

JOHN HONAM

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1396 St. Charles Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
William A. Bohnard, District Officer,
9815 Newton Avenue - Cleveland, Ohio.

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Owner (or Custodian) Hall family

Date of Erection Built about ~~1785~~ 1838

Architect

Builder ~~James Hall~~ JOHN HONAM

Present Condition In good condition

Number of Stories Two stories

Materials of Construction Stone foundation. Floor construction, hand-hewed heavy oak timber. Exterior walls 15" thick.

Other Existing Records: Two photographs
One page of history

Additional Data:

MOVED 1952 TO LAKEWOOD PARK
AND RESTORED

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A James Hall having heard tales of the fertility of soil and abundance of wild life on the banks of the Cuyahoga River from travelers, left his eastern home to settle in what is now Lakewood, Ohio.

Having obtained a section of land near Mr. Nicholson who settled there a few years previously and established the first permanent bow between the bank of the Cuyahoga River and the Bank of Rocky River, Mr. Hall built his home.

It was built of local shale rock with walls 16" thick. It was located near the present Lakewood Hospital. The house had been moved 14' west in recent years. The old house is unaltered except the windows and floors.

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The Lakewood Historical Society

14710 Lake Avenue --- Lakewood 7, Ohio

Stone House - Curator
Mrs. Clyde H. Butler
15123 Edgewater Drive
Lakewood 7, Ohio

October 15, 1958.

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Mr. Charles E. Peterson
Supervising Architect of Historic Structures
National Park Service
U. S. Dept. of Interior
120 S. 3rd St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This will call your attention to the drawings of an historic house in Lakewood, Ohio, made by your department, Arnold W. Cigahn, architect, and labeled incorrectly as the Hall House. The drawings were made May 7, 1935.

In 1952 we moved this house from St. Charles and Detroit Avenues to Lakewood Park where we have restored it as a pioneer dwelling of 1838, when it was built.

I have written a history of Lakewood "The Lakewood Story" (on file in the Congressional Library) and in my extensive research, I learned it was built and lived in by John Honam and his descendants. There were two Hall houses in Lakewood at one time, but they were both torn down and never were located at this address. Someone gave the architect the wrong name.

In talking with Robert C. Gaede, architect of Cleveland, Ohio, he suggested I write you for a correction on the drawings. I understand a publication of historic homes is being contemplated and I felt this should be corrected before it is accepted as authentic.

Enclosed is a folder of Museums in Cleveland...ours is listed on page 19. If I can give you further information please feel free to call on me. I will appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Butler
Mrs. Clyde H. Butler
Curator

copy to Robert C. Gaede
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