

# Myth-Busting the National Register of Historic Places

What it is and what it is not

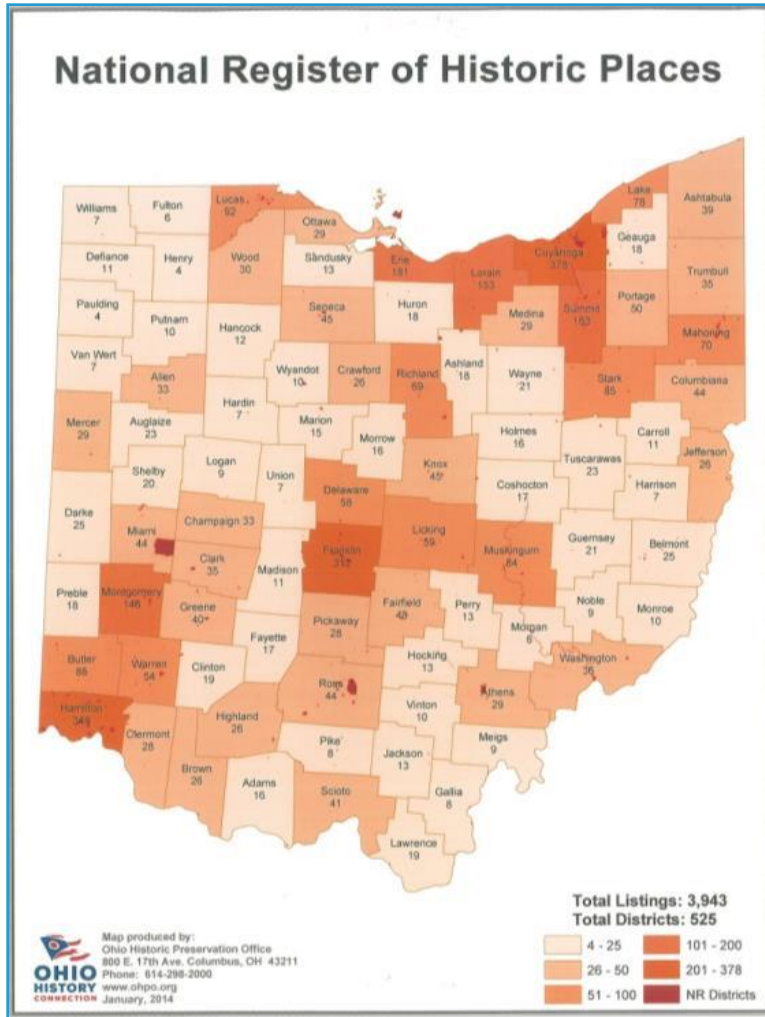


# What is the National Register of Historic Places?



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# National Register of Historic Places



- Official list of properties recognized as worthy of preservation
- Local, State, or National significance
- American history, Architecture, Archaeology, Engineering, or Culture

# National Register of Historic Places

- Program of the National Park Service, in Ohio administered by Ohio Historic Preservation Office
- Close to 4000 listings, with more than 40,000 historic properties
- 529 listings for historic districts, including commercial, residential, large farms or estates, and campuses



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can nominate their property”**

TRUE?

FALSE?



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# National Register Nomination Process

- Anyone can nominate a property
- Notification of owner prior to listing
- State Historic Preservation Office – staff review
- Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board – state level review
- National Park Service – final listing



“Only buildings can be listed in the National Register”

TRUE?

FALSE?





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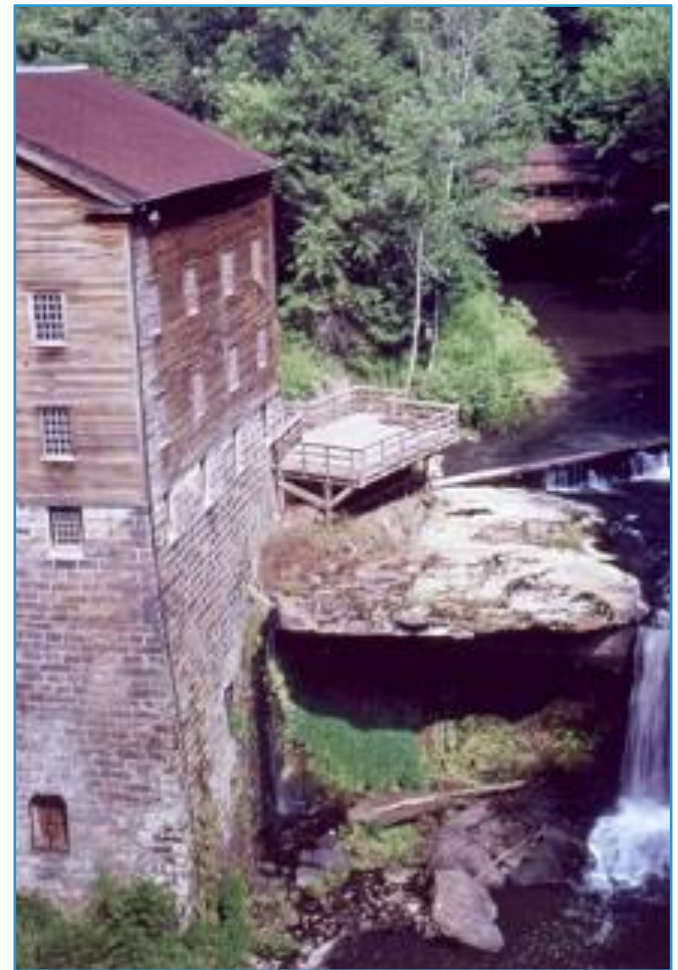


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**BUILDING** – Pinecroft, Powel Crosley, Jr. Home, Hamilton County



**SITE** – Mill Creek Park, Mahoning County



**STRUCTURE** – Columbus Grove Swimming Pool, Putnam County





**OBJECT** – Toronto World War I Monument, Jefferson County



**DISTRICT** – Orrville Downtown Historic District, Wayne County



**“Any property that is old can be listed in the National Register”**

TRUE?

FALSE?



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# What Makes a Property Eligible for the National Register?

- **AGE** (typically 50 years or older)
- **SIGNIFICANCE** (local, state, national levels)
- **INTEGRITY** (retains historic characteristics to convey significance)



# National Register Criteria for Evaluation

- A – Event or broad pattern of events
- B – Persons important in our past
- C – Architectural merit
- D – Yield important information



**Sparta Town Pump, Stark County**



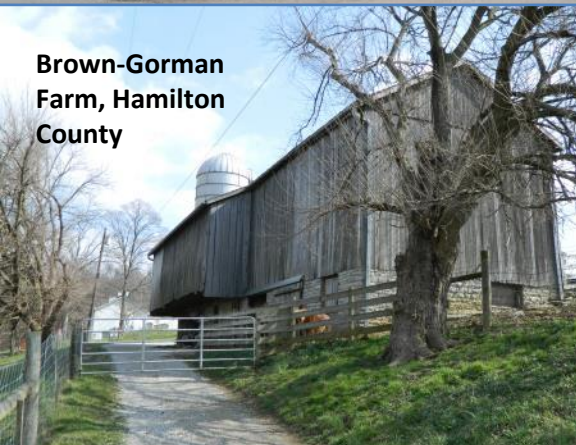
**Shelby Shoe Co., Lawrence County**



**ASM Headquarters, Geauga County**

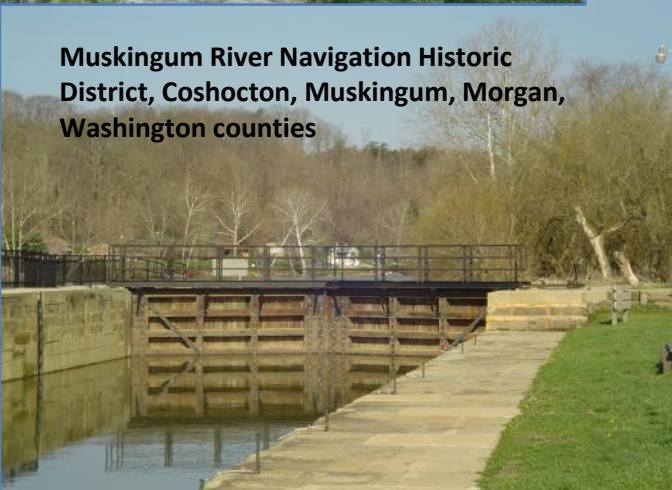


**Brown-Gorman Farm, Hamilton County**



**Betts-Longworth Historic District, Hamilton County**

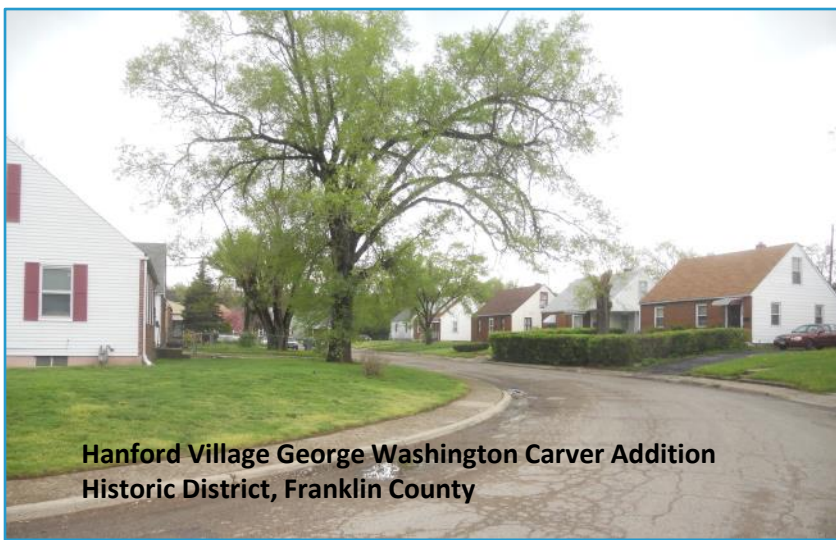
**Muskingum River Navigation Historic District, Coshocton, Muskingum, Morgan, Washington counties**



**Schine's Holland Theater, Logan County**







**Hanford Village George Washington Carver Addition  
Historic District, Franklin County**



**Richman Brothers Company, Cuyahoga County**



**Mayfield Heights Historic  
District, Medina County**



**Shenandoah Crash Site, Noble County**



**Templin-Bradley Company, Cuyahoga  
County**



**Avon Isle, Lorain County**



**GAR Memorial Hall, Lawrence  
County**



**Franklin Hotel, Portage County**

**Are there types of  
properties that are not  
eligible for the National  
Register?**



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# National Register Criteria Exceptions

Ordinarily the following kinds of properties are not eligible, unless they meet special requirements, or they are integral parts of an eligible district.

- Cemeteries
- Birthplaces or graves
- Religious properties
- Moved structures
- Reconstructed buildings
- Commemorative properties
- Properties less than 50 years



**“Properties less than 50  
years old cannot be listed  
in the National Register”**

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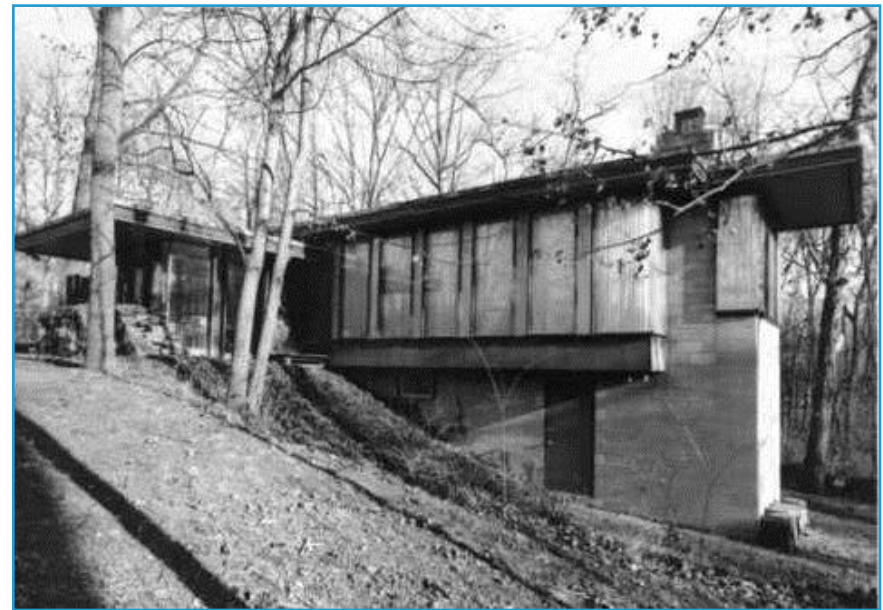


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Criteria Consideration G:  
Properties that have achieved significance  
within the last fifty years

*Must have exceptional importance*



Rush Creek Village Historic District, Franklin County

May 4, 1970 Kent State Shootings Site, Portage County



# Ohio Modern: Preserving Our Recent Past, 1940-1970

Top Left: Frederick G. Kilgore House, Upper Arlington

Bottom Left: Riverview (Fiberglas Tower), Toledo

Top Center: Riverview (Levis Square), Toledo

Bottom Center: Tower East, Shaker Heights

Left: Westerly Apartments, Lakewood



**“To qualify for the National Register a  
property cannot have changed in any  
way”**

TRUE?

FALSE?



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# National Register of Historic Places

**INTEGRITY** – ability of a property to convey its significance. Integrity is evident through historic qualities including:

- **Location**
- **Design**
- **Setting**
- **Materials**
- **Workmanship**
- **Feeling**
- **Association**



# National Register Historic Integrity

Harvey Wells House, Wellston, Jackson County



John Smith House, Hamilton County



**“If the property has a large addition only the historic portion is listed in the National Register”**

TRUE?

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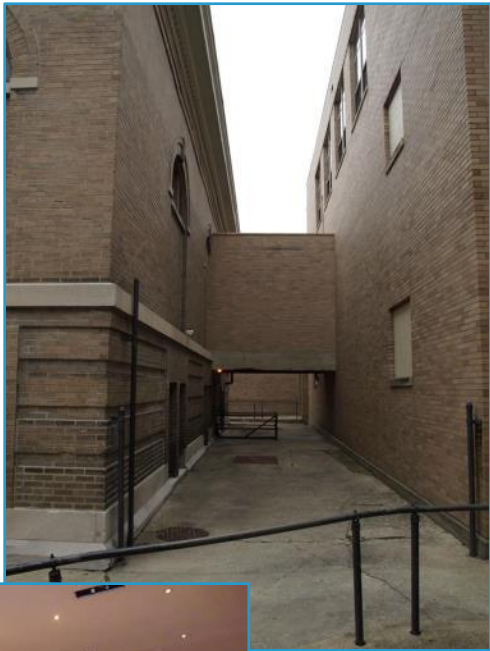
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# Washington School, Fayette County



**“Properties listed in the National Register can never be demolished”**

TRUE?

FALSE?



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TRUE?

FALSE?



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FALSE?



**“If my property is listed in  
the National Register I will  
never be able to make any  
changes to it”**

TRUE?

FALSE?



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FALSE?



# What the National Register Does Not Do

- Prevent owner from remodeling, repairing, altering, selling, or demolishing with other than federal funds
- Obligate owner to make repairs or improvements to property



# What the National Register Does

- Recognition of historic properties and their importance (planning/education tool)
- Consideration in planning federal federally assisted projects
- Eligibility for federal tax benefits (income-producing)
- Qualifying historic preservation projects for federal grant assistance



**“Listing a property in the  
National Register will  
trigger review of federally  
funded projects”**

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# National Historic Preservation Act – Section 106



McPherson Town Historic District, Montgomery County



**“Registration prevents revitalization,  
you will kill revitalization of the city  
when you register the buildings”**

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# Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits: Federal program

- Federal Historic Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit is available to owners who rehabilitate income-producing properties listed in the National Register
- Federal credit is 20% of Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures for projects qualifying as substantial rehabilitations. All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*
- OHPO conducts an in-depth review of each project before sending the application to the National Park Service with our recommendations for review and approval



# Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits: State of Ohio

- Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program provides a state tax credit for rehabilitating designated historic properties in Ohio
- Owners must be non-governmental entities, the tax credits must be a major factor in the rehabilitation financing and all rehabilitation work must meet the *Standards for Rehabilitation*
- Tax credit is 25% of Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures, currently set to a maximum of \$5 million in credits per application
- Program is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency in partnership with SHPO and the Ohio Department of Taxation.
- Two rounds annually, with \$60 million program cap



# Before



American Can Company, Hamilton County

Over-the-Rhine Historic District, Hamilton



# After



American Can Company, Hamilton County

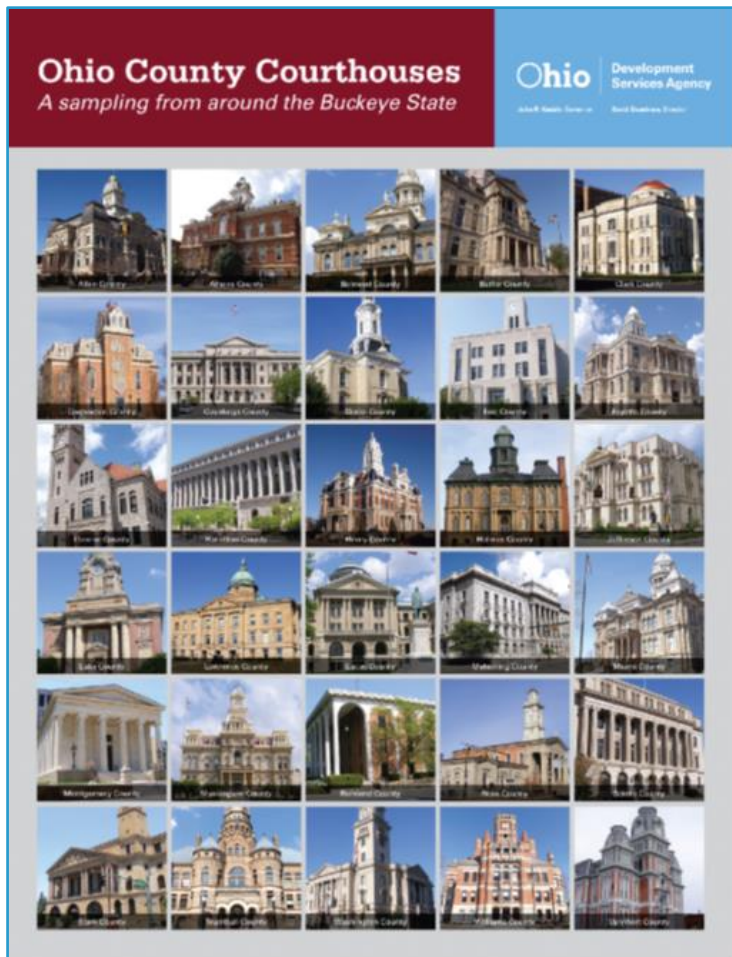
Over-the-Rhine Historic District, Hamilton County





# Pipeline Initiative

[http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs\\_ohptc.htm](http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ohptc.htm)



Downtown Xenia Historic District, Greene County

Kirby Road School, Hamilton County



**“There are no funding sources available for properties listed in the National Register”**

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# Canal Winchester, Franklin County

## Certified Local Governments

- 1 - Akron
- 2 - Alliance
- 3 - Aurora
- 4 - Avon Lake
- 5 - Barberton
- 6 - Berea
- 7 - Brookfield Township
- 8 - Burton
- 9 - Canal Fulton
- 10 - Canal Winchester
- 11 - Canfield
- 12 - Cincinnati
- 13 - Cleveland
- 14 - Columbus
- 15 - Dayton
- 16 - Delaware
- 17 - Dublin
- 18 - Lyria
- 19 - Euclid
- 20 - Galien
- 21 - Gallipolis
- 22 - Glendale
- 23 - Green
- 24 - Hamilton
- 25 - Hudson
- 26 - Jefferson
- 27 - Kent
- 28 - Lakewood
- 29 - Lancaster
- 30 - Lorain
- 31 - Madison
- 32 - Mansfield
- 33 - Mariemont
- 34 - Marysville
- 35 - Massillon
- 36 - Medina
- 37 - Millersburg
- 38 - Montgomery
- 39 - Mount Pleasant
- 40 - New Richmond



- 41 - North Olmsted
- 42 - Oberlin
- 43 - Olmsted Falls
- 44 - Oxford
- 45 - Parma
- 46 - Perrysburg
- 47 - Portsmouth
- 48 - Salem
- 49 - Shake Heights
- 50 - Springboro
- 51 - Sreubansville
- 52 - Tipp City
- 53 - Toledo
- 54 - Waynesville
- 55 - Willoughby
- 56 - Zanesville



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## DESIGN GUIDELINES for City of Portsmouth Historic Districts & Listed Properties

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# Portsmouth, Scioto County



# Who is Certified?

Akron  
Alliance

Athens

Aurora

Avon Lake

Barberton

Bellaire

Berea

Brookfield

Township

Burton

Canal Fulton

Canal

Winchester

Canfield

Cincinnati

Cleveland

Columbus

Cuyahoga Falls

Dayton

Delaware

Dublin

Elyria

Euclid

Galion

Gallipolis

Gates Mills

Glendale

Green

Hamilton

Hudson

Jefferson

Kent

Lakewood

Lancaster

Lebanon

Lorain

Madison

Mansfield

Mariemont

Marysville

Massillon

Medina

Millersburg

Montgomery

Mt. Pleasant

Newark

New Richmond

North Olmsted

Oberlin

Olmsted Falls

Oxford

Parma

Perrysburg

Portsmouth

Ravenna

Salem

Shaker Heights

Springboro

Steubenville

Tipp City

Toledo

Wauseon

Waynesville

Willoughby

Wooster

Zanesville

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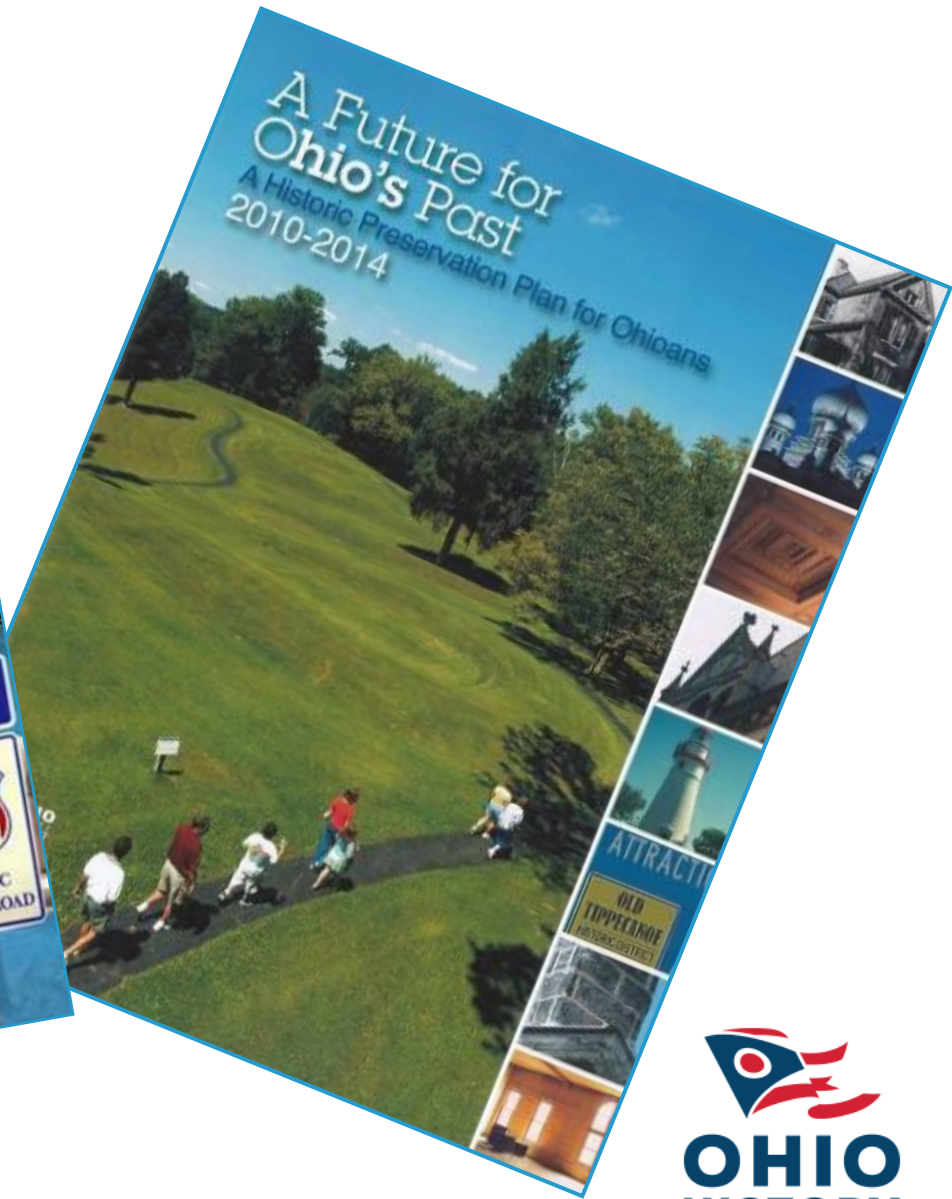
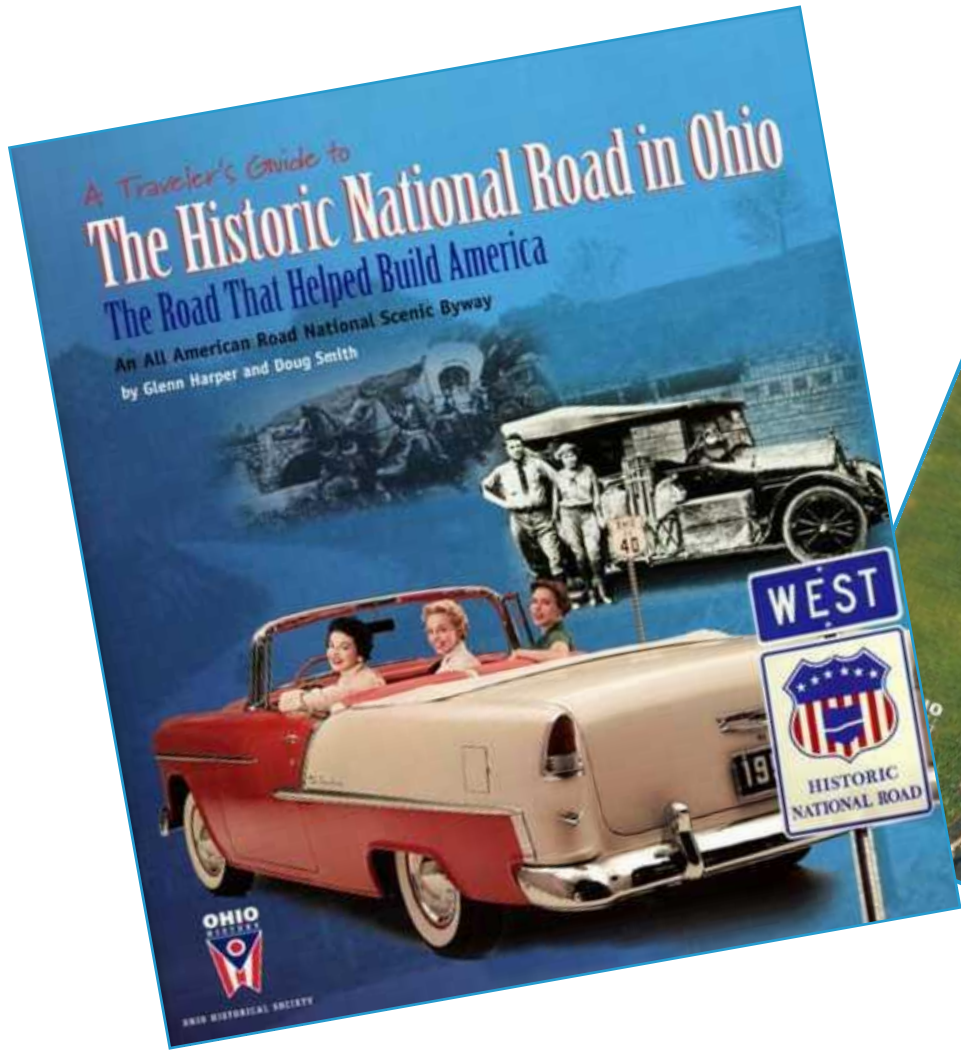
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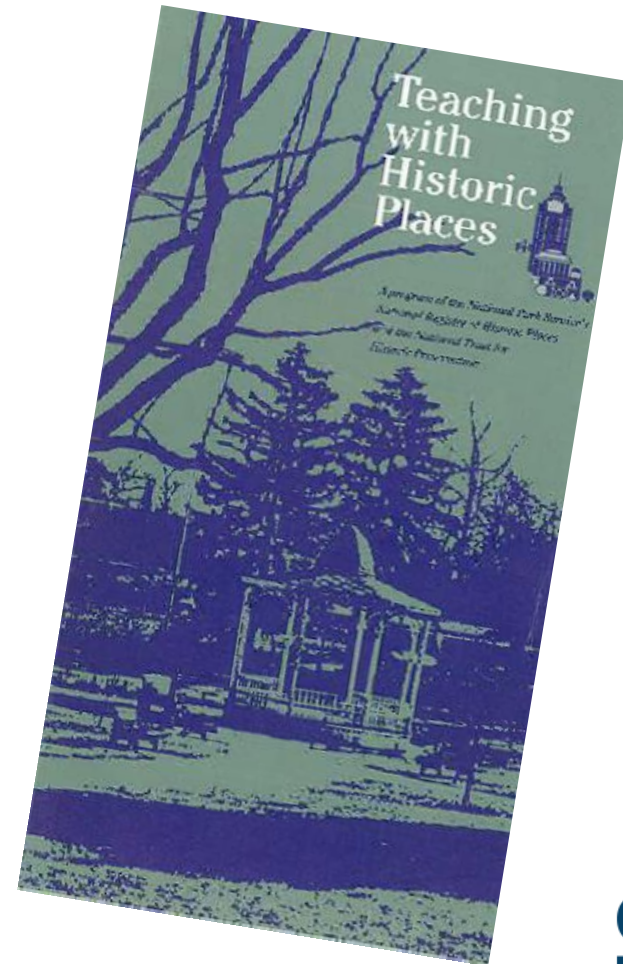




# Teaching with Historic Places

## Teaching With Historic Places Lesson Plans for Ohio –

- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: Where the Wrights Brothers Conquered the Air
- Growing into Public Service: William Howard Taft's Boyhood Home
- A Nation Repays its Debt: The National Soldiers' Home and Cemetery in Dayton, OH
- Not to be Forgotten: Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery
- The Ohio and Erie Canal: Catalyst of Economic Development for Ohio




**Wow! Now that I know  
more about the National  
Register how do I get my  
property listed?**



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# National Register Questionnaire



**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**  
**National Register of Historic Places**  
**Preliminary Questionnaire Individual Property Form**

This questionnaire is designed to help you determine whether a property is likely to qualify for nomination in the National Register of Historic Places. To nominate archaeological sites in the National Register, contact the Archaeology Survey and Data Manager at the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, (614) 298-2000. For all other properties, complete steps 1-7, and then return this form to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. To submit information regarding a potential historic district, please complete the **National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire Historic District Form**.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1: Answer These Questions**

1. Is your property at least 50 years old?  
 Yes  No

2. Does it still have historical integrity (important aspects of its original appearance and character)?  
 Yes  No

3. Is it significant in local, state, or national history?  
 Yes  No

If your answer to one or more of the above questions is no, the property is unlikely to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and you do not need to fill out the rest of this form.

If you answered yes to all three questions, go to Step 2.

**Step 2: Tell Us About The Property**

1. In what county is it located?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the property's address?  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the name and address of the owner?  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_


4. If you're not the owner, have you been in contact with the owner?  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

5. Briefly describe the structure(s).  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Draw the floor plan.

First Floor

Second Floor or Typical Upper Floor



**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**  
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**Preliminary Questionnaire Historic District Form**

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**Step 1: Answer These Questions**

1. Are the majority of the properties in the district at least 50 years old?  
 Yes  No

2. Do the majority of properties still have historical integrity (important aspects of their original appearance and character)?  
 Yes  No

3. Is the district as a whole significant in local, state, or national history?  
 Yes  No

If your answer to one or more of the above questions is no, the district is unlikely to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and you do not need to fill out the rest of this form.

If you answered yes to all three questions, go to Step 2.

**Step 2: Tell Us about the Historic District**

1. In what county is it located?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the approximate boundaries for the district?  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have the property owners within the proposed boundary been involved in discussing possible National Register nomination?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Briefly describe the district; is it primarily residential, commercial, industrial?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a map of the proposed historic district that illustrates the potential boundary of the district, location of contributing and non-contributing properties and a north arrow.  
 Be sure that streets and roads are identified on the map. If there are other National Register or locally designated historic districts in your town, show them on the same map or provide a separate map of your community or city in which they are illustrated.



**Where can I get additional  
information about the  
National Register?**



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# State Historic Preservation Office

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