

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

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OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. AUG-432-9	2. County Auglaize	4. Present Name(s) Caspar V. and Rachel L. Hoelscher Farmstead		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded	1. No. AUG-432-9
3. Location of Negatives Center for Archival Collections Bowling Green State University		Historic or Other Name(s) Henry (Heinrich) Hoelscher, William Hoelscher, Benjamin Hoelscher			2. County Auglaize
6. Specific Address or Location Ted Hoelscher 08529 State Route 219 New Knoxville, Ohio 45871		16. Thematic Association(s) Ag:Dairy (0500); German (3005)		28. No. of Stories	
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number S21.T65.R5E.		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1870		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. City or Village New Knoxville Vic. Washington		18. Style or Design Vernacular		30. Foundation Material Limestone, Brick	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Timber Frame	
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name 16 73 06 20 44 8 05 40		20. Contractor or Builder		32. Roof Type & Material Gable roof, Standing Seam	
Zone Easting Northing		21. Building Type or Plan Four Over Four		33. No. of Bays Front 4 Side 2	
10. Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Original Use, if apparent Agriculture		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Shiplap	
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23. Present Use Agriculture		35. Plan Shape L-Shaped	
12. N.R. Potential? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		36. Changes Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Caspar V. and Rachel L. Hoelscher Route 1 New Knoxville, Ohio 45871		37. Window Type(s) <input type="checkbox"/> 6 over 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 over 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 over 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		26. Property Acreage 104		38. Building Dimensions 36' x 36'	
		27. Other Surveys in Which Included		39. Endangered? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) With the exception of some outbuildings, the Hoelscher Farmstead is nearly intact. Significant buildings include a timber frame house, barn, and smokehouse. Other buildings and structures include an attached 1924 (originally independent) Summer kitchen, corncrib, 1939 granary, milkhouse, small bake oven building, two silos, 1948, 1964, a hog house and hen house, 1951, and garage, 1926.		43. History and Significance (Continue on reverse if necessary) Historically, six generations of the Hoelscher family have owned the property and five generations have farmed it or lived there. Caspar Hoelscher has all deeds recording the various owners, including the original deed signed by Andrew Jackson in 1835. Heinrich Hoelscher, who originally acquired the property, arrived in Auglaize County in		#2  #6 	
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The Hoelscher Farm is actually part of a much larger German settlement cultural landscape which historically included parts of Auglaize. The rolling terrain is dotted with neat white frame and red brick farmhouses and red barns.		45. Sources of Information History of Auglaize County, Volume 2, Wm. J. McMurray, 1923 Court Records Centennial Souvenir of the First Evangelical Reformed Church New Knoxville Oral Family History		46. Prepared by Glenn A. Harper 47. Organization OHPO 48. Date Recorded in Field April, 1990 49. Revised by SCG APR 10 1991	
		Observation		50a. Date Revised 50b. Reviewed by SCG APR 10 1991	

Building, Hoelscher Farmstead, Washington Township, Auglaize County, Side One

51. Condition of Property

- Excellent
- Good/Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin
- Destroyed/Burned
- Date \_\_\_\_\_

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

So-called Saxon Style (extremely wide gable roof ground barn), gambrel roof straw barn addit

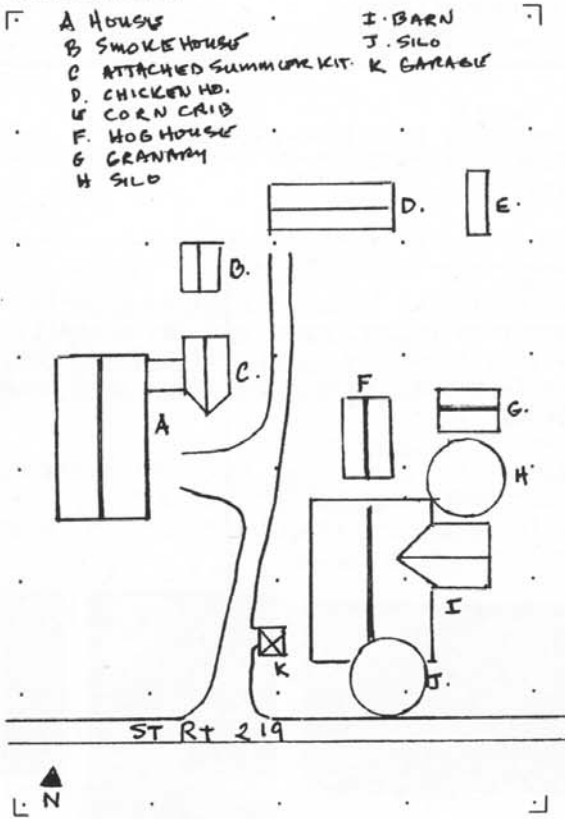
- Corn Crib or Shed
- Smoke House
- Privy
- Summer Kitchen
- Spring House
- Garage
- Silo
- Ice House
- Designed landscape features

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ multiple

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	x	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

LEGEND

54. Farmstead Plan



42. (Cont'd)

House - The farmhouse is a two story, double pile timber frame building with shed roof addition added in 1924. The house has beveled or "drop" siding nearly 7/8" thick. The house has a raking type roof with wide fascia board plain soffit, standing seam metal roof and central chimney. There have been some alterations to door and window openings. The interior of the house is basically intact and includes original woodwork (i.e. handmade panelled doors with original hardware,

43. (Cont'd)

1839, by way of the Miami-Erie Canal. The original tract of Hoelscher land is across from the road from the present farm. The Hoelscher farm has been operated as a general farm for as long as anyone can remember. It became a grade A dairy in the late 1940s.

After his arrival from Germany, Heinrich Hoelscher was employed as a workman constructing the canal. The money he earned enabled him to purchase the first small tract of land, 50 acres in 1856, 55 acres in 1866. The 55 acre tract contains the farmstead. These two tracts comprise the total acreage of the farm. The Hoelscher property is both a Centennial Farm (continuous ownership for more than one hundred years) and a Century Farm (Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.)

Hoelscher Farm (AUG-432-9)  
Continuation Sheet  
#43

second floor tongue and groove panelled ceilings and built-in cupboards. A 1924 addition to the house includes a built-in china cupboard and a Hoosier cupboard with sliding dry sink, zinc covered top, bread board, bread drawer, flour bin and knife drawer. The house has a half basement with an unusual herringbone patterned brick floor.

Barn - The barn is an important example of the so-called "Saxon Style" barns (extremely wide gabled ground barn) identified by Mary Ann Brown in her study of this German cultural landscape. A gambrel roof straw barn was added in 1935.



Negative Numbers

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| #1 smokehouse  | 10 attached summer kitchen, smokehouse                             |
| 2 house  | 12 gambrel roof straw barn addition                                |
| 4 detail of house, showing wide fascia board and 4/4 windows | 13 barn, silos, garage, hoghouse, granary                          |
| 5 detail of foundation, limestone, brick                     | 14 garage  |
| 6 original "Saxon style" barn                                | 15 domestic landscape plantings, peonies, iris, yucca candles etc. |
| 7 corncrib   |  |
| 8 granary  |  |