**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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Belville, John, House

**LOCATION**
On the grounds of the Grandview Ambulatory Center

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## 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, Ohio

**Telephone**
- 228-6271

**Date**
- May 19, 1978

## 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]

**Date**
- 10/26/78

## For NPS Use Only

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

**Date**
- 7/10/78

**Attest:**
- [Signature]

**Date**
- July 9, 1979

**Chief of Registration**
- [Signature]
Belville, John, House, Montgomery County, Ohio

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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.
**Belville-Maxwell House**

**LOCATION**
- Street & number: W of Centerville off OH 725
- City/town: Centerville
- State: OH
- County: Montgomery
- NPS Region: Lake Central

**OWNER**
- Name: Belville, John

**CONDITION**
- Exposed: Yes
- Original site: Yes
- Substantially intact: Yes

**ACCESS**
- Site unexcavated

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE**
- Archeology: Prehistoric, Historic
- Architecture: 18th Century

**FUNCTIONS**
- Architectural style(s): Colonial

**ARCHITECT**
- Name: John Belville

**NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP**

- **EVENTS:**
  - Initial construction:
  - Major alterations:
  - Historic events:
attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for verification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS SUBMITTED.

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7 N. Main The Old Court House

Dayton

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

DATE 10/26/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

**Description:**

**Bibliography:**

**Geographical Data -- Acreage:**

- **UTM Reference(s):**
- **Verbal Boundary Description:**

**Certification:**

**Photographic Coverage:**

**Map Coverage:**

**Other:**

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Bradley Frandsen on the National Register staff, telephone (202) 343-0401.

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Date: 1-8-79

Chief, Branch of Registration
residence. Pls. clarify this point by documenting his direct association with this issue.
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Statement of Significance: Please justify the nomination based on its architectural significance. A discussion of the structure as a vernacular example should include documentation of its rarity, construction techniques, its local context, etc. Also, there is likely in the statement of significance that directly relates to this:

Bibliography:

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UTM Reference(s):

Verbal Boundary Description:

Certification:

Photographic Coverage:

Map Coverage:

Other:

State:

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Thank you for your attention to the above items. 1-7-79

Lyle, Branch of Registration Date: 12-29-78
residence. Pls. clarify this point by documenting his direct association with the house.
LOCATION  W of Centerville, off OH 753

On the grounds of the Grandview Ambulatory Center

CITY, TOWN  Washington-Township
STATE  Ohio
VICINITY OF  III

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY  BUILDING(S)
DISTRICT  STRUCTURE

OWNERSHIP  PRIVATE

STATUS  OCCUPIED

PRESENT USE  AGRICULTURE

DATE

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  Grandview Hospital Ambulatory Center

STREET & NUMBER  1997 Miamisburg-Centerville Road
CITY, TOWN  Centerville
STATE  Dayton, Ohio
VICINITY OF  Ohio - 45459

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  Montgomery County Recorders Office

STREET & NUMBER  451 West Third Street
CITY, TOWN  Dayton, Ohio
STATE  45402
VICINITY OF

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
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, 1 1/2 inch thick boards, tongue and grooved so tightly that no nails are visible, even at the ends of the boards. Floor boards are 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 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 refters in the attic, beaded peg nail 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 porch 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.
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.
Belville, John, House, Montgomery County, Ohio

Continuation sheet for Item Number 8 Page 1

The Belville House is significant as an example of early southwestern Ohio vernacular farm architecture. In addition, Belville was an important individual in the early settlement of the area, and in establishing the Presbyterian faith in this part of Ohio.
Representative of early southwestern Ohio vernacular farm architecture.

Born in New Castle, Delaware, December 21, 1800, of French Huguenot heritage, John L. Belville attended Princeton Theological Seminary and was licensed 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 Wickliffe. Another daughter, Mary Ann (1829-1887) 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 current owners are sensitive to the property's historic value and support its rehabilitation. (See continuation sheet)
**Biographical References**

- Washington Church (Presbyterian), Washington Township, Manuscript Section, Ohio Historical Society, Vol. 625.

**Geographical Data**

| Acrcage of Nominated Property | 2 |
| Quadrangle Name | Dayton South |
| UTM References | |

**Map Reference**

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| UTM References | |

**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**

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**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
- **State**: Ohio
- **Date**: May 19, 1978

**State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

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**Keeper of the National Register**

**Attest**

**Chief of Registration**

United States Department of the Interior - Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
I think we have enough to accept for its historical association with John Belville, a locally significant individual in the development of the Presbyterian church in southwestern Ohio (although his role in that development is not as clear as it should be). The house seems to me to be a rather standard midwestern vernacular farm house & I'm not sure its worth the effort to require a statement of architectural significance. I am, however, a little surprised at the tone of this note.

While I'm not overwhelmed with the associative value of their property, I'm willing to list based on info provided. Concerns with AHEC.

Bill
7/3/79
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
7/3/79

Bill, 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.

National Register Write-up
Federal Register Entry 8-7-79
Send-back Re-submit Entered

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

While I'm not overwhelmed with the associative value of this property, I'm willing to list based on info provided. Consult with Acme.

HISTORIAN

7/8/79

ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

7/5/79

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Acme

7/1/79

BRANCH CHIEF

NOTICE FROM STATE:

No change from state.

See Return Letter for more info.
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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7/5/79

BRANCH CHIEF

I agree with above comments.

Accept

7/15/79

Jul 10 1979

United States Department of the Interior - Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
I 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 3.22.79

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

Franklin

3.22.79

Archaeologist

Review Unit Chief

Franklin

3.22.79

Branch Chief

4.27.79
**Technical**

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**Control**

- ARCHITECTURAL 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 significance only hints that this was his home. Belville, if not made it clear I would recommend returning just to have it cleared up.
- ARCHEOLOGIST: 1 sentence on architectural significance. Much of the rest of the info seems to have little to do with significance.

**HAER**

- Inventory: ___
- Review: ___

**Review Unit Chief**

- No statements of significance for areas checked: architecture and exploration/settlement.

**Branch Chief**

- Refurn Bridges 12-29-78

**Keeper**

- National Register Write-up: ___
- Send-back: 1-9-79
- Federal Register Entry: ___
- Re-submit: 2-28-79

**United States Department of the Interior - Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**