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

1 NAME

Belville - Maxwell House

HISTORIC

Belville, John, House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

W of Centerville off OH 725

STREET & NUMBER

On the grounds of the Grandview Ambulatory Center

CITY, TOWN

Centerville, Washington Township

VICINITY OF

III

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY

Montgomery

CODE

113

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Grandview Hospital Ambulatory Center

STREET & NUMBER

1997 Miamisburg-Centerville Road

CITY, TOWN

Centerville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio - 45459

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Records Office

STREET & NUMBER

451 West Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Dayton, Ohio 45402

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

BELVILLE HOUSE DESCRIPTION

John Belville acquired the 80-acre "half of a quarter section" farm in December, 1829. The Montgomery County tax records show a significant increase in the value of the house and acreage in 1835, indicating the house could have been built in 1833 or 1834.

The stately two-story Federal style brick farmhouse is built in the shape of a "T", with two rooms downstairs to the front, one centered behind it. The facade is highlighted with two centered front doors with a window on either end. Four windows are above these openings on the second floor. Flemish bond brickwork was used on the facade, while the other walls feature sixth row American bond brickwork. There are three corbelled chimneys, two on the gable ends of the front part of the house, one on the rear gable end. Each chimney has a pair of small attic windows which pierce the wood moulding under the roof. Besides the double front doors, there are two outside doors in the back room, as well as one to the rear of the east front room. Rubbed brick arches decorate each doorway and window on the first floor, while the second floor windows are unadorned.

The floor plan upstairs includes three bedrooms across the front of the house which were entered by a hallway running the length of that part of the house. A fourth bedroom over the rear part of the house has a patched floor indicating that a smaller winding stairway may have originally come up to that room.

Five fireplace opening still remain in the house, although they have all undergone changes over the years. Two fireplaces in the downstairs front section of the house were closed in to fit coal burning grates. (The measurements of the whole fireplace unit are 6 feet by 2 feet) A large fireplace, 8 feet 8 inches by 2 feet, is located in the rear first floor room, probably used as a kitchen fireplace when the house was new. Upstairs, the west front bedroom has a brick fireplace, as does the back bedroom.

Unusual in this house are the floors, 1½ inch thick boards, tongue and grooved so tightly that no nails are visible, even at the ends of the boards. Floor boards are 4½ to 6½ inches wide.

Woodwork in all but the lower front two rooms are moulded and mortised, typical of the first forty years of building in this area. Upstairs in the main hallway, each doorway into the bedrooms features a plain T framing with five horizontal panels on each door. Other features of this early home include pegged and numbered rafters in the attic, beaded peg rail in one closet, a similar beaded baseboard and chair rail in other rooms, a solid limestone basement, as well as a stone hearth in one of the bedrooms, and a stone door sill. Heavy hewn timbers form a plate in the attic on all but the gable ends of the house. A similar sill is visible in the basement under the center of the house.

Frame additions have been added to the east side and the back of the house, as well as porched on the front and rear west side. These may be removed during restoration of the house. Dependency buildings have all been recently removed.

The house is in a rapidly growing area of multiple family houses, commercial and light industry.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Built for John Belville in 1837, the house is important for its associations with the foundations of the Presbyterian faith in southwestern Ohio.

Born in New Castle, Delaware, December 21, 1800, of French Huguenot heritage, John L. Belville attended Princeton Theological Seminary and was licenced to preach by the presbytery of New Castle in 1827. Sent as a missionary to the Dayton area, he reached here by horseback about June 1st. Without the benefit of a church building, he held meetings in homes, school houses, and in the woods, meeting the challenge of bad roads or no roads, as well.

In May, 1828, he married Elizabeth Mann Long in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and returned to Ohio as stated supply and, later, pastor of Washington Presbyterian Church. The church minutes record February 20, 1830 as the date the Rev. J. L. Belville became the pastor. He helped to organize this church which served the neighboring communities of Centerville, Miamisburg, Carrollton, Alexandersville and Woodbourne. In 1829, land was secured for a church building directly across the road from the 80-acre farm which the Belvilles purchased the same year. Described by Beers in his History of Montgomery County (1882) as "one of the most talented and eloquent divines of that day," he added many members to the church rolls, particularly at a camp meeting in the early 1830's.

It was always difficult for the church "to raise the subscription" for the minister's salary. A division arose in the church, comfortable settled in their new building, when the trustees were empowered to select a number of seats and to set a price on them. Belville weathered the crisis with a vote of confidence from his congregation.

By 1836, the congregation at Middletown requested one-third of Mr. Belville's labors among them. To lighten their financial obligations, the church voted to give up one-third of Mr. Belville's time. In 1840, he accepted a call to the church at Bellefontaine. He is also listed as a minister for the church at Carrollton after it was built in 1846.

The 1850 census lists his residence in Washington Township with five children residing at home: Elizabeth, Sarah, Jacob, Frances and Wickgliffe. Another daughter, Mary Ann (1829-1857) is buried in the Washington Presbyterian cemetery. He is listed in that census as a minister and farmer, and the value of his real estate made him one the township's most financially secure men. His children's lives are recorded in various Dayton histories, attesting to their success.

In the larger church organization, Belville was present and assisted at the organization of the synod of Cincinnati and was elected moderator of that body several times. He also served as moderator of his presbytery several times. Three times he was selected a commissioner of the church's general assembly and took an active part in its deliberations.

When failing health forced him to relinquish his active church work, he retired to his farm across the road from his first church, preaching as his health permitted. For a few years he was in charge of the Centerville Academy, a private school for boys in nearby Centerville. In 1870, the Belvilles sold their farm and brick home to Osdar Maxwell and moved to Dayton. John Belville died September 21, 1880, while his wife Elizabeth lived till September 14, 1896. The Maxwell family occupied it until 1943.

The current owners are sensitive to the property's historic value and support its rehabilitation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Edgar, John F., Pioneer Life in Dayton and Vicinity, 1796-1840. U.B. Publishing House, 1896.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2

QUADRANGLE NAME Dayton South

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

16A 15 739 770 4390 780

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the north side of State Rt. 725 north along the east side of the unnamed road to a point 50" behind the house then east to the fence line of the house and then south to State Rt. 725.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. William Boice, Volunteer

ORGANIZATION

Montgomery County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

7 N. Main The Old Court House

CITY OR TOWN

Dayton

DATE

May 19, 1978

TELEPHONE

228-6271

STATE

Ohio

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Signature]

10/26/78

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 7.10.79

DATE July 9, 1979

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Montgomery County Recorder's records

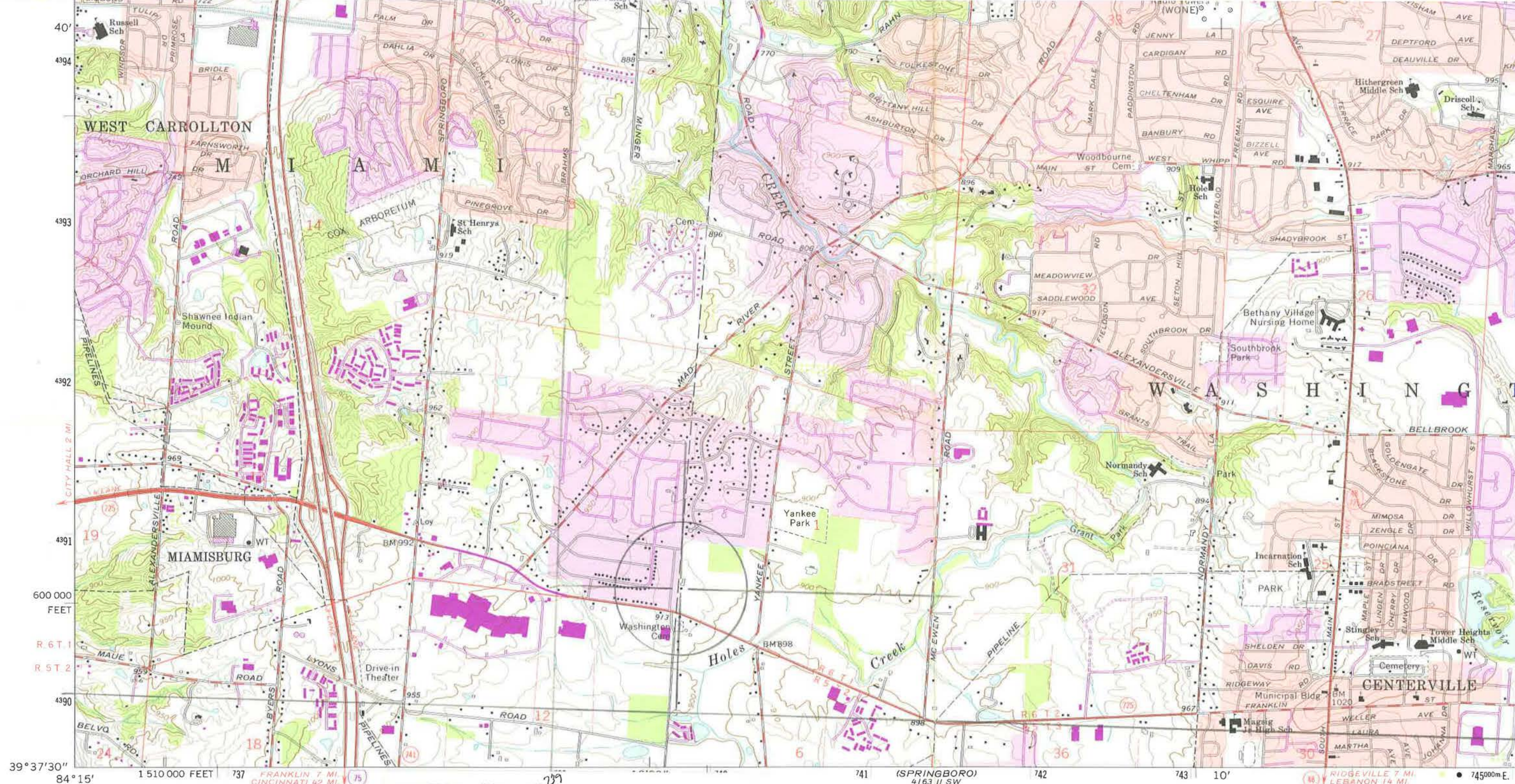
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
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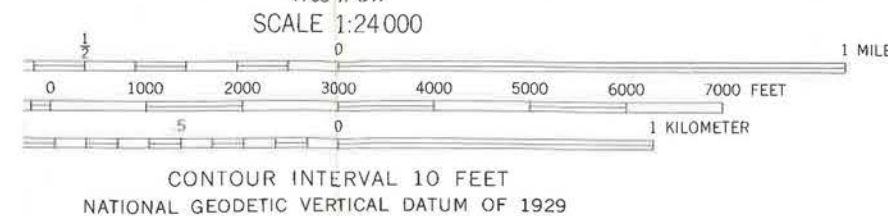
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Area east of the Great Miami River lies within the Between the Miamis
Land lines based on the Great Miami River Base.

BELVILLE, JOHN, HOUSE

Washington Township - Montgomery, Ohio

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UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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STATE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mansfield Blockhouse	Mansfield Richland County
Memorial United Methodist Church	Caledonia Marion County
Mayflower Memorial Congregational Church	Mansfield Richland County
Belville-Maxwell House	Centerville vicinity Montgomery County

Also Notified

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.
Honorable John M. Ashbrook
Honorable Clarence J. Brown
Honorable Tony P. Hall

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. Thomas H. Smith
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

NR Byers/bjr 7/13/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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STREET & NUMBER

1997 Miamisburg-Centerville Road

CITY, TOWN

Centerville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio - 45459

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Recorders Office

STREET & NUMBER

451 West Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Dayton, Ohio 45402

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ GOOD

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Belville, John, House, Montgomery County, Ohio

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Montgomery County Auditor's records

Montgomery County Recorder's records

U.S. Census records, 1859 and 1860 Census.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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The current owners are sensitive to the property's historic value and support its rehabilitation.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

16A 15 739770 4390780

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. William Boice, Volunteer

ORGANIZATION

Montgomery County Historical Society

DATE

May 19, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

7 N. Main The Old Court House

228-6271

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dayton

Ohio

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

O.J. L. R.

10/26/78

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

NAME OF PROPERTY Belville - Maxwell House STATE Ohio

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First Return

7 Description: _____

8 Statement of Significance: *Please justify the nomination based on its*

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9 Bibliography: _____

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UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

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Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to BRADLEY FRANDSEN
on the National Register staff, telephone (202) 343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Return Arch Bridges for
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date:

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Belville - Maxwell House

Belville, John, House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W of Centerville off OH 725

On the grounds of the Grandview Ambulatory Center.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Ohio

VICINITY OF

CODE

039

III

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Montgomery

CODE

113

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

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STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

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ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

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PRESENT USE

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Oscar Maxwell, a grandson of William Maxwell, the publisher of the first newspaper in the Northwest Territory, and his descendants owned the farm until 1943.

The property owner is supportive of rehabilitation of the property. They are sensitive to its historic value.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2

QUADRANGLE NAME Dayton South

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property Belville - Mapnell House

State Ohio (Montgomery) Working Number 11.14.78.4530

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

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W.R. Luce
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*accept
Braham
7.5.79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

Bill

7/3/79

OTHER

I'm not sure we should be rigid on this, but I think we need to talk with them about the tone of their note.

Ray

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

see with above comments.

*Accept
Bovick
7/3/79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

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Additional Register Write-up
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KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

8-7-79

Send-back _____

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JUL 10 1979

Property

Belville-Mapwell House

State

OH

Working Number

11.14.78.4530

2nd Control

TECHNICAL

Photos _____

Maps _____

CONTROL

OK 3.5.79

HISTORIAN

Still don't know Belville's
association w/ house nor the
length of the association assuming his
being Presbyterian minister is basis for 1st sentence

Reject
Franklin
3.22.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Simply using write out on architectural
significance does not make this acceptable. If the
associations had been stronger we would have
accepted it in the first place.

Reject
Braham
3.22.79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Association of house w/ subject
of #8 is not clear as was
requested in initial return sheet

Reject
Franklin
3.22.79

BRANCH CHIEF

Charles rejected on reject letter. LEBOVICH
4/24/79

KEEPER

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Belville - Maxwell House

Belville, John, House

State Ohio

Working Number 11.14.78.4530

TECHNICAL

Photos 4

Maps 1

CONTROL

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OK 11.15.78

HISTORIAN

Despite little discussion of architectural significance this house is important through its association with Belville + Maxwell. Belville is well documented. However - the format is terrible! Statement of

B. Frandsen

12.27.78

Significance only hints that this was his home (Belville's), it never makes it clear.

I would recommend returning just to have it cleaned up!

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

1 sentence on architectural significance -

Return Graham

- much of the rest of the info seems to have little to do with significance.

12.28.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

No statements of significance for areas checked: architecture & exploration/settlement

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Return Franklin
12.28.78

BRANCH CHIEF

Return Bridges

12-29-78

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