

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George Stanford Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

6093 Stanford Road

CITY, TOWN

Peninsula vil,  
Boston Township

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Peninsula

22

STATE

Ohio

CODE  
039

COUNTY  
Summit

CODE  
153

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable) U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service, Midwest Region

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska 68102

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Summit County Building Annex

STREET & NUMBER

72 South High Street

CITY, TOWN

Akron

STATE

Ohio

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Ohio Historic Inventory

DATE

5/80

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Ohio

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The George Stanford Farm is located on a rural section of Stanford Road, just north of the small village of Boston. It enjoys a commanding view to the west of the Cuyahoga River and the adjacent Ohio and Erie Canal (see Illustration Nos. 1 and 2). The farm currently consists of a house, a barn, and several outbuildings, all included in the List of Classified Structures (LCS) for the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area as National Park Service Management Category B (Should Be Preserved) historic structures.

The George Stanford House (HS-442) is a substantial, two story structure in the Greek Revival style. The rectangular main block (see Illustration No. 3) is five bays long by three bays wide, and features a central entrance, clapboard siding with cornerboards, box cornice, and a low-pitched gable roof with gable returns. There are two chimneys, symmetrically situated at third points along the main north-south roof ridge.

The main entryway (see Illustration No. 4) features a one-bay entrance porch supported by chamfered, square columns on pedestals. The porch features a three-part entablature with modillions and a triangular pediment. The broad, slightly recessed central entrance is flanked by two full width, chamfered pilasters. Two half-width chamfered pilasters frame sidelights (now boarded up) and carry a shallow, three-part entablature, above which is a seven-light fixed transom. The historic six-over-six shuttered windows survive. Nonhistoric metal awnings cover most of the windows on the west, south, and east elevations.

The main block of the structure has a central hall plan with a formal single-run stair connecting the lower and upper stairhalls. Opposite the main entry is a doorway leading to the south (i.e., side) L-shaped porch. To the north of this hallway is a single, large parlor, including a marble fireplace with an Eastlake-style mantelpiece. To the south of this hallway is a smaller parlor with an anteroom recently converted to a full bathroom. The south parlor includes a large ornamental plaster ceiling medallion. The original fireplace in this room has been removed.

An asymmetrically-situated, one and one-half story ell projects from the east (i.e., rear) elevation of the main block (see Illustration No. 5). The whole is of braced frame construction and rests on an ashlar stone foundation. There is a basement, full except for an apparently-unexcavated (perhaps back-filled) 12- by 14-foot section under the north half of the ell kitchen. The basement has both an exterior and an interior access. The exterior access is located at the approximate midpoint of the north elevation. Interior load-bearing basement walls are brick.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Stanford House is significant for its long association with a prominent Boston Township family. James Stanford, who settled the property in 1806, was a member of the party that surveyed the township and reputedly suggested its name. His son, George Stanford, and grandson, George C. Stanford, both served for many years in various township offices. Architecturally, the house is a fine example of the Greek Revival style. Its associated outbuildings and rural environment illustrate Boston Township's agricultural heritage and preserve intact a fine nineteenth-century farm in the Cuyahoga Valley.

### History

George Stanford (1800-1883) was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, to James and Polly (Johnston) Stanford. James had emigrated from Ireland in 1795; Polly was a native of Pennsylvania. About 1802, the family moved to Ohio and settled in Warren (Trumbull County). Several years later, James Stanford joined a surveying party to locate and survey Boston Township in Summit County. He moved there with his family in March 1806, "taking 169 acres upon the west bank of the Cuyahoga River, near Boston. Here they resided for the remainder of their lives."<sup>1</sup> According to one account, it was James Stanford who suggested the name of Boston Township, "and its acceptance happily ended a disputed question."<sup>2</sup>

Polly Stanford died in 1814, James in 1827. Their son, George, continued on the family farm, and it was probably he who built the large Greek Revival farmhouse, perhaps upon his marriage to Catherine Carter in 1828. The style of the house suggests that it was built

<sup>1</sup>William Henry Perrin, ed., History of Summit County (Chicago: Baskin & Battey, Historical Publishers, 1881), pp. 902-903. Perrin is in error; the Stanford Farm is located on the east bank of the Cuyahoga River.

<sup>2</sup>William B. Doyle, ed. and comp., Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1908), p. 854.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Combination Atlas Map of Summit County. Philadelphia: Tackabury, Mead & Moffett, 1874.

Doyle, William B., ed. and comp. Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens. Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1908.

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 453350 4568800  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B              
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of a rectangular lot approximately 110 by 140 meters in size, described as follows: Beginning at a point on Stanford Road 25 meters north of the north wall of the Stanford House, proceed due east for a distance of 140 meters; then proceed due south on a line parallel to Stanford Road for a distance of 110 meters; then proceed due west to Stanford Road; then proceed north along Stanford Road to the point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carol Poh Miller, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION

under contract with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society

DATE

5 January 1981

STREET & NUMBER

2940 Somerton Road

TELEPHONE

216/321-3940

CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland Heights

STATE

OHIO

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

## STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

J. R. Belland

TITLE

Assistant Director,  
 Cultural Resources

DATE

1-8-82

## FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

William H. Brachman  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

2/17/82

ATTEST:

Jude McCalland  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2/16/82

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The first level of the ell includes a large dining room connecting the north parlor of the main block to the kitchen at the west (i.e., rear) of the structure via an intermediate small pantry and basement stairhall. An exterior covered porch extends the full length of the south elevation of the dining room, connecting the front stairhall of the main block to the rear kitchen.

The second level of the main block contains four bedrooms and a storage room, all opening off the front stairhall. The ell contains a large bedroom (above the dining room and overhanging the south dining room porch below) which connects the front stairhall of the main block to the rear stairhall of the ell. Two storage rooms and an unfinished space over the kitchen all open off the rear stairhall which connects the second level of the ell to the kitchen below. An exterior door opens from the unfinished attic space to the roof of the east, nonhistoric kitchen porch.

The main block of the house has a full attic. The ell has a partial attic.

The house, as it presently exists, is essentially the same as it was in 1874 (see Illustration No. 10). Exterior changes include the glazing of the south porch, the replacment of the east kitchen porch, and the recent addition of metal awnings.

The house is the central structure of the surviving farmstead. Other extant structures on the site include a Springhouse, HS-442A (see Illustration No. 6); a Garage, HS-442B, not as old as the house; a large Barn, HS-443 (see Illustration No. 7), also of more recent vintage than the house; a Corn Crib, HS-444 (see Illustration No. 8); a brick Smoke House, HS-445 (see Illustration No. 9); and a more recent, glazed tile Chicken Coop, HS-446. A nonhistoric (circa 1930-40) Caretaker's Cottage is located across the creek, approximately 150 feet north of the house.

Apparent in the 1874 depiction of the site (see Illustration No. 10) is a stable, no longer extant, that was located east of the house at the approximate location of the existing Barn (HS-443). Historic fencing, gates, walks, drives, and landscaping, evident in the 1874 illustration, have been succeeded by more recent features.

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about 1830.

George Stanford served in various township offices, including that of Justice of the Peace for six years. One history remembers him as a "model farmer, sterling citizen and a consistent member of the Methodist church."<sup>3</sup> George and Catherine Stanford and the family home are depicted in the 1874 Summit County atlas.<sup>4</sup> They had eight children, although only George C., born in 1839, survived past the age of twenty. Catherine died in 1872. George C. Stanford assumed the family farm upon his father's death in 1883.

Like his father, George C. Stanford resided on the family farm for his entire life. He cultivated about one hundred acres-- "devoted principally to wheat and hay"--and kept cattle. In 1908, he reportedly kept "ten or twelve cows . . . and a flock of sixty-five sheep."<sup>5</sup> George C. Stanford served as justice of the peace, township assessor and, from 1875 to 1885, Boston postmaster. He married Eliza Wetmore in 1869, and they had three children: Ellen, Perkins W., and Clayton J.

Subsequent occupants of the Stanford House have included the Dickinson, Hatch, and Clark families. Several years ago, the property was purchased by the National Park Service from Roy H. Clark. It is now part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Both the house and outbuildings currently stand vacant.

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<sup>3</sup>Samuel A. Lane, Fifty Years and Over of Akron and Summit County (Akron, O.: Beacon Job Department, 1892), p. 655.

<sup>4</sup>Combination Atlas Map of Summit County (Philadelphia: Tackabury, Mead & Moffett, 1874), pp. 98-99.

<sup>5</sup>Doyle, Centennial History of Summit County, p. 854.

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Perrin, William Henry, ed. History of Summit County. Chicago: Baskin & Battey, Historical Publishers, 1881.

Illustration 2 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

Site Map (sketch, not to scale)  
George Stanford Farm complex  
Boston Township, Ohio

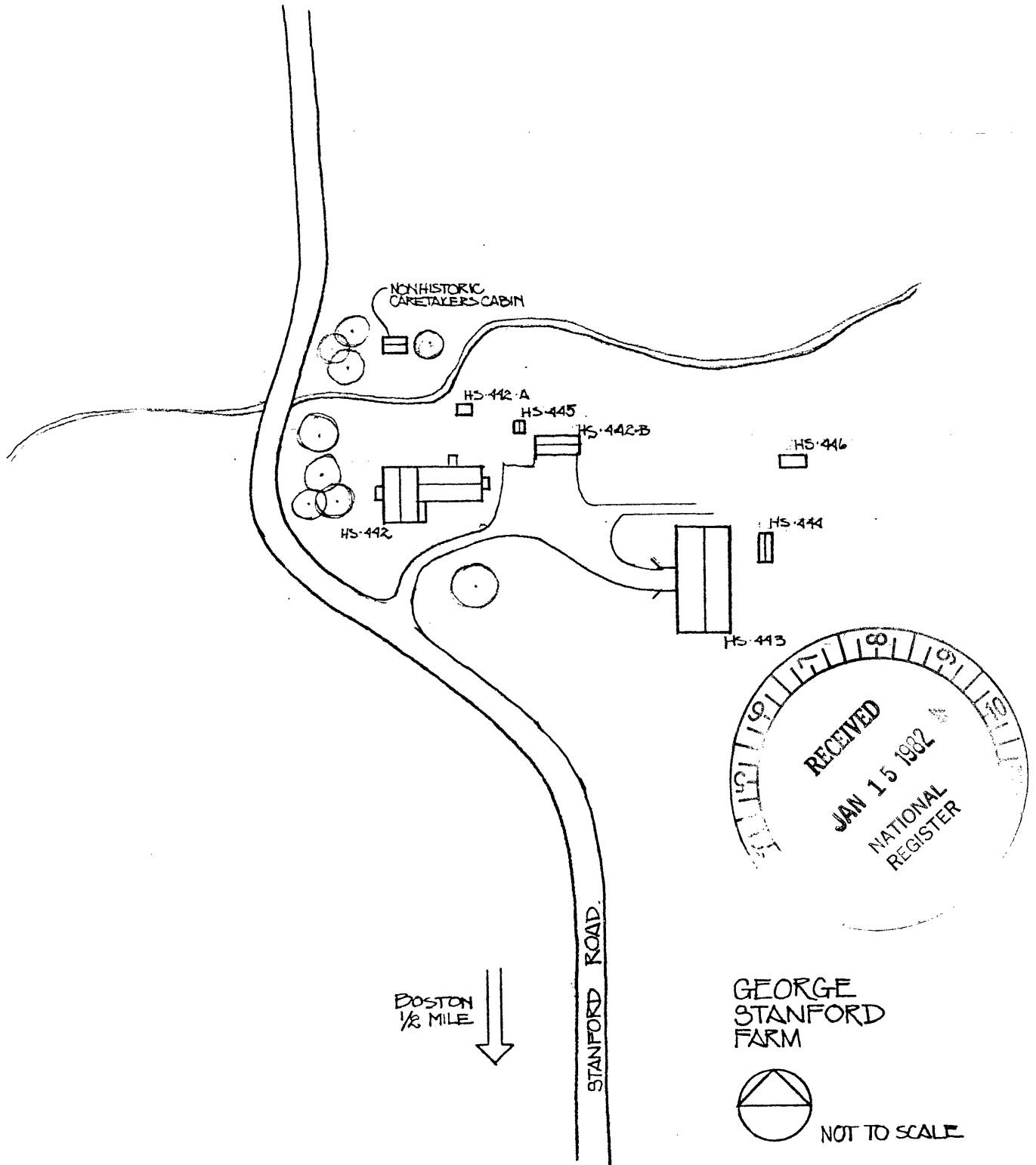






Illustration 3 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-442; George Stanford House

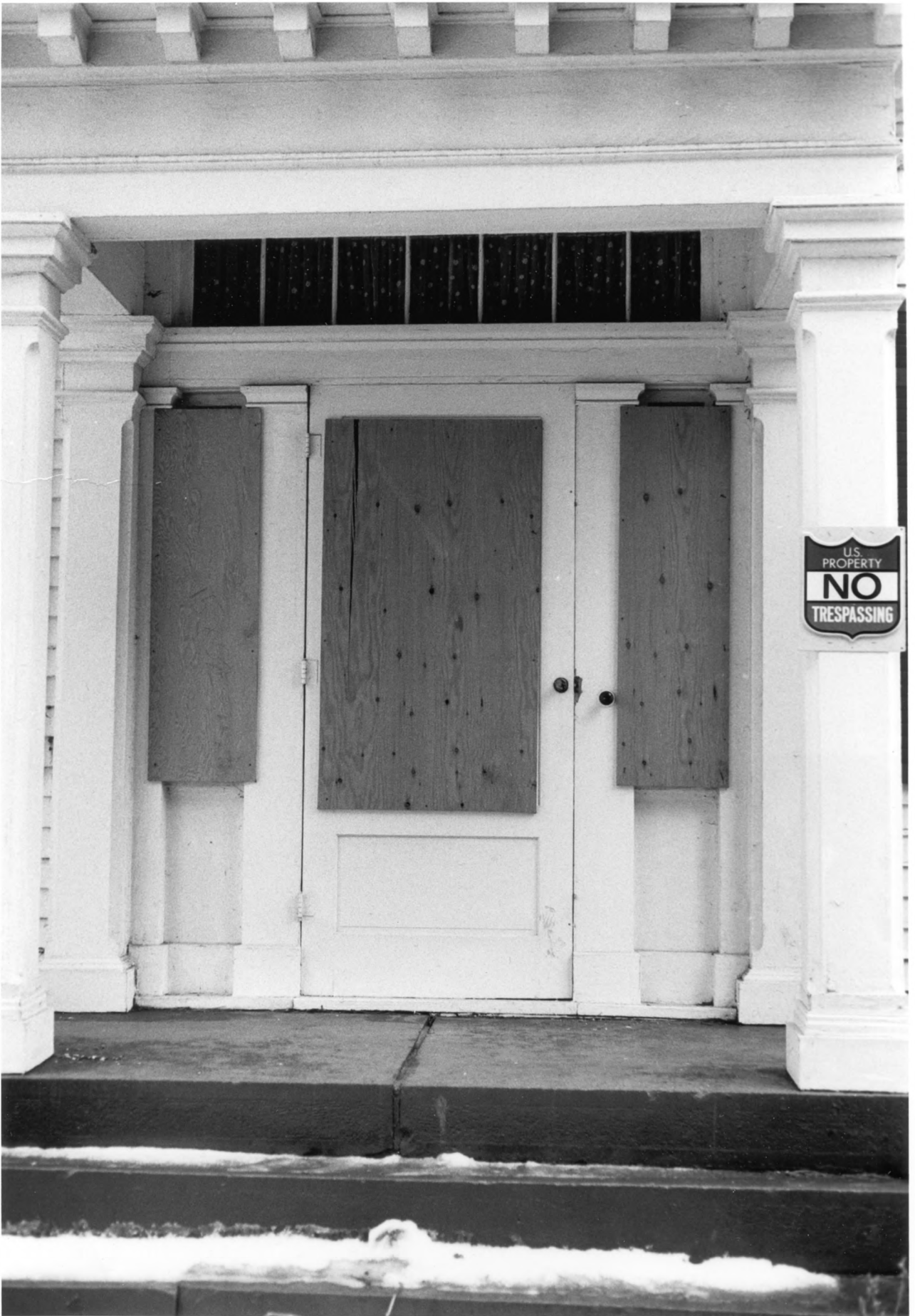
6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

Facade and south elevation, looking northeast

Negative property of Ohio Historic Preservation  
Office, Columbus, Ohio

Photographed by Carol Poh Miller, March, 1980

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U.S.  
PROPERTY  
**NO**  
TRESPASSING

Illustration 4 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-442; George Stanford House

6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

Entrance detail, looking east

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Illustration 5 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-442; George Stanford House

6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

East elevation

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Illustration 6 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-442A; Springhouse

6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

Looking northwest

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Cuyahoga Valley NRA

Photographed by Eddie A. Mallory, September,  
1981

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Illustration 7 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-443; Barn

6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

Looking southeast

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Office, Columbus, Ohio

Photographed by Carol Poh Miller, March, 1980

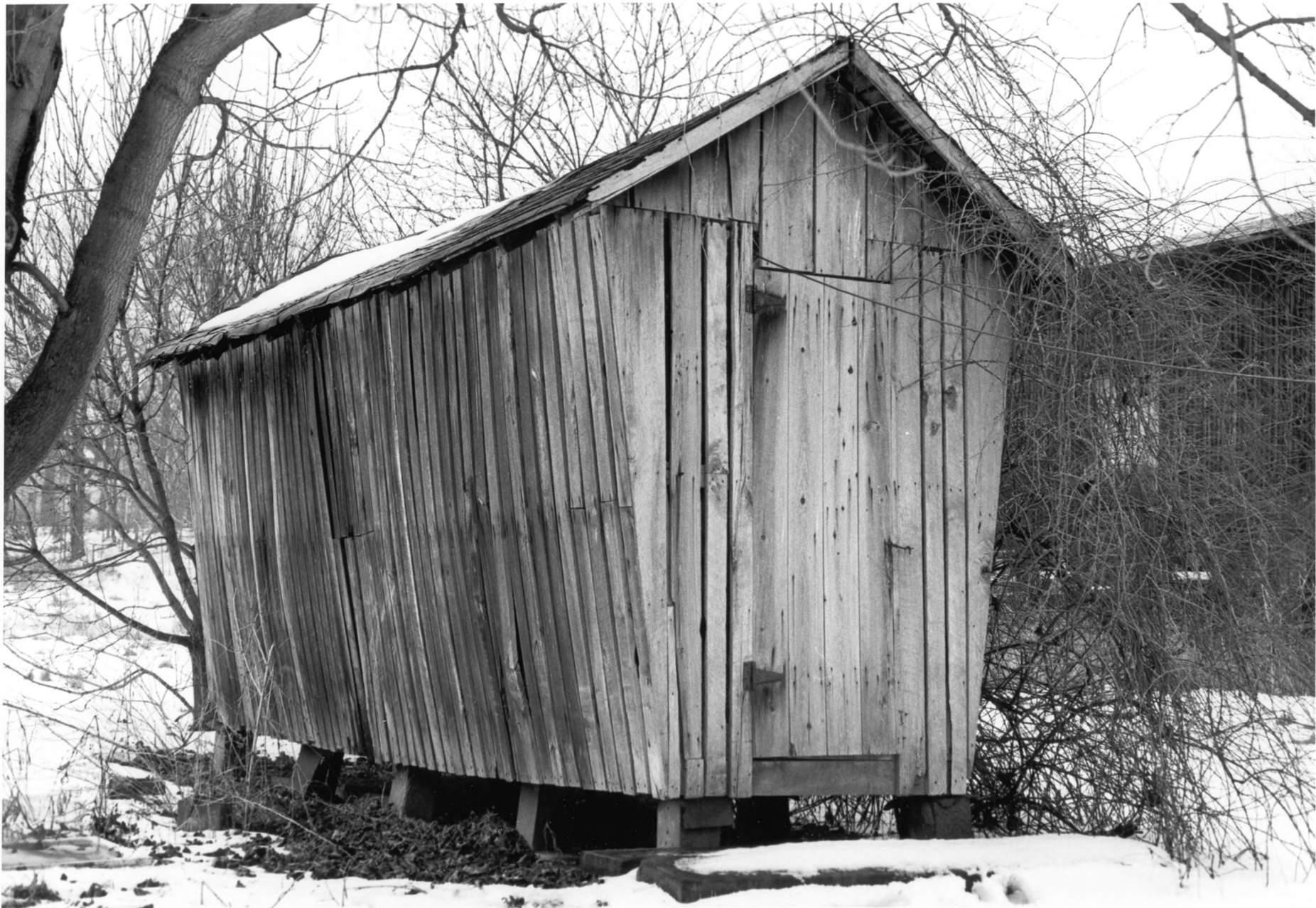


Illustration 8 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-444; Corn Crib

6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

Looking west

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Office, Columbus, Ohio

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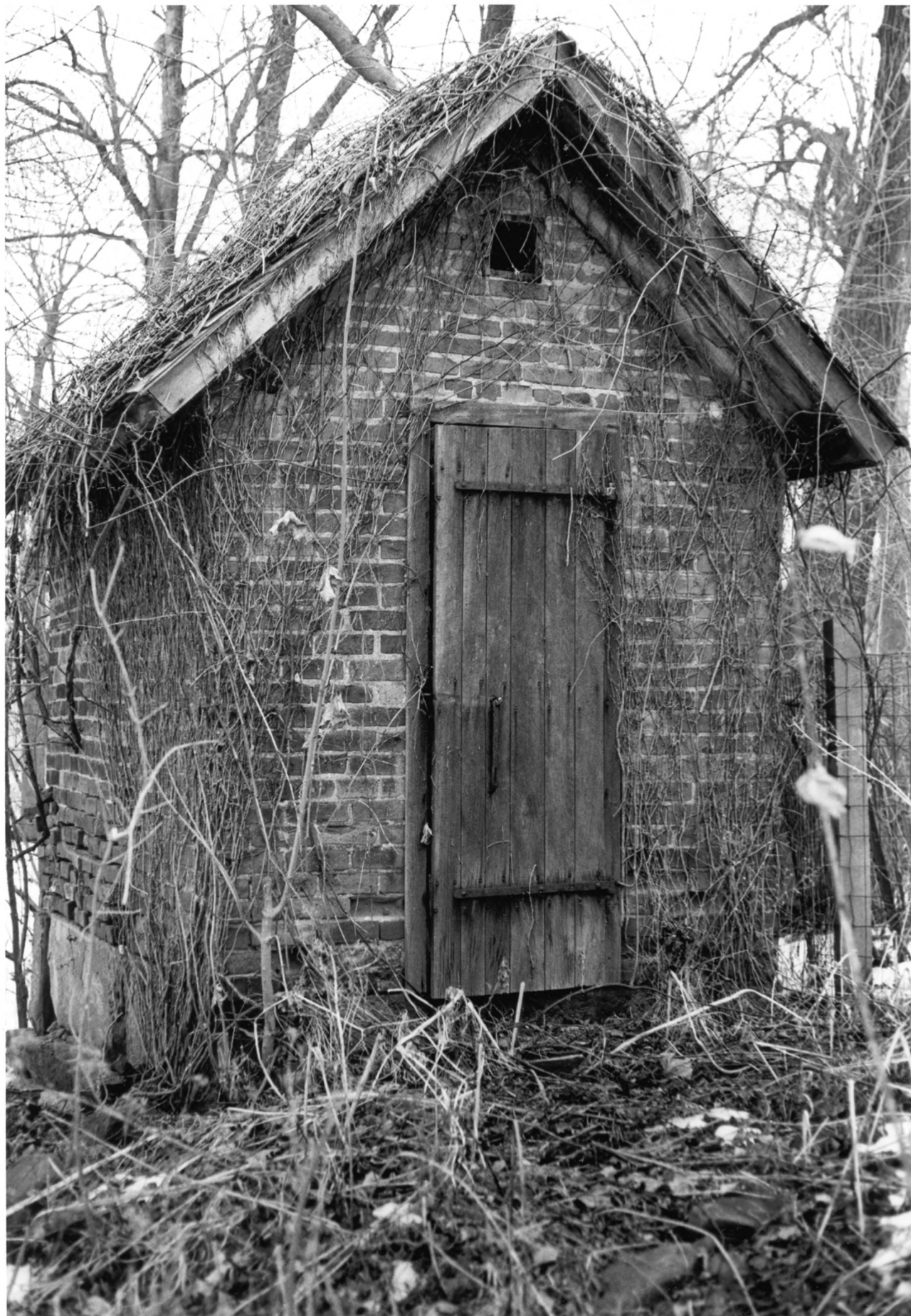


Illustration 9 GEORGE STANFORD FARM

HS-445; Smoke House

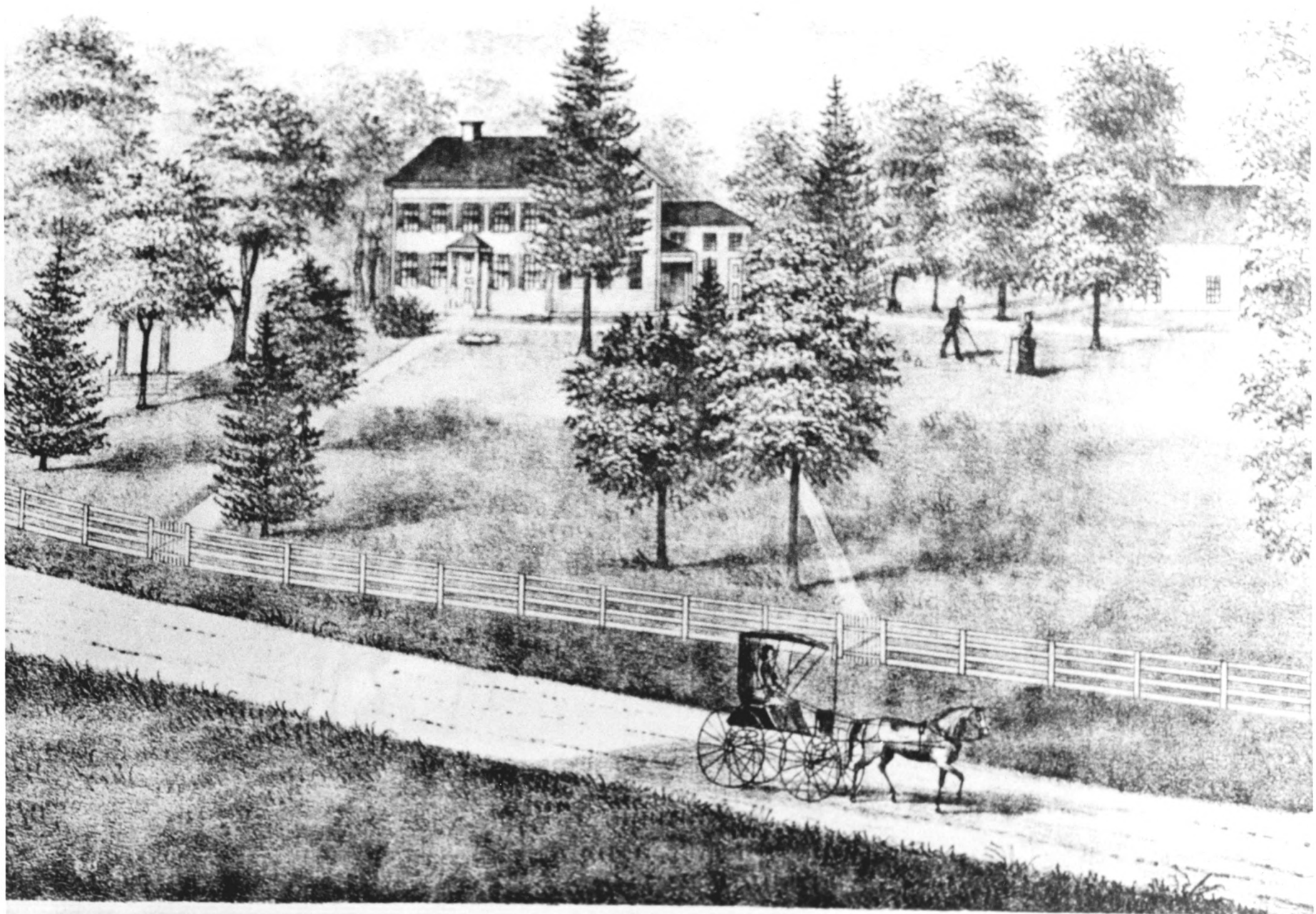
6093 Stanford Road, Boston Township, Ohio

Looking north

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Office, Columbus, Ohio

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BOSTON TP. OHIO.