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
STREET & NUMBER 2485 Major Road
CITY, TOWN Peninsula
STATE Ohio

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
DISTRICT X
BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME Harry R. and Nancy Weld Harpham
STREET & NUMBER 2485 Major Road
CITY, TOWN Peninsula
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
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Center
CITY, TOWN Columbus
STATE Ohio
### DESCRIPTION

**CONDITION**

- **EXCELLENT**
- **GOOD**
- **FAIR**
- **EXCELLENT**
- **GOOD**
- **FAIR**

**CHECK ONE**

- **UNALTERED**
- **ALTERED**

**CHECK ONE**

- **ORIGINAL SITE**
- **MOVED**

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alien 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 atlas 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. 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.

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2. Interview 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.
# SIGNIFICANCE

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# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Alien 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.\(^4\)

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\(^3\)Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1850, Summit County, Boston, p. 536.

\(^4\)Doyle, *Centennial History of Summit County*, p. 894.
**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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


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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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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,

**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

**STATE**

**CITY OR TOWN**

Cleveland

**ORGANIZATION**

under contract with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society

**DATE**

5 June 1978

**TELEPHONE**

216/226-8236
Here Welton purchased 125 acres from Z. Tomlinson and W. Warner in 1846. 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.

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.

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.

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

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5 Summit County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 11, p. 33.
6 Boston 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).
7 Perrin, History of Summit County, p. 907.
8 Doyle, Centennial History of Summit County, p. 894.
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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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.
Allen Welton House
Boston Township, vic. Peninsula, Ohio

Photo by Carol Poh Miller, April 1978
Negative property of Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society
Facade looking north
Welton House photo #1 of 5

MAY 7 1979 Summit County
Allen Welton House
Boston Township, vic. Peninsula, Ohio

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Facade detail
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East and north elevations looking southwest

Welton House photo #3 of 5

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West and north elevations looking southeast
Welton House photo #4 of Summit County
Allen Welton House
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Allen Welton Barn, west and north elevations looking southeast

Welton House photo #5 of 5 MAY 7 1979
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Welton House photo #4 of May 7 1979

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