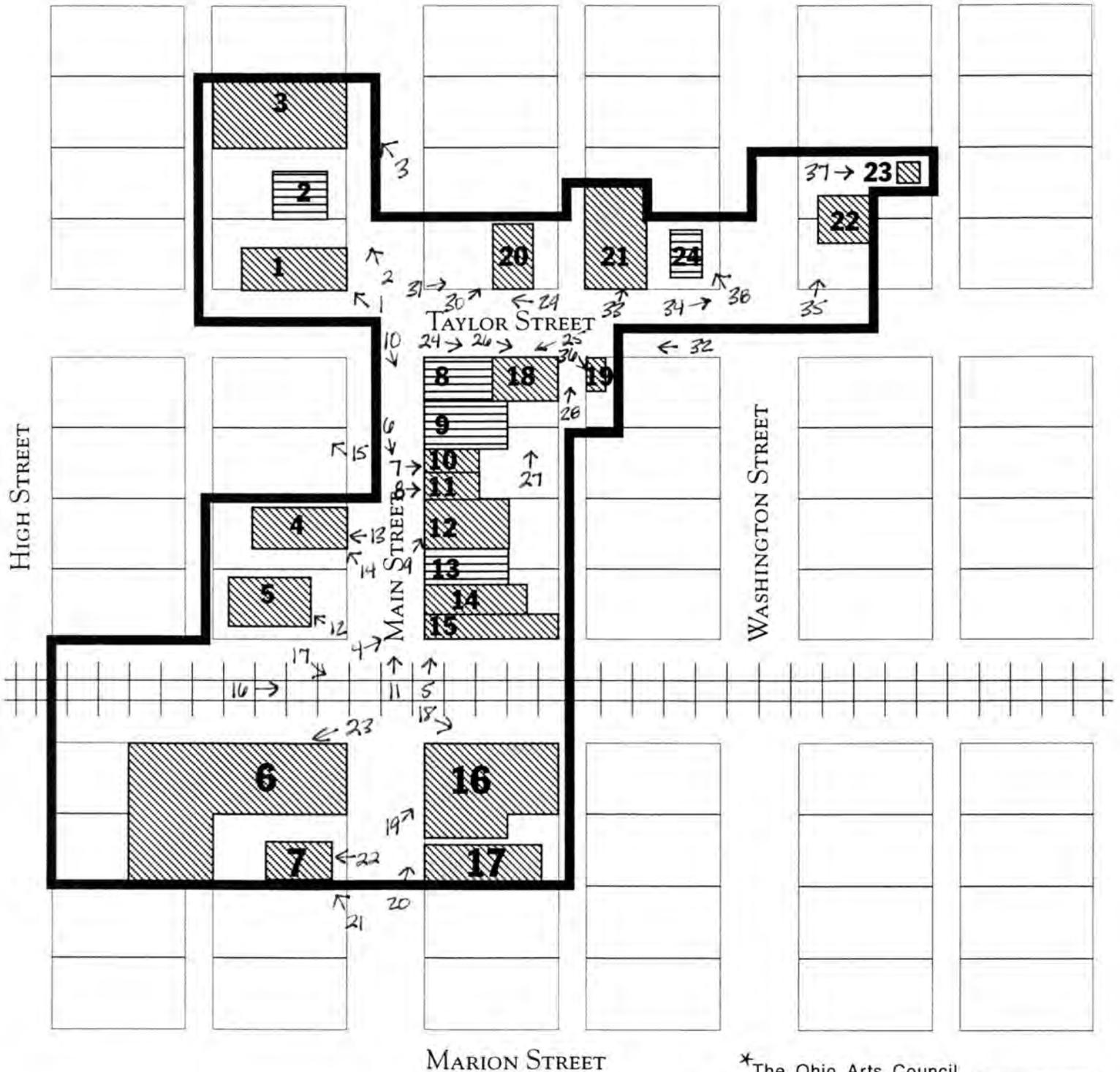
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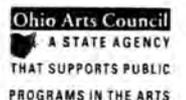


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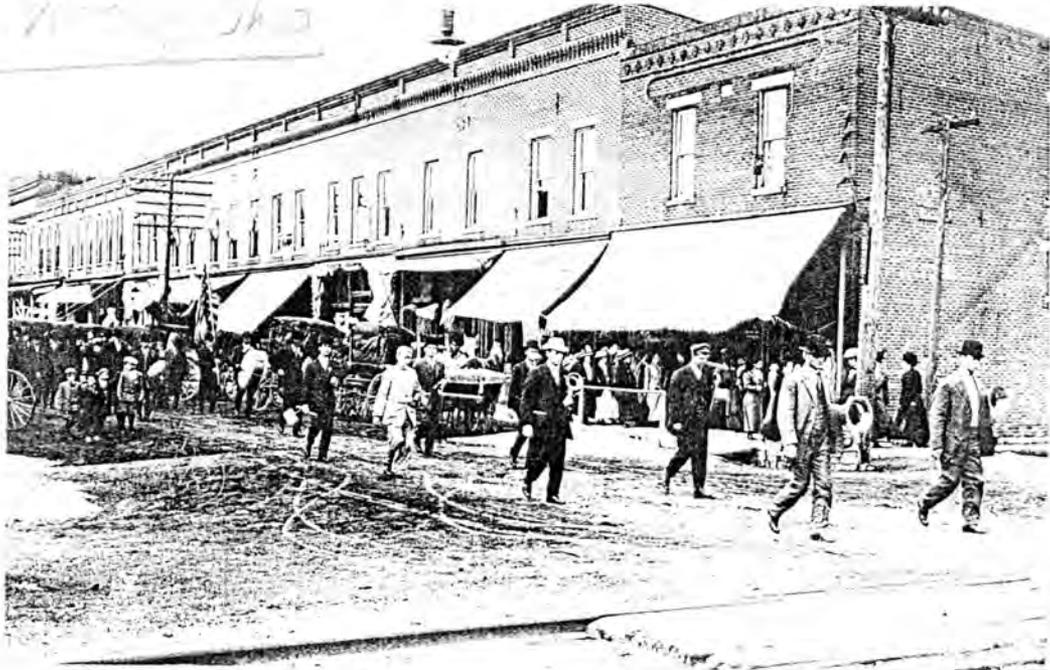


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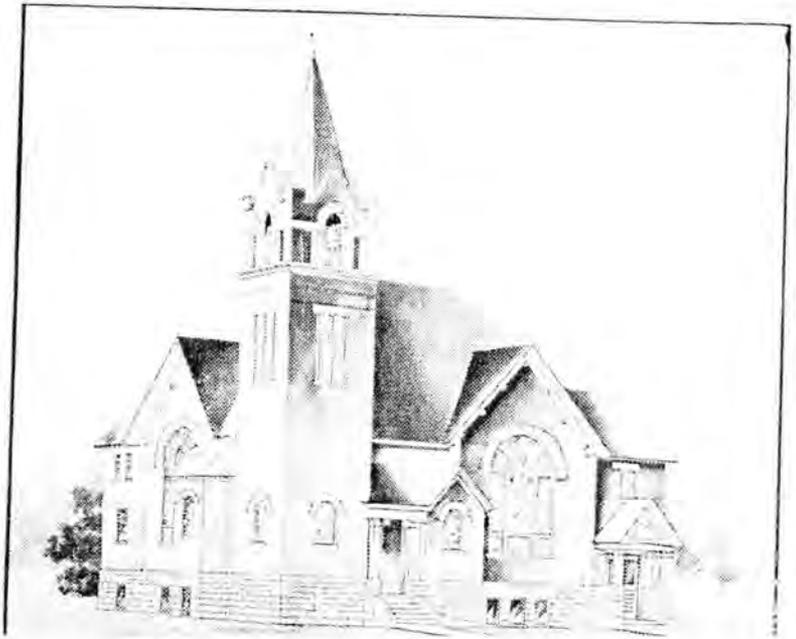


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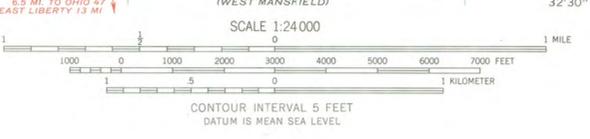
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567 East Hudson Street
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Subject: Mount Victory Historic District, Main and Taylor Streets, Mount Victory Hardin
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Dear Mr. Loveday,

I am sending this notarized statement to you to certify that I am the sole owner of the above
listed private property.

I am also objecting to my property being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

I do not wish to have my property listed.

Sincerely,

Scott Roehler
Scott Roehler

Notarized by

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Amos J. Loveday, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Loveday:

We do not wish to have our properties, Main Street, Mount Victory, Hardin County, Parcel #24-056, 24-057 and 24-053, considered for listing on the National Register of Historic Places at this time.

Yours truly,

Lowell Brose
Jerry L. Brose
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AUGUST 30, 2000

RE: MOUNT VICTORY HISTORIC DISTRICT, MAIN AND TAYLOR STREETS, MOUNT
VICTORY, HARDIN COUNTY, PARCEL #24-109

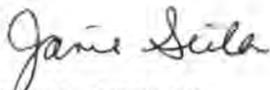
DEAR SIR:

WE ARE WRITING TO OBJECT TO THE LISTING OF OUR PROPERTY ON TAYLOR
STREET IN MOUNT VICTORY TO THE PROPOSED MOUNT VICTORY HISTORIC
DISTRICT.

WE FEEL THIS WILL BE OF NO BENEFIT TO US, OTHER ANTIQUE AND CRAFT
BUSINESSES OR THE THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE. WE WERE QUITE UPSET THAT
WE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE PLAN UNTIL WE RECIEVED A LETTER FROM THE
MOUNT VICTORY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION AND THEN A CERTIFIED
LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICE.

WE HAVE READ ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO US AND FEEL THIS IS AN
INVASION OF OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY AND DO NOT WANT TO A PART OF THE
PROPOSED HISTORIC DISTRICT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL US AFTER 4 P.M AT 937-354-5531
OR EMAIL US AT TOUCHOFCOUNTRY@KENTON.COM.



JANIE SEILER
CO-OWNER
TOUCH OF COUNTY
P.O.OX 143
114 E TAYLOR STREET
MT. VICTORY, OH 43340



JULIE JORDAN
CO-OWNER
TOUCH OF COUNTRY



CRISTI PARTHEMORE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 8-4-2004

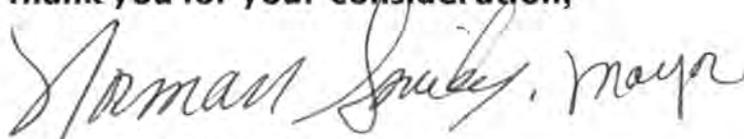
August 30, 2000

**Dr. Amos Loveday
State Historic Preservation Ofc.
Columbus, OH**

Dear Dr. Loveday:

As the mayor of the village of Mt. Victory, Ohio, I am very much in favor of the nomination of the Mt. Victory Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman Smiley, Mayor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Norman Smiley, Mayor
Village of Mt. Victory**

August 30, 2000

**Dr. Amos Loveday
State Historic Preservation Ofc.
Columbus, OH**

Dear Dr. Loveday:

The Mt. Victory Community Development Association is very much in favor of the nomination of the Mt. Victory Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

We think this would be an incentive for all of us to continue the improvement we have started in our very small community at the crossroads of Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Harrison".

**Peggy Harrison, President
Mt. Victory Community Development Assoc.**

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Dr. Amos Loveday
State Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Dr. Loveday:

This letter is being sent to indicate my support for the nomination of the Mount Victory Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Rev. Douglas J. Upston - Mt. Victory UMC
Property Owner

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Columbus, Ohio 43211

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Sincerely



Property Owner

105-107 E. TAYLOR MV

114-110 S. MAIN MV

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Sincerely


Property Owner

205 E. Taylor St.
parcels 24-078, 24-079

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Sincerely


Property Owner / owner MTV Hardware

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Property Owner

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Property Owner

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Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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Sincerely

James Harrison

Property Owner
Peggy Harrison

*105-107 E. Taylor
parcel # 24-044, 24-045*

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Property Owner

202 S. Main Street
parcel # 24-001 thru 24-003
24-013 thru 24-015

8-5-02

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State Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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Property Owner

213 1/2 Main St.
parcel # 24-017, 24-018

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State Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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Sincerely

ATS Inc. Joan E. Wagner
Property Owner

parcel #s 24-021, 24-025

Daniel and Mary Mabrey
411 W. Marion Street
Mt. Victory, OH 43340

REC'D BY OHPO SEP 15 2000

September 5, 2000

Amos H. Loveday, Jr., State Historic Preservation Officer
c/o National Register Staff
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, OH 43211-1030

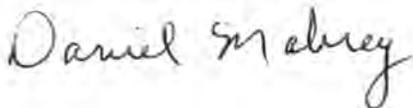
Dear Mr. Loveday:

We are writing in regards to the letter that you sent us about nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Mt. Victory Historic District Parcel # 24-049, 24-102, and 24-103. We would like to object to the listing of our property. We will not be attending the Advisory Board meeting on September 8, 2000 at which comments on the nomination will be considered. We are objecting the listing of our property by sending you this notarized letter. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Daniel Mabrey

Mary Mabrey



CRISTI PARTHEMORE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 8-4-2004

Mt. Victory, Ohio 43340
September 21, 2000

National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
Mail Stop 2280 Suite 400
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20240

01-390
Hurdinsky
Ohio



To whom it may concern:

Recently our buildings were included in a "Historic District" of the Village of Mt. Victory. This was done in spite of our individual objections to the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board in Columbus. The general feeling among us objecting property owners is that we see nothing in this District that is of exceptional historical or architectural significance. This is not to say that we don't care about our buildings or our town; we just don't think we're that much different from hundreds of other small towns in Ohio and thousands across America. We simply don't want to be considered something which we know we're not.

And so we come to you as a group objecting to this nomination. To call us something which we're not seems patronizing to us and demeaning to you. We're just a small town in northwest Ohio, and happy for what we are. Can't we just leave it that way?

Sincerely,

Howell Brose
Jerry Lou Brose
Scott R. Koehler
Janis Seiler
Daniel M. Alvey
Mary Mabrey

P.S. These signatures represent 6 buildings in the proposed historic district.

Julie Jordan

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211-1030
614/ 298-2000 Fax: 614/ 298-2037

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**OHIO
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**
SINCE 1885

March 12, 2001

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
National Park Service
National Register, History & Education Programs
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find two (2) new National Register nominations. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for this new submission.

NEW SUBMISSION

COUNTY

Mt. Victory Historic District
Henderson House

Hardin
Union

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

for Amos J. Loveday, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer

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