UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Daniel Tilden house

AND/OR COMMON
Daniel Tilden house

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
2325 Stine Road

CITY, TOWN
Peninsula

STATE
Ohio

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
14

COUNTY
Summit

CODE
039

153

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
—DISTRICT
X—BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
X—PUBLIC
—PRIVATE
—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION
—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X—OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE
—YES: RESTRICTED
—YES: UNRESTRICTED
—NO

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

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Department of the Interior
United States National Park Service
Midwest Region

STREET & NUMBER
1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN
Omaha

STATE
Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Summit County Auditors Office
Summit County Office of Deeds, Transfers, and Conveyances

STREET & NUMBER
175 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Akron

STATE
Ohio

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Combination Atlas Map of Summit County (Philadelphia: Tackabury, Head, & Moffett, 1874)

DATE
1874

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
University of Akron Archives

CITY, TOWN
Akron

STATE
Ohio
The Daniel Tildon house is a large, two-story, wood-frame residence constructed in the Victorian eclectic style popular throughout the country in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The original portion of the house, constructed in 1872, consists of a cruciform plan which is echoed in the cross-gable roof. The existing kitchen was added to the northeast corner of the original structure in 1888; this single-story addition has a modified gambrel roof. In the 1950s a garage was added to the north of the kitchen addition; the garage has a gable roof with two dormers on both the east and west elevations. A screened-in porch was added to the southeast corner of the building, probably at the same time that the garage was constructed. There is a full basement under the entire structure, except for the garage.

The roof of the house is slate. The original portion of the building features a subtle imbrication of alternating rows of rectangular and hexagonal slates; this decorative pattern of roof slates is repeated in the 1888 addition. Asphalt shingles cover the roof of the garage. The exterior of the entire structure is covered with horizontal coved shiplap siding. The foundations of the house are large blocks of coursed sandstone; the garage foundation is concrete.

The windows on the body of the original structure feature highly decorative pedimented window hoods which include incised scrollwork. Similar window treatment is also found in the 1888 addition; this ornamentation may very well have been re-used from the windows on the original building which were obscured by this addition. These windows are equipped with louvered shutters. The south, east, and west gable ends are sheathed in vertical boards at the attic level and contain a pointed arch window at that level. These three gables are trimmed with wide bargeboard with incised scrollwork, the overall form of which frames and echoes the pointed arch attic window. This bargeboard includes exposed stick work and drilled brackets. The south gable contains a two-story bay which is terminated at the roof line with exposed diagonal stick work and panels of incised scrollwork. The north gable, which faces away from the main road, has no ornamentation or fenestration.

With the exception of the additions mentioned above, the interior plan configuration has not been altered. Each doorway and window is framed in an elaborate casing of decorative white oak. The wood is purported to have been cut from the site, sawn in Cleveland, and then carved back on the site. The bases of many of these massive casings feature hand-carved and wood-burned depictions of natural scenes (birds, flowers, etc.) no two of which are identical. Much of the original door and window hardware also remains throughout the house.
The Daniel Tilden house is architecturally significant because it is a rare surviving example of Victorian eclectic architecture. Although the general style of the building was fairly common in the area in the 1870s, the high quality and level of the interior detailing is exceptional. The fact that the house has remained largely unaltered and that the interior and its outstanding woodwork and hardware have not been changed truly distinguish this structure from others of its genre.

Daniel Tilden was born in 1790. In 1832, he married Nancy Mather who, in 1836, gave birth to their only child to live to maturity, Daniel W. Tilden. By 1860, Daniel Tilden had acquired the 245 acres of land in Boston Township where he would later build this house and operate a successful dairy farm and cheese business. In 1873, this cheese business was named the Boston Union Cheese Company. With the death of his father in 1881, Daniel W. Tilden inherited this property and the cheese business, which he sold the next year to the Cassidy and McNeil Cheese Company.

Apparently, operation of this dairy farm and cheese business was quite profitable for the Tildens. In part, this success is reflected in the outstanding architectural qualities of their house. There were several dairy farms in the Cuyahoga Valley during the latter half of the nineteenth century, many of which remain to this day. Few, if any, however, were built with the same regard to design, attention to detail, or quality of craftsmanship as was the Daniel Tilden house. The area farmhouses of that period were simpler structures, which lacked the high quality of materials, degree of ornamentation, and overall design found in the subject property. Thus far, no other structures have been identified in the Cuyahoga Valley which share the significance of the architectural execution of the Daniel Tilden house.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
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Kent, Ohio.
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.5 acres (+/-)

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A [1 7] [4 5 0 7 2 0] [4 5 6 81 0 0] B [ ] [ ] [ ]

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D [ ] [ ] [ ]

BEGINNING at the east edge of the driveway where it meets Stine Road, proceed westerly
150 feet along the edge of the road, thence northerly 330 feet along the tree line, thence
easterly 150 feet along the tree line, thence southerly 330 feet along the east edge of
the driveway to the point of beginning. The area thus described (1.2 acres +/-) represents
the land which visually contains the Daniel Tildon house.

FORM PREPARED BY
NAME/TITLE Chester V. Hamilton, Historian
ORGANIZATION National Park Service, Cuyahoga Valley
DATE February 13, 1984
STREET & NUMBER 15610 Vaughn Road
CITY OR TOWN Brecksville
STATE Ohio CODE 44141

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES X NO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Chief Historian National Park Service
DATE June 18, 1985

DIRECTION, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DATE 6/20/85

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
These drawings were prepared during the spring of 1983 by the following architectural students of Kent State University: Bob Orovets, Tony McBride, and Craig Curtis. The originals are on file at Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.
EXISTING CONDITIONS APR 1982.

DANIEL TOWN HOUSE
SCHUYLER VALLEY PARTIAL, HANCOCK CO., ME.
Northwest corner of Daniel Tilden house showing the original structure and the two subsequent additions.

Daniel Tilden house, Peninsula, Ohio

Photographed by Edward Adelman in Fall 1982

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Photo #1 Northwest corner of house
PHOTO 2  West side view of Daniel Tilden house.

Daniel Tilden house
Peninsula, Ohio

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Photo #2 West gable end of original building
PHOTO 3 Enlarged view of decorative gable on western side of Daniel Tilden house.

Daniel Tilden house
Peninsula, Ohio

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Photo #3 Detailed view of west gable
PHOTO 4  Overall view of typical interior door and casing of Daniel Tilden house.

Daniel Tilden house
Peninsula, Ohio

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Photo #4 Door leading from dining room into kitchen
PHOTO 5  Detail view of locking mechanism of pocket door in parlor of Daniel Tilden house.

Daniel Tilden house
Peninsula, Ohio

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Photo #5  Detailed view of locking mechanism of pocket doors in living room.
PHOTO 6  Detail view of plinth at base of typical interior door casing of Daniel Tilden house.

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Photo #6 Detailed view of hand carved plinth on dining room doorway leading to hallway.
PHOTO 7  Detail view of plinth and door knob of typical interior door and casing of Daniel Tilden house.

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Photo #7 Detailed view of typical door and casing