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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

\*~~X~~ Cook, John, Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Watts Farm

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

E of Harlem  
SE corner of Miller Paul Rd. (CR 18)  
and Gorsuch Road (TWP. Rd. 27)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Harlem

X VICINITY OF

12 - Samuel Devine

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY

Delaware

CODE

041

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

X NO

## PRESENT USE

X AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carolyn C. Watts

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3354 S. Flower St.

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

VICINITY OF

Colorado

STATE

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Delaware County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Delaware, Ohio

Ohio

STATE

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cook Farm consists of a large farmhouse and three frame barns on 40 acres of land, all that remains of a 600 acre Harlem Township farm which dates back to 1805.

The two-story farmhouse, built in 1863 on a stone foundation, is nearly square in plan. The three-bay facade (north) has a center entry protected by a flat-roofed entry porch. The porch has four, square columns across the front and two pilasters at the rear. There are carved brackets above the columns at the roofline. Windows are double-hung, 2/2 lights with simple label moldings. The house is covered with narrow, lapped siding. At the roofline there is a wide, plain frieze, carved brackets, and an overhanging cornice. The flattened hip roof, covered with standing seam metal, once had a deck which has been removed. There are two interior chimneys.

The west elevation has two windows per floor. The east elevation has two windows on the second floor and one on the first floor, placed toward the facade. To the east is an attached, one-story, gable-roofed "L". This three bay section is also dated 1863 and has a center entrance and a single chimney centrally placed on the ridgeline. This served as living quarters for various married members of Cook generations. Each time the older parents, owners of the farm, lived in the larger quarters and provided the son and his new bride with this "apartment". Attached to the "L" is a later, one-car garage. It is rectangular in shape and had a gable roof. The rear elevation has three bays. The left and center bays on the first floor are covered by a one-story, shed-roofed addition of undetermined date. Windows across the rear of the house and "L" have been altered. Across the front of the property is the original iron fence, gate, and hitching post.

East of the house is a small pond surrounded by trees. East of the pond is a 2-1/2 story, gable-roofed, frame barn. The barn has weathered vertical siding, metal roof, and a foundation wall of stone. North of the pond, across the street, is another similar barn. This one has two small, shed-roofed additions on the east side. East of barn #2 is a smaller, shed-roofed barn. All barns are windowless and once served for storage of grain. Cattle, sheep, and hog barns have been torn down.



# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

1863

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Cook

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Cook Farm represents the remains of a once large, early Ohio farm in Harlem Township, Delaware County. In the early to mid 1800's nearly the entire township of 16,000 acres was farmland. Today modern housing developments have turned much of the area into "bedroom communities" for the cities of Delaware, Westerville, and Columbus. Development of Hoover Reservoir has added to the desirability of the land for housing and recreation. Much of the original acreage of the Cook farm has already been sold, but this 1860's house and three barns remain, tokens of early farming efforts in Harlem Township.

The acreage on which the complex stands was purchased in 1805 by Benjamin Cook, Esq. for 42¢ acre. Benjamin (b. 1759), a native of Connecticut, bought 4,000 acres in Harlem Township at a sheriff's auction after the original patentee failed to make payment. He retained about 600 acres for his own use and resold the rest at considerable profit. Benjamin Cook immediately settled on his farm, the first permanent settler of Harlem Township. He had twelve children to help him with the land, including John (b. 1819) who took over the farm after his father's death in 1839.

John Cook maintained a 573 acre farm and built the house in 1863. The barns were also built by John, though earlier (dates unknown). John raised cattle and grains. He married in 1853 and subsequently had 6 children. He died in the late 1880's and his son, Herbert (b. 1871) took over. Early in the 1900's the farm consisted of 353 acres and supported both dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, and produced wheat, oats, and corn. Until 1973 it was farmed by Herbert's son, Lester. Upon his death the land was divided 4 ways. Two daughters own the house and barns and wish to maintain them.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Delaware Co., Ohio. Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co., 1880.

Lytle, James R. 20th Century History of Delaware County, Ohio. Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1908.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY five acres  
UTM REFERENCES

A 17 344650 4445960  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C         

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gretchen Klimoski

ORGANIZATION

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

DATE

4/76

STREET & NUMBER

1982 Velma Avenue

TELEPHONE

(614) 466-8727

CITY OR TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Ohio

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 10-8-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Property Cook, John , Farm

State

Ohio

Working Number 10.22.76.4373

Delaware

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 56

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

K.P.

OK 10.22.76

**HISTORIAN**

accept

P. Grover

11/11/76

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

property eligible, but not  
adequate statement of significance.

Lebowich

12.1.76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept

Cole

3-21-77

**BRANCH CHIEF**

Thompson

3.25.77

**KEEPER**

Wm

3/25/77

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered APR 11 1977

Federal Register Entry 5-3-77

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

INT:2106-74





Cook, John, Farm, Delaware Co., Ohio  
Photo: Gretchen Klimoski, 1976  
Negative filed: Ohio Preservation  
Office

photo #1. 76 North side of House.

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

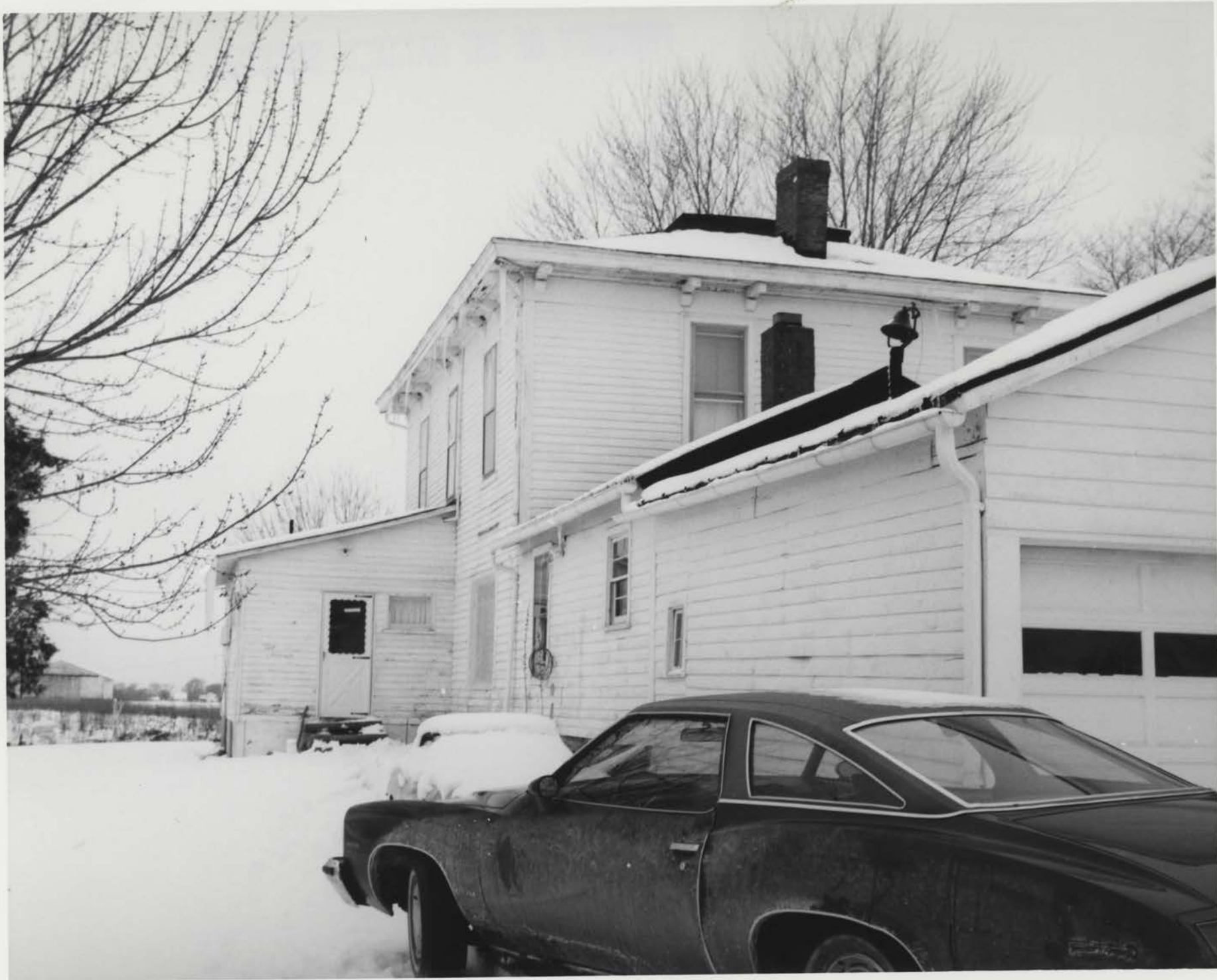




Cook, John, Farm, Delaware Co., Ohio  
Photo: Gretchen Klimoski, 1976 **OCT 22 1976**  
Negative filed: Ohio Preservation Office  
#2. East side showing wing & garage.  
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Cook, John, Farm; Delaware Co., Ohio  
Photo: Gretchen Klimoski, 1976  
Negative filed: Ohio Preservation Office  
#3. Rear (south) side of House

76  
OCT 22 1976

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Cook, John, Farm: Delaware Co., Ohio  
Photo: Gretchen Klimoski, 1976  
Negative filed: Ohio Preservation Office  
#4. Barn #1, east of house, north & west  
sides.

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Photo 4 of 6

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL CENTER

Cook, John, Farm: Delaware Co., Ohio  
Photo: Gretchen Klimoski, 1976  
Negative filed: Ohio Preservation Office  
#5. Barn #2, northeast of house, west  
and south sides.

Photo 5 of 6

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Cook, John, Farm: Delaware Co., Ohio  
Photo: Gretchen Klimoski, 1976 **OCT 22 1976**  
Negative filed: Ohio Preservation Office  
#6. Barn #2 and Barn #3, south & east  
sides of Barn #2; SW corner of Barn #3.

*photo 6 of 6*

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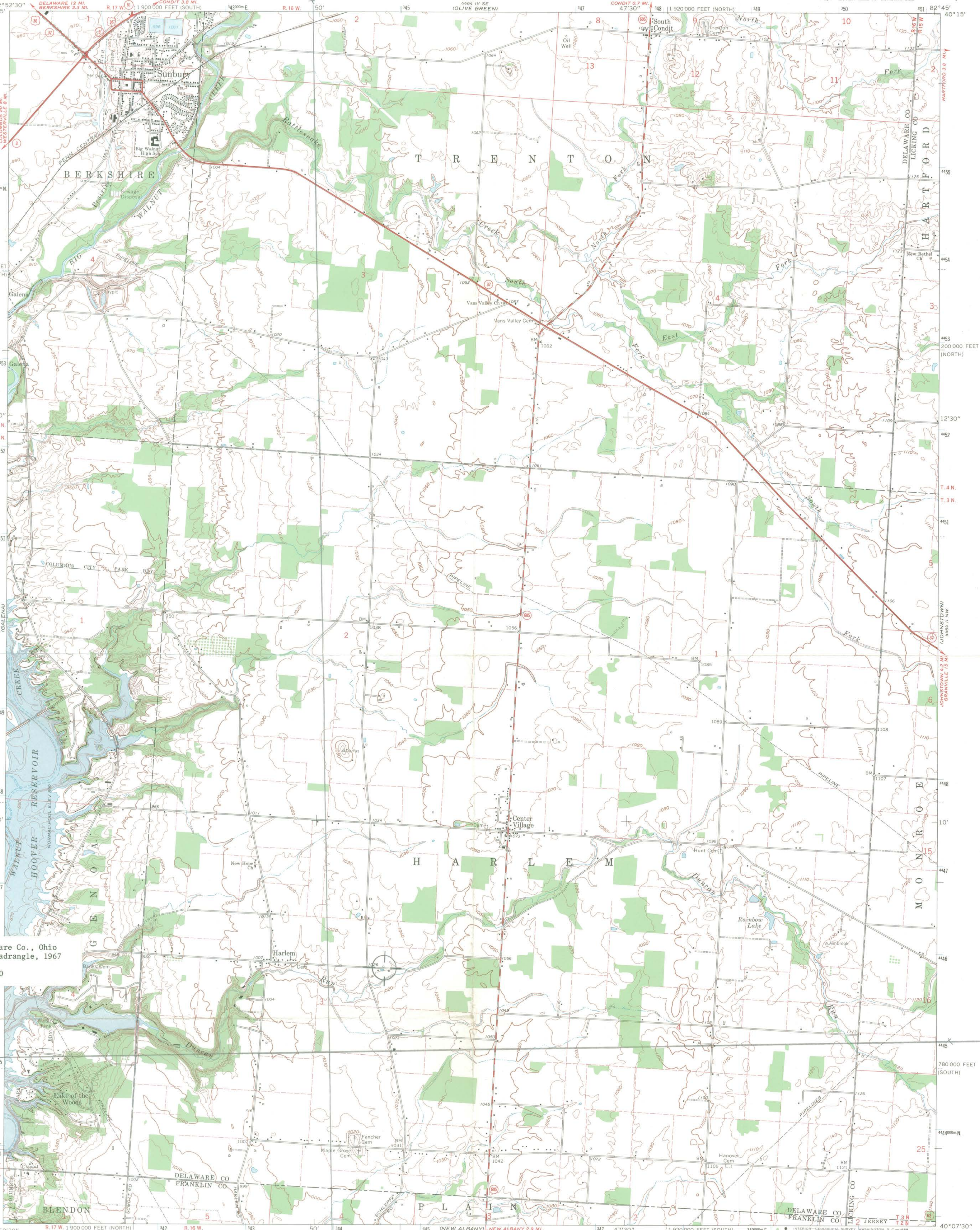
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SUNBURY QUADRANGLE  
OHIO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Cook, John, Farm: Delaware Co., Ohio  
U.S.G.S 7.5' Sunbury Quadrangle, 1967  
scale 1:24000  
UTM: 17 344/650 4445/960



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1953. Field checked 1955.  
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Ohio coordinate system,  
north and south zones  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17,  
shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Entire area lies within the United States Military District  
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

U.S. Route      State Route

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SUNBURY, OHIO  
NE/4 WESTERVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4007.5—W8245/7.5  
1967  
AMS 4464 III NE—SERIES V852



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      OHIO

Date Entered      APR 11 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Five Mile House	Zanesville vicinity Muskingum County
✓ Cook, John, Farm	Harlem vicinity Delaware County
Blacklick Covered Bridge	Pickerington vicinity Fairfield County
Kidwell Covered Bridge	Truetown vicinity Athens County
Koehne-Poast Farm	Germantown vicinity Montgomery County

Also Notified

Hon. Howard M. Metzenbaum

Hon. John H. Glenn, Jr.  
Hon. Clarence E. Miller  
Hon. Samuel L. Devine  
Hon. Thomas N. Kindness

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Dr. Thomas H. Smith  
Director, The Ohio Historical Society  
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Regional Director, Midwest Region

✓ 880      Mott      4/18/77

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/11/76  
 Reviewer INITIALS: BG  
 NR DOE APR 11 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Cook, John, Farm

OTHER NAMES: *Watts Farm*

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER SE corner of Miller Paul Rd. (CR 18) and Gorsuch Rd. (TWP Rd. 27)  
 East of Harlem  
 CITY, TOWN Harlem vic CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12  
 VICINITY OF  
 STATE Ohio 039 COUNTY Delaware code 041

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST  
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unknown - 4	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 6
<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 7	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable-9

☒ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO  
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO  
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- *house, barn*

now- *house, barn*

## SIGNIFICANCE:

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/> planning

## Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role  
&  
appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1863

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

5

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The John Cook Farm ~~seems~~ is the remains of a once large early  
Ohio farm ~~established~~ <sup>established</sup> by Benjamin Cook, the first permanent settler in  
the township.