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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

Ogden House

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 530 Cedar Lane

CITY, TOWN Swarthmore

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF  
CODE

42

COUNTY

Delaware

CODE

045

## 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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Kingham

STREET & NUMBER 530 Cedar Lane

CITY, TOWN Swarthmore

VICINITY OF

STATE Pennsylvania 19081

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Delaware County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER West Front Street

CITY, TOWN Media

STATE Pennsylvania

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE 5/1/79

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS PHMC

CITY, TOWN Harrisburg

STATE Pennsylvania

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 "Ogden House" stands today on high ground in the northwest corner of Swarthmore. Three stories high, built of native stone, it has a double pitched roof shingled in cedar and surmounted by two massive stone chimneys. On three sides the walls are of dressed stone and on one side, rubble stone. On the southwest wall the dressed stone is stuccoed, it being the weather wall.

A date carved in the face of the west chimney indicates that the northwest half was completed in 1736. The south west half is believed to have been added a few years later. The northeast facade has two front doors, suggesting that the addition was built to accommodate a second family, perhaps that of a son.

Only superficial alterations to the exterior have occurred over the years. During the Nineteenth century pent eaves on the northeast and southeast walls were replaced by porches. A falling tree destroyed the northeast porch in 1948. Very appropriately, Mr. Joseph Perkins replaced it with a pent eave. The present owner removed the southeast porch in 1971, replacing it with a stone and earth terrace. He obtained the stone from a corral on the historic Leiper property on Avondale Road, a portion of which had been condemned for the mid-county expressway. Restoration of the pent eave on the southeast facade is planned. A balcony on the southwest wall was an original feature of the house. It became unsafe and was removed in the 1940's. Eventually it too may be restored.

A formal rose and herb garden with brick walks, while not an original feature, has been added recently in an effort to create an ambiance reminiscent of the Eighteenth Century.

The interior has been altered only slightly and, by virtue of its deep windows, irregular window glass, original trim on door jams, chair rails, window frames, and mantelpieces, retains its early American atmosphere.

Within the northwest wall there must have been at one time a walk-in fireplace measuring fourteen feet wide and four feet deep. An oak lintel sixteen inches square and fourteen feet long is buried in the plaster above the mantels. In all probability a single room, twenty by twenty-four feet occupied the entire first floor of the original house. This room served as a combination kitchen, dining area, and family room. In Victorian times, judging from the woodwork, this all-purpose room was broken up into two rooms by the addition of a partition under the summer beam and by transforming the great fireplace into two smaller ones. Inspection readily shows that the flu divider goes only eight feet above the hearth. Possibly at the same time, but probably much earlier, a kitchen wing was added. It collapsed in 1960 and was replaced in the same year by a stuccoed cement block structure serving the same purpose.

The present living room was originally two rooms. When the partition was taken out a corner fireplace directly below the one in the upstairs study was also removed.

Upstairs minor partition realignments have been made to accommodate two bathrooms. When the balcony was removed from the southwest wall the door was replaced by a window, but the door frame was left intact.

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On the third floor a half bath was added in 1961. There is some evidence that the east stairway once extended to the third floor, but its exact configuration is unknown.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES c. 1736

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Maddock

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Ogden House" at 530 Cedar Lane in Swarthmore is significant on two counts: architecturally and historically. Not only is it a well preserved example of an architectural style typical of substantial farm dwellings in southeastern Pennsylvania in the first half of the Eighteenth Century, but, as the home of the Maddocks and subsequently the Ogdens, substantial land-owners, farmers, business men and respected members of the Springfield Meeting, it was a focal point for social, economic and religious activity in what is now Delaware County.

Architecture

The "Ogden House" is important architecturally as the second oldest house in Swarthmore and the only one built in the early Eighteenth Century that has not been significantly altered inside or out since its inception in 1736. The "Benjamin West House" was built in 1729, but was gutted by fire in 1883.<sup>1</sup> There is little of its interior today to suggest antiquity.

Although the "Ogden House" has been modified by the requirements of electricity, plumbing and central heating, it retains much of the flavor of the Eighteenth Century. Care has been taken to use colors on interior walls and woodwork that were available in pre-Revolutionary Philadelphia. In most cases the original plaster has been preserved on walls and partitions. All six of the fireplaces are still functional. While meat is no longer smoked in the third floor smoke room, the cement floor and meat hooks are intact.

The pictures accompanying this application were selected in an effort to highlight some of these features.

History

Among the records of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College is an indenture signed by William Penn in 1681 deeding 1500 acres of land to two brothers-in-law, James Kennerly and Henry Maddock of Loom Hall in Cheshire, England, in consideration of the payment of 30. In that same year these men came to the province, preceding Penn and the Welcome by a year.<sup>2</sup> Although port records found by Marian Balderston include a manifest of the Friendship sailing out of Liverpool in May, 1682,<sup>3</sup> listing quantities of hardware and other goods belonging to James Kennerly, other records recently uncovered offer definitive disproof of any assertion that Maddock and Kennerly themselves were aboard the Welcome.<sup>4</sup>

Initially Henry Maddock and his brother-in-law lived in a log house overlooking the Crum Creek. This house, which appears on the map drawn by Charles Ashcom<sup>5</sup> in 1683, is today incorporated in a white clapboard house set back 150 yards west from Walnut Lane in Swarthmore. It is presumed that this was where the Maddock family lived until 1729 when Mordecai Maddock, having inherited Henry's share of the land, built what is known today as the Benjamin

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West House.<sup>6</sup>

In 1733 Mordecai having decided to divest himself of some of his land, leased and released to his son, John, 300 acres on which John was to pay quit rent.<sup>7</sup> Three years later John completed the northwest half of the stone dwelling which now stands at 530 Cedar Lane.

The house remained in the Maddock family until 1753, when Benjamin Maddock sold it and 11 acres to John Galbreath.<sup>8</sup> The house then went through a succession of seven owners<sup>9</sup> until in 1806 it was sold to John Ogden for \$ 6,000. John was the grandson of David Ogden, who came over with Penn on the Welcome.

The Ogdens owned and occupied the house from 1804 until 1923. During that period of 120 years the occupants of the house had a profound effect upon the social, economic and political life of the community.

John Ogden and his successors were among the most substantial landowners and farmers in Springfield Township. Some measure of their stature in the community may be derived from the fact that Ogdens appear on lists of school directors in the township in 1857, '58, '65, '69, '71, '74 and '78.<sup>10</sup> When Swarthmore College was incorporated, April 1, 1864 by act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, John Ogden was among the corporate directors.<sup>11</sup> Fifty of the 250 acres<sup>12</sup> of land purchased by the college were from John Ogden's extensive holdings.

In addition to their agricultural significance, the Ogdens played an important role in local industry and commerce. In 1835 James Ogden operated a cotten factory on the Crum Creek where formerly had existed a grist mill.<sup>13</sup> In 1850 Samuel Ogden and William Beatty bought the Fell's mill which manufactured edged tools.<sup>14</sup> In the last decade of the Nineteenth Century, Richard Ogden operated a general store at Oakdale. He was also a director of the <sup>15</sup> First National Bank of Media and of the Delaware County Insurance Company. Richard was associated with his brothers, William, John W. and Charles G. in the establishment of the West Hill Land Company.<sup>16</sup> This enterprise was very successful and was the origin of the Borough of Swarthmore to which the name, "West Hill" gave way.

The "Ogden House" was sold in 1923 to Mr. Joseph Perkins. It changed hands again in 1960 when the property was purchased by Dr. Allen Hume. In 1969 the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kingham bought the house.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Harry W. Kingham

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET & NUMBER 530 Cedar Lane

TELEPHONE 215-543-0449

CITY OR TOWN Swarthmore

STATE Pennsylvania 19081

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

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 \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE Ed Weintraub, Director Office of Historic Preservation

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