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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Allen Welton House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

SW of Peninsula at

STREET & NUMBER 2485 Major Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN ~~Boston Township~~ VICINITY OF Peninsula 22

STATE Ohio CODE 039 COUNTY Summit CODE 153

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Harry R. and Nancy Weld Harpham

STREET & NUMBER 2485 Major Road

CITY, TOWN Peninsula VICINITY OF

STATE Ohio

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Summit County Building Annex

STREET & NUMBER 72 S. High Street

CITY, TOWN Akron

STATE Ohio

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Ohio Historic Inventory

DATE 4/76

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Center

CITY, TOWN Columbus

STATE Ohio

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allen Welton House is a modest one-and-one-half-story wood frame house in the Gothic Revival style. The original part of the house is five bays wide by two bays deep. The foundation is of tooled sandstone with margins. The front features a central entrance flanked by two pairs of windows. The steeply-pitched gable roof is parallel to the road and is intersected by a double lancet window with quatrefoil tracery. The house has board and batten siding. There is horizontal flush siding under the porch. Windows are double-hung, with 6/6 lights, and have architrave trim and shutters. The front door frame has a flattened Gothic arch molding.

An illustration of the Welton House in the 1874 Summit County atlas¹ shows that the house originally had two interior end chimneys; now there is one outside end chimney on the east wall. The porch over the front stoop apparently is a replacement, although it is the same size as the original one. The porch steps, of tooled stone with margins, are original.

In 1950, the Welton House was remodeled inside and a long one-and-one-half-story addition was built on to the house at the rear.² These changes were designed by Firestone & Cassidy, Architects, of Akron. Remodeling of the original Welton House included new floors and woodwork and a new fireplace. The addition consisted of a utility room, workshop, garage, breakfast room, and an enclosed porch on the first floor, and a bedroom in the half-story. The addition features the same board and batten siding and architrave window trim as the original main block.

The Welton House is situated on a semi-rural road. It is surrounded by sixty-two acres of field and woods. There is a bank barn with a stone foundation and vertical siding, and a privy. A milk house, about forty years old, stands near the road adjacent to the driveway. The latter is not included with this nomination.

¹Combination Atlas Map of Summit County (Philadelphia: Tackabury, Mead & Moffett, 1874), p. 101.

²Interview with Harry R. Harpham, Boston Township, Ohio, 10 April 1978. Information about the alterations to the house is based on this interview; an interior inspection was not permitted.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Allen Welton House is a modest farmhouse in the Gothic Revival style. It was built about 1854 for Allen Welton, "one of the pioneer dairymen of the Western Reserve."¹ Welton had emigrated to Boston township from New York State. He operated two cheese factories in the township, one of which was on the Welton farmstead. Despite a large addition at the rear, the Welton House retains its architectural integrity; it appears nearly identical to an illustration of the house that appeared in the Summit County atlas of 1874.

History

Allen Welton was born in Vermont on July 18, 1809. As a young man he worked as a store clerk, and later went to New York State, where he was variously employed. "One of his first enterprises proved a disaster," according to a story recounted in the Centennial History of Summit County. Welton had acquired a wood yard, and "on one occasion he chopped 400 cords of wood, only to see it swept away by the sudden uprising of a river."² In New York, Welton married Sarah Striker. They had five children: Francis (who died at an early age), George, William, John, and Ellen. Francis must have died prior to 1850, for his name does not appear in the census records for that year; all of the other Welton children were born after Allen and Sarah Welton had emigrated to Ohio.³

Allen Welton went first to Cleveland, then to Bedford, and shortly afterward to Boston township, south of Peninsula, where he settled.⁴

¹William Henry Perrin, ed., History of Summit County (Chicago: Baskin & Battey, Historical Publishers, 1881), p. 907.

²William B. Doyle, ed. and comp., Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1908), pp. 893-894.

³Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1850, Summit County, Boston, p. 536.

⁴Doyle, Centennial History of Summit County, p. 894.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Combination Atlas Map of Summit County. Philadelphia: Tackabury, Mead & Moffett, 1874.

Doyle, William B., ed. and comp. Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens. Chicago: Biographical Publishing Compnay, 1908.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3

QUADRANGLE NAME Peninsula

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of a rectangular lot approximately 120 by 150 meters in size, described as follows: Beginning at a point on Major Road 80 meters west of the intersection of Major and Oak Hill Roads,

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carol Poh Miller, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION

under contract with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society DATE 5 June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1260 Granger Avenue

TELEPHONE 216/226-8236

CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland

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]

TITLE

Director, Ohio Historical Society

DATE

3/8/79

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-7-79

ATTEST

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

5-3-79

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Here Welton purchased 125 acres from Z. Tomlinson and W. Warner in 1846.⁵ He cleared and cultivated the land and, by 1852, he had increased his holdings to 284 acres on both the north and south sides of Major Road. The 1852 tax map for Boston township shows that Welton had built a barn valued at \$200, but the present Welton House had not yet been built. The house appears on the 1856 map of Summit County, however, indicating that the Welton House was constructed sometime between these years.⁶

Allen Welton was married a second time, to Louisa A. Thompson, in 1852. Louisa, the daughter of Mills and Catherine Thompson, was born at Hudson, Ohio, in 1831. Louisa and Allen had five children: Frank, Cora, Emma, Hattie, and Iva.⁷

Allen Welton was a prominent dairyman and farmer in Boston township. At one time he milked forty cows. According to one local history,

He was a man of many practical ideas and began making cheese at home, the industry soon growing to such proportions that he built a cheese factory, which was the first one in Summit County, and later operated another factory at Bath, which his son Frank helped him to conduct.

Welton was a member and leader of the Ohio Dairymen's Association. He served as county commissioner and township trustee, and was active in the church. He founded the Congregational Sunday school.⁸

Allen Welton died on April 3, 1878. Louisa Welton continued living on

⁵Summit County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 11, p. 33.

⁶Boston Township Tax Map (1852), located in the Summit County Building Annex, 72 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio; and Map of Summit County, Ohio, from actual surveys by Hosea Paul, Civil Engineer & Surveyor, Cuyahoga Falls (Philadelphia: Matthews & Taintor, 1856).

⁷Perrin, History of Summit County, p. 907.

⁸Doyle, Centennial History of Summit County, p. 894.

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the family farm. Their daughter, Cora Welton, married Walter Hunt; they lived in the Welton House and carried on the dairy farm until about 1945.⁹

⁹Ibid.; and Interview with Harry R. Harpham, Boston Township, Ohio, 10 April 1978.

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Perrin, William Henry, ed. History of Summit County. Chicago: Baskin & Battey, Historical Publishers, 1881.

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proceed due north for a distance of 150 meters; then proceed due east on a line parallel with Major Road for a distance of 120 meters; then proceed due south to Major Road; then proceed west along the northern edge of Major Road to the point of origin.