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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

Angle Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Maplebrow

**2** LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Welsh Run

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery Twshp.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

055

**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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4** OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Katherine H. Ritchey

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Welsh Run, Route #2

CITY, TOWN

Mercersburg

STATE

Pennsylvania 17236

**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

One North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

3/29/79

-- FEDERAL XX STATE -- COUNTY -- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical &amp; Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

# 77 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

Maplebrow is located on the west side of Pennsylvania Route 416, north of Pennsylvania Route 995 in the village of Welsh Run, Montgomery Township, Franklin County. It faces east on a slight slope of a small creek, the Welsh Run. Included in the property which contains slightly under four acres is a house, a springhouse and a frame stable.

The house is a three part structure, consisting of a two part rectangular section with a modern frame kitchen wing extending to the rear. The front elevation is two stories high and five bays in length and rests on fieldstone foundations. The three northern bays are of log construction and are the oldest part of the house. The two southern bays which are a mid 19th century addition appear to be of either timber frame construction with brick nogging, or of log. The surface of the building has been sheathed with board and batten siding except for the first story level of the front elevation which is stuccoed.

In the older north section, original first story windows have nine over six sash with wide frames and ovolo trim. Second story windows of this section have six over six sash. The first story window in the second bay from the north end of the house has a six over six sash somewhat larger than the nine over six windows beside it. This window was until recent years a door.

Windows in the 19th century addition have six over six light sash. On the south gable end wall at the first story level are a pair of late 19th century projecting double four over four sash beneath bracketed hoods with overlapping pointed shingles.

Principal elevation windows have paneled shutters at the first story level and shutters with movable louvers at the second story.

The main entrance is in the second bay from the south end of the house, part of the mid 19th century addition. The door has nine panels with molded trim. Above it is a transom with diamond shaped panes of glass. The jambs have matching panels and moldings. Above this entrance is another door at the second story level which is no longer in use.

Extending across the entire front elevation is a 20th century one story porch which projects several feet at the entrance bay. The porch is supported with round pillars of the doric type and enclosed with a balustrade of turned posts.

The eaves are finished with cornice molding. Beneath the boxing is a course of large dentil-like blocks aligned with the battens on the siding.

The roof is of slate. Brick chimneys with corbeled tops are located inside the end walls.

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## Interior

The main entrance opens into a stair hall which extends the width of the mid 19th century addition. The north wall of this hallway is of log construction being the former south exterior wall of the earlier part of the house. The stair rises against this wall and has a turned newel at its base with a rounded handrail and plain square balusters. The baseboard, chairrail and architrave moldings in the hallway and other areas of the addition would appear to date from the mid 19th century. Other architectural features of this period are the staircase, the nine panel front door with the diamond pane transom and interior doors and hardware.

North of the hallway is a large room which includes most of the log house. A major architectural feature in this room is a fireplace in the north end wall. The plastered firebox is painted black. The mantelpiece consists of a molded architrave with ovolo trim and a band of reeding. Above this are short reeded pilasters supporting the mantel shelf. Beside the fireplace is a set of cupboards behind doors with pairs of recessed panels. These cupboards appear to date from the first half of the 19th century but are not trimmed with the same sort of moldings as are found on other early material. On the opposite side of the fireplace are winding stairs which lead to the cellar and to the second floor. The doors on this pair of enclosed staircases also have moldings which differ from the other original moldings. The original window architraves have ovolo trim like that on the fireplace. A small section of cornice molding along the top of the north wall does not appear to be original. Evidence remains in the south wall of this room of a doorway which would have been an exterior door prior to the construction of the south addition.

Behind or west of the main room in the log section is a long narrow room now serving as a dining room. It was at one time two small rooms. A window in north wall was added about 1900 as indicated by the turn of the century period moldings of its architrave.

South of the hall is the main parlor featuring architraves with Grecian ogee molding with an astragal. This type of molding is associated with the 1850's. There is some suggestion that the door frame between the parlor and the hall was fire damaged. This concurs with oral history that there was a fire in this part of the house.

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The fireplace mantel appears to be a Victorian period addition. One probable clue to the age of this section is a penciled notation found on the west wall when it was being repapered. It read "decorated by J.W. Parker, November 8, 1854."

At the second story, the room division above the log section of the house is similar to that at the first story. The fireplace in the north end wall is a simplified version of the first floor fireplace with ovolo architrave molding and short reeded pilasters. This room's walls and ceiling are now covered with modern wooden paneling. According to the owner, however, the attic floor joists were once exposed.

Above the parlor in the mid 19th century section are two rooms which have for the most part woodwork similar to that which was described at the first story.

Just northwest of the house is a one and a half story two bay stone springhouse with a finished upper floor. The masonry at the lower part of this building differs from the stonework above suggesting the possibility of 19th century renovations. The springhouse has a chimney inside its end wall. Behind the house is a small frame barn. The buildings appear to be in excellent condition.

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1800-1815  
1850-1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The complex known as Maplebrow in the village of Welsh Run is significant for its architecture as representing regional vernacular building traditions and for social/humanitarian considerations as it was an integral part of the village of Welsh Run and served for part of its history as the local post office.

The log house, with a timber frame or log addition illustrates several periods of construction and the type of work that was then in vogue. In the oldest part of the house, the three northern bays, original interior woodwork associated with the fireplaces, doors and windows suggests a construction date during the first quarter of the 19th century. The structure has, however, undergone changes since it was built. Originally it was a three bay structure with a central front door and a second entrance in the south end wall. The present interior cupboards and stairs in the chimney wall may have been refurbished or finished at a later time. Typically the house is sided. Although the present board and batten siding is not original, it is likely that the log section of the house had some sort of siding at an early date if not originally. In this region of Pennsylvania as elsewhere log houses were often sided immediately after construction to provide additional weather protection and a refined appearance.

The addition to the log section shows evidence of dating from the 1850's although it has later Victorian accretions. The siding and interior finishes of this section make its construction difficult to identify; however, it is likely to be a timber frame structure with brick nogging or perhaps it is built of logs. Late 19th century renovations to this section include the projecting windows, the parlor fireplace and miscellaneous trim and woodwork. Other minor renovations to the main section were made in the 20th century.

Architecturally, this house developed with the 19th century, showing renovations or additions almost every 25 years. The house itself becomes a catalogue of 19th century construction and decorative techniques of the vernacular idiom.

Historically the house played an important role in the community of Welsh Run. During the time that he owned and occupied the house, Thomas Bowles was post master of Welsh Run.

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The present parlor of the house is said to have been the post office. According to local history, Bowles wife, Susan, provided refreshments for Confederate officers when troops marched through Welsh Run during the Civil War.

The village of Welsh Run was named for a small community of people of Welsh descent who settled in the vicinity during the 18th century. The village grew up around a Presbyterian Church which was established there during the 18th century.

For much of its early history, the house was owned by members of the Angle family who held and still retain much of the surrounding farmland. Records for this house have been traced to John Angle who acquired land in several transactions during the early 19th century. In 1807 John Angle was taxed for 286 acres, one distillery, five horses and five cows. In 1827 John Angle died intestate leaving a number of heirs. Through Orphans' Court proceedings a tract of 11 acres and 156 perches on which this house stands became the property of William Angle. In 1838, William and Catherine Angle transferred the property to Jacob Angle, Jr. (17/530). On November 30, 1840, Thomas Bowles purchased the tract from Jacob Angle, Jr. and Eleanor Angle (22/116). It was owned by Thomas Bowles until his death after which his executrix, Susan Bowles, conveyed it to Mary E. Craig in 1883 (123/230). From the estate of Mary E. Craig, in the 1920's the property was conveyed by her executrix, Jenny A. Bowles to Thomas O. Bowles in 1923 (212/345). It remained in the Bowles family until 1925. The property was purchased by the present owner in 1962. By then it contained four acres.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Franklin Co. Land Records  
 Franklin Co. Orphans Court Records  
 Franklin Co. Probate Records

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamson, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 255630 4405340

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Starting at a point on Rt. 416 moving north along westside of said route 200 feet then, southwest 200 ft. then south to Rt. 995 200 ft. then northeast along Rt. 995 200 ft. to starting point.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates, Inc.

DATE

301-432-5466

STREET & NUMBER

Box 202 (109 W. Main St.)

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

**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

TITLE Ed Weintraub, Director of Historic Preservation

DATE

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

DATE

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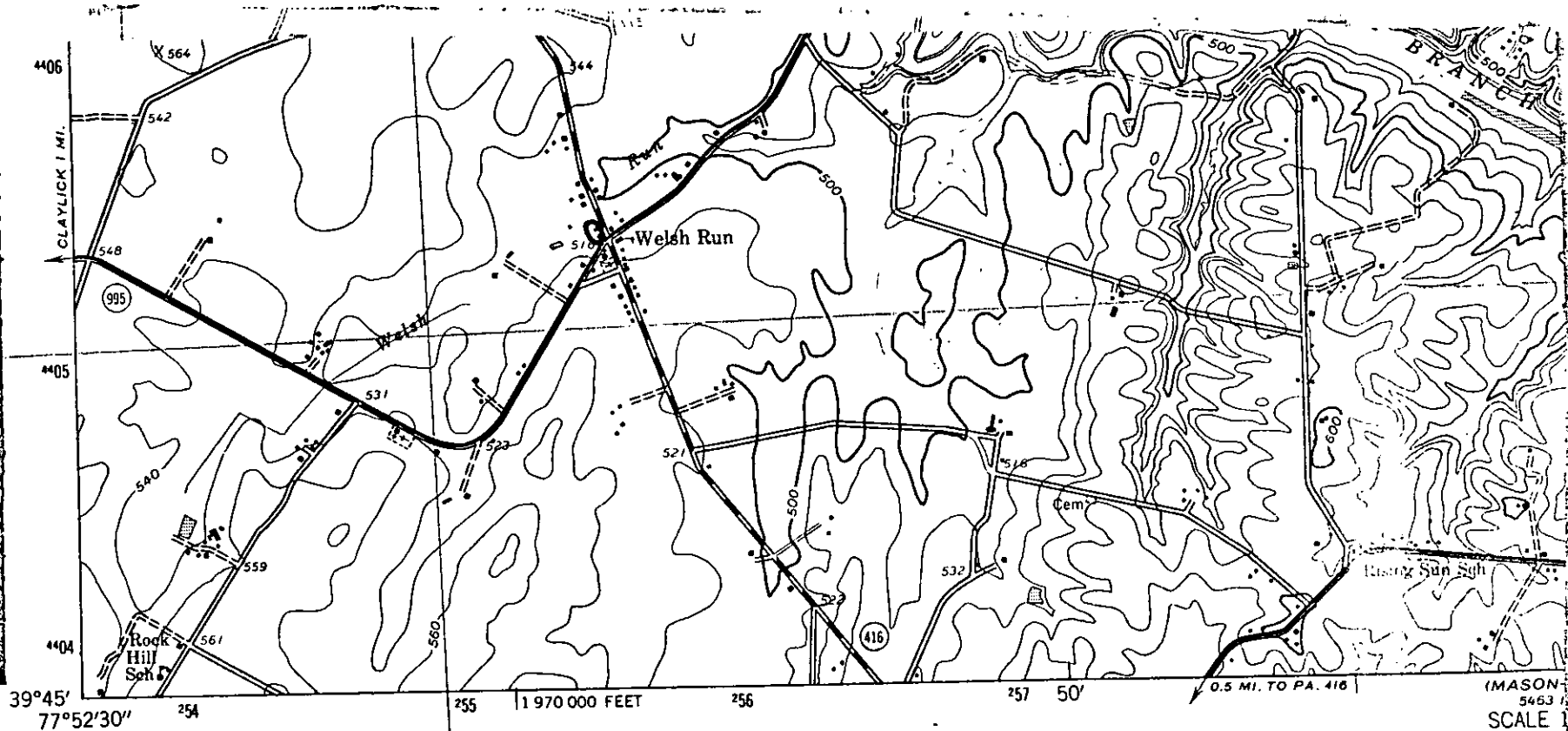
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



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Franklin County  
Zone 18 E255630 N4405340



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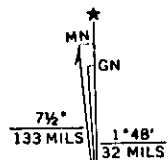
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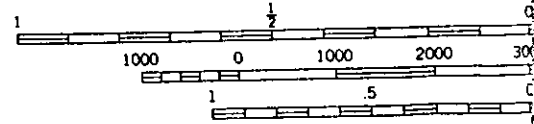
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UTM GRID AND 1973 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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