

Alliance Historic Preservation Commission

504 East Main Street, Alliance, 44601

Landmark Nomination Form

1. Specific Address or Location: 186 West Market Street, Alliance, OH 44601 "The Haines House"
2. Owner's Name and contact Information: Address, Phone, email: Alliance Area Preservation Society, P O Box 2738, Alliance, OH 44601. Current president is Martha McLaugherty, 1623 S. Freedom Ave., Alliance, OH 44601 330-821-6020 m.mcclaugherty@yahoo.com Check the website www.haineshouse.org for updated contact information.
3. HISTORICAL INFORMATION
 - A. Date of construction: original one room with loft built 1828; middle section built 1838, front section built 1842
 - B. Style: Greek Revival
 - C. Original Use: residence
 - D. Architect or Engineer: Unknown
 - E. Present Use: Museum
 - F. Contractor or builder: John Grant (1779-1854)
 - G. Building type or plan: I-House
4. Date(s) of alterations: In addition to 3 A above, the house was turned into two apartments in 1921. This included closing in the back (southeast) porch and turning it into a kitchen and adding a wall to the middle (east) bedroom to provide a second bathroom. This wall and bathroom were removed in 2010. In 2006 the southeast kitchen was updated, and a handicapped accessible half bath was installed. Also at this time a parking lot was built with a handicapped accessible ramp.
5. BUILDING INFORMATION
 - A. Foundation Material: Sandstone
 - B. Wall construction: Brick Bearing Wall
 - C. Roof type: Gable
 - D. Roof Material: Asphalt shingle
 - E. Window type: six over six
 - F. Exterior Wall Material (s) : Common bond brick
 - G. Building Endangered? NO
 - H. By What? _____
 - I. Please note and describe any significant interior or exterior features: The exterior is notable for the double portico and sidelights surrounding the front door. The house is not aligned with Market Street as it predates the making of the street. The current double staircase was added when Market Street was cut. The interior contains most of the original woodwork and one original parlor stove. There are few other buildings of this era and magnitude extant in Alliance, and none in such good condition.
6. Brief Statement of History and Significance

The Haines House is currently the oldest standing brick home in Alliance, built by one of the town's earliest families (John Grant, cited above as the builder and his wife Nancy Gibson Grant 1780-1840)). Evidence that it was a station on the Underground Railroad under the ownership of Jonathan Ridgeway Haines (1821-1903) and Sarah Grant Haines(1822-1903) is well – documented. In 1966 it was purchased by preservationist Eric Johannesen and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Alliance Area Preservation Society purchased it in 2001 and has operated it as an Underground Railroad and general house museum, offering a variety of educational programs for the public there. For details on the history of the Haines House log onto www.haineshouse.org

7. Criteria for Designation: (circle one or more)
 - A. Associated with events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, or
 - B. Associated with the lives of persons significance in the past, or
 - C. Embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction , or
 - D. Yielded or are likely to yield information important in the history or prehistory

8. Describe how the property meets the criteria for designation as indicated above
The Haines House meets criteria A for association with early settlement of Alliance and Ohio and for association with the Underground Railroad. It meets criteria B for association with nationally known Abolitionists such as Stephen S. Foster and Abbey Kelley Foster who were close with the Haines family and were known to have stayed in the Haines House; and for the Grant and Haines association with the formation of the Western Anti-Slavery Society which was founded in Salem, Ohio in the 1840's.
9. Photographs: Attach photographic views of the property that show all sides and any related structures such as garages or other buildings. Include any significant interior features such as woodwork, plasterwork or fireplaces.
10. Form prepared by : Martha McClaugherty
11. Date: December 6, 2012
Use space below for additional information or attach extra sheets

12. _____