

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Cuyahoga
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ENTRY DATE	5-6-74

1. NAME

COMMON: Overlook Road Carriage House District

AND/OR HISTORIC: Herrick, Gordon, Hinds and Johnson Carriage Houses (See continuation sheet)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2141 Kenilworth, 2141, 2171, and 2187 Overlook Road

CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland Heights 44118 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 22 - Charles A. Vanik

STATE: Ohio CODE: 039 COUNTY: Cuyahoga CODE: 035

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Multiple private ownership

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Cuyahoga County Building

STREET AND NUMBER: 1219 Ontario

CITY OR TOWN: Cleveland STATE: Ohio CODE: 035

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a set of five brick stable buildings of various styles grouped around an undeveloped street and an alley. Only one, the southernmost, has any pretensions to the style of the principal houses with which they were associated. It is a Georgian Revival two-story building with a gambrel roof. The entrance facade has tall Ionic pilasters beneath a dormer pediment, and three large carriage doors. The end gable has a Palladian window.

This building is slightly separate from the other four, which form a compact group facing one another across the narrow alley. They do not represent any style, although their forms suggest elements of the Prairie and Bungalow styles. They are all different, and thus create a visual interest disproportionate to the size of the area. The most architecturally interesting is a long rectangular block with a hipped roof, and a series of dormers and cupolas with pyramidal roofs. The carriage door of the Hinds stable (see map) is framed by two-story pier buttresses which give a feeling of great strength. The enormous gabled roof of the M. Johnson stable tends to loom over the whole group. The H. Johnson stable has a second story with wooden exterior siding, a reconstruction following a fire. In spite of the differences, the buildings form a compact group of related forms and constitutes a natural unit. The spaces between the buildings have been designed to provide open courtyards with distinct character.

Each of the buildings is large enough to make a major residence by today's standards, and all have been adapted for present-day living. The interiors are as varied as the exteriors. For example, in the Gordon stable, most of the original spaces, including a main floor area some 40 feet by 50 feet, have been retained, and much of the original woodwork, especially the vertical tongue-and-groove wainscoting, has been refinished. An open loft trap creates an effective light well. Second-story roof structure is exposed to make a tall, visually articulated space. The Herrick stable is only occupied at present on the second floor. Renovation of the carriage and stable spaces is planned.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1898-1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This set of suburban stables, built for the houses of five well-to-do citizens, is a group unique in greater Cleveland to be found clustered together around a private alley and forming the equivalent of a British mews. They clearly embody one aspect of the style of living among the wealthy class at the turn of the twentieth century.

The houses of the owners were located on Overlook Road northwest of the alley, and were built between 1897 and 1898. The land for the stables was purchased in 1898 and 1899, so it may be inferred that the buildings were erected shortly thereafter. The Georgian Revival stable was built for the house of Myron T. Herrick, banker, advisor to William McKinley, and ambassador to France. It was designed by the important Cleveland architects Frank Meade and Alfred Hoyt Granger. The long stable with cupolas belonged to the house of Edward O. Gordon, broker. Across the alley was the stable of Howell Hinds, president of the United Mines Corporation. His house was on the west side of Overlook Road on the present site of the Christian Science Church. The two easternmost stables belonged to the houses of Melvin B. Johnson and Homer H. Johnson, attorneys. The latter was the father of Philip Johnson, internationally known architect.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cleveland City Directories, 1897-1900.
 Cuyahoga County Auditor's Records.
 William Ganson Rose, Cleveland: The Making of a City (Cleveland, 1950), 861, 1037.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41 ° 30' 11"	81 ° 35' 50"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.4 Acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Eric Johannesen, Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: **Western Reserve Historical Society** DATE: **March 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
10825 East Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: **Cleveland** STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Overlook Road Carriage House District

2. LOCATION. The district begins at the south corner of the property called (*) 2187 Overlook Carriage House, and proceeds northwest along the driveway easement line to abandoned Kenilworth Road.

Proceed northeast along the north side of abandoned Kenilworth Road to the alley;

Continue northeast along the continuation of the south side of abandoned Kenilworth Road to a point 100 feet northeast of the alley;

Proceed southeast on a line parallel to the alley to the boundary of the property called 2141 Overlook Carriage House;

Proceed along the boundary lines of 2141 Overlook Carriage House;

Proceed along the boundary lines of the property called 2171 Overlook;

Proceed along the boundary lines of the property called 2141 Overlook;

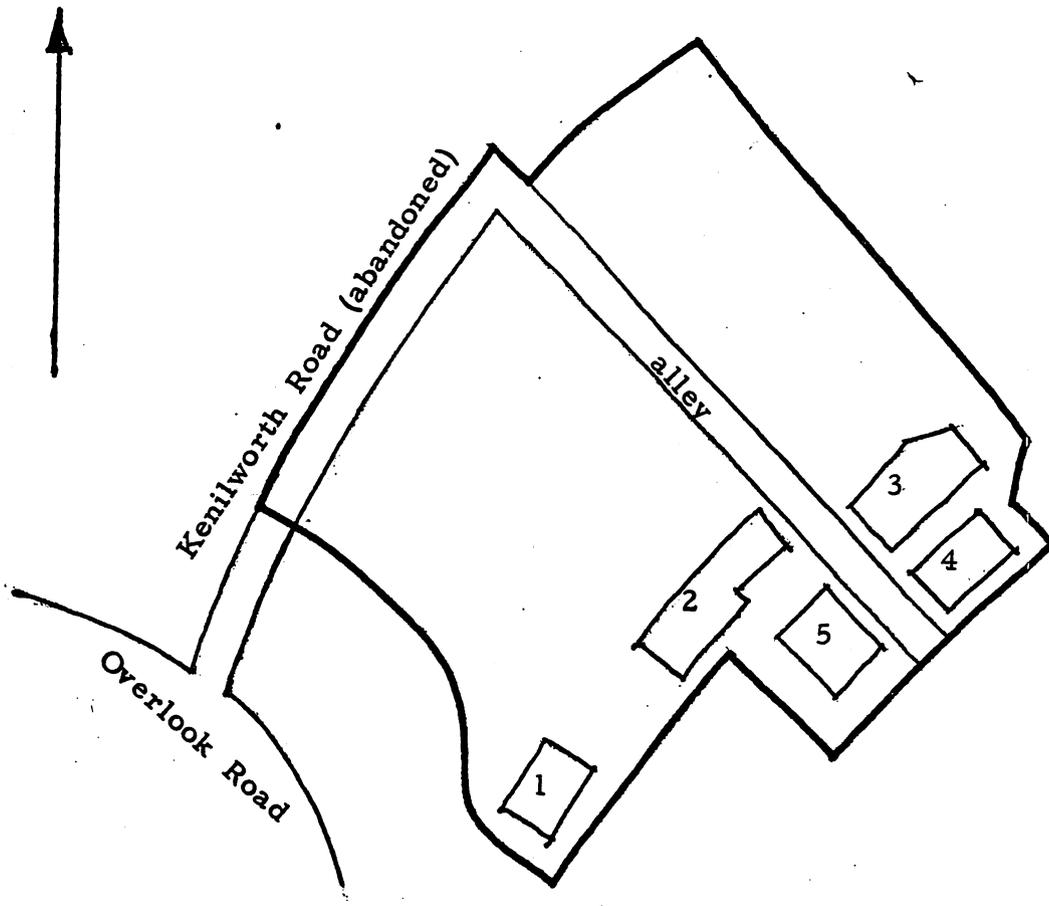
Proceed along the boundary lines of the properties called 2141 Kenilworth, and 2187 Overlook Carriage House, to the point of beginning.

* The apparent duplication of address numbers is due to an arbitrary and inadequate numbering system.

OVERLOOK ROAD CARRIAGE HOUSE DISTRICT

Scale: 1" = 100'

Approx. 2.4 Acres



1. 2187 Overlook Carriage House (Myron T. Herrick)
2. 2141 Kenilworth (Edward O. Gordon)
3. 2141 Overlook Carriage House (Howell Hinds)
4. 2171 Overlook (Homer H. Johnson)
5. 2141 Overlook (Melvin B. Johnson)