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Woodland has several structures within its boundaries. Two structures of the property are of historical or architectural value. They are the main house and the spring house.

The main structure on Woodland is a 2½ story gable roof random course fieldstone house. This house was built in three sections. The first section is a 2½ story gable roof structure that measured three bays across and two bays deep. Its main entrance was on the extreme right anterior bay. This portion had chimneys on each gable end and was fitted with a moulded cornice. This section was built about 176% by William McDowell.

In 1790 another limestone portion measuring three bays across and two bays deep was added to the existing stone section. This section was built similar to the previous section with the exception that the entrance of this portion was in the middle bay and it was not as deep in the rear. This section has a chimney on its open gable end with the same roof treatment and cornice as the earlier.

A 2½ story frame section was built on to the rear of the stone sections in 1907. This section is two bays across by two bays deep with a gable roof. It also has a chimney at its open gable end. After 1910 the roof of the second stone addition was brought out to the same depth as the gable roof of the original stone portion. At this time a two-story porch with railing was added to the 1790 addition. Prior to the building of the porch a single-story frame section was in the space occupied by the porch. The single-story frame section is no longer standing. A hip roof porch was also added to the front of the stone sections. The proch supported by doric columns was built about the same time as the frame section.

Sometime after 1910 the springhouse on the property was partially altered. It had been a two-story limestone springhouse with a gable roof. Today it is a single-story stone structure with a shed type roof.

The interior of the house has been restored. It contains both stone and plaster fireplaces. Chair rail, baseboards and other woodwork are of the period when the original section was built.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodland has served for over 200 years as a farming comlex. The land was first recorded as being issued to William McDowell in 1762. McDowell was born in Chester County in 1722. His son Captain William McDowell was responsible for the 1790 expansion of Woodland. He served in the campaigns of Philadelphia and Yorktown. Captain McDowell is the author of a journal depicting his two years under General Wayne. This document is recorded in the <u>Pennsylvania Archives</u> 2nd Series, Vol. XV.

The residents of Woodland were forced to flee their home several times during the French and Indian War. During the Civil War, the house had been taken by invading Confederate forces and used to house soldiers and their animals during the seige of Chambersburg.

Architecturally, Woodland is a fine example of a rural stone farmhouse that has undergone additions. It illustrates the use of the native limestone in a large but simple and substantial stone house. It shows the trend of rural architecture which made significant additions to the existing structure without changing its style or building material. Woodland is indicative of the period of the growing prosperity and its relation to the region west of the Susquehanna during the American Revolution.

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