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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 Wright, Dr. Aaron, House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

155 West Central Avenue

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Springboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Ohio

___ VICINITY OF

CODE

039

COUNTY

Warren

CODE

165

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

___ DISTRICT

 BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

 PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

 YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

 PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. I. B. Doyle

STREET & NUMBER

155 West Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Springboro

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio 45066

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Warren County Recorder's Office

Warren County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of E. Silver and East Streets

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

STATE

Ohio 45036

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 Wright House is located in the center of an attractively landscaped 2 acre lot on the western edge of Springboro that features a number of mature shade trees. A circular drive provides access to the front entrance.

The house has an irregular lay-out formed from three two-story offset rectangular blocks connected by a central square three-story tower. It is a frame structure with white horizontal siding erected on a rusticated stone foundation, and has multiple gable rooflines covered with asphalt shingles.

A main feature of the facade is a single story wooden porch which extends across the entire front. It is supported by flat wooden columns with cut-out panels. All cornices are projecting box gutters supported by paired brackets and wide entablature boards. The windows are generally 6/6 or 4/4 double hung sash with green louvre shutters and slightly projecting crown molding.

There is a small rear porch of similar design to that on the facade and a two-story projecting bay on the eastern side elevation.

The large double paneled doors of the main entrance are at the base of the central tower. It has the original pull-type doorbell which through a series of pulleys and cables rings a bell in several upstairs rooms. The doors enter into a central hallway with six rooms downstairs. The stairway with heavy carved walnut newell post in the hallway leads to the nine upstairs rooms. Interior floors are wide golden oak, woodwork is walnut, and fireplaces mantels are marble.

A large cistern in the attic tank room originally supplied water for the house. This was replaced in 1908 with a water tank in the basement filled by means of a natural spring. All electrical fixtures date from 1918 when electricity was first installed in the house, as does the wood and coal furnace, although now converted to oil.

A large bank barn, thought to be the same age as the house, is located to the southeast of the house. It has a stone foundation, vertical siding, and a standing seam metal roof. Posts which support the overhang on the east are painted skinned logs. The interior of the lower story is divided into box stalls on the southern end and a cow stable on the north.

Another small out building to the south of the main house is a combination shop and smokehouse. This one-story L-shaped building has a stone foundation, both shiplap and clapboard siding, and a standing seam metal roof. All windows are 6/6 double hung sash.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1857 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wright House is an imposing example of a mid-19th century country residence. In addition, it is an important historical link to the Miami Valley College, an institution based on a model similar to the student work program made famous by Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.

The exact structural history of the Wright House is unclear; but in its present condition is a first-rate example of the large scale country residences built in Ohio in the third quarter of the 19th century. Taking their inspiration from any number of Victorian handbooks they featured off-set towers and heavily bracketed cornices. Another intriguing feature of the Wright House is the full facade porch with cut-out paneled columns. The house has changed little from the 19th century and is very well maintained by its present elderly owner, Mrs. I. B. Doyle.

The house was built for Dr. Aaron Wright in 1857. He was the son of Jonathan Wright who is considered to be the founder of the nearby village of Springboro. Aaron Wright was born in Pennsylvania in 1810, received a medical degree from Yale University and practiced in Brooklyn, New York. He came to Springboro in 1857 following his father's death and became active in local civic affairs.

Wright was one of the founders and first president of the Miami Valley College established by the Society of the Quakers in 1869. It was the result of dissatisfaction with colleges that offered no activities for students outside of their academic studies, which in the opinion of the Quakers, lead to "idle and dissolute ways." The College was established to provide work at a "useful task" for at least two hours a day in conjunction with academic study. This was defined as work on the farm or in the "mechanics hall" for boys and households duties for girls. A large four-story brick building was constructed across the road from Wright's House in 1870 to house the administrative offices, classrooms and dormitories for both males and females. As the economy of Springboro waned when bypassed by the railroad lines, the fortunes of the College also declined. The school was forced to close its doors in 1883 and sell its building which was subsequently demolished.

Dr. Wright died in 1885 although it remained in the Wright family ownership until 1906 when it was purchased by the family of the present owner. The house remains as an important visual and historical link to Springboro's architectural and educational heritage.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dennis Dalton. "Springboro Home's 1857 Character Being Preserved." The Western Star, June 28, 1967.

History of Warren County, Ohio. Chicago: W.H. Beers, 1882.

Alfred J. Wright. "The College That Missed the Train." Columbus Sunday Dispatch Magazine, July 20, 1947.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Springboro

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 737280 4382100
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point in the south right of way of SR 73 that is approximately 1200' west of the junction of SR 741, proceed west along the route for 300'; then go southwest 300'; then go southeast 300'; then go northeast 300' to the place of beginning.

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

David A. Simmons

ORGANIZATION

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

DATE

May, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

I-71 & 17th Avenue

TELEPHONE

466-1500, ext. 336

CITY OR TOWN

Columbus

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

TITLE

Director, Ohio Historical Society

DATE

6/4/79

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-3-79

ATTEST:
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

7-30-79 DATE

Property Wright, Dr. Aaron, House

State Ohio (Wasser) Working Number 6.27.79.1579

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
6.27.79
HISTORIAN

*Wellent nomination - large
Italianate country house
- also significant for associations with now
defunct college.*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*accept
Braham
7.30.79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*accept
Braham
7.30.79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry _____

9-4-79

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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FRONT

The Dr. Aaron Wright House *Warren Co.*
Mrs. I. B. Doyle, Residence
155 W. Central Ave., Springboro, Ohio

North side - main entrance to house
(Camera facing South) JUN 27 1979

AUG 3 1979 *DOE*
Photographer: Ann Salmons

Negatives: Warren County Historical Society
Lebanon, Ohio 1084



The Dr. Aaron Wright House
Mrs. I. B. Doyle, Residence *Warren CO.*
155 W. Central Ave., Springboro, Ohio

Shop-smoke house
OutHouse - to the South, or rear, of
main house
(Camera facing East, SouthEast)

AUG 3 1979 *DOE*

JUN 27 1979

Photographer: Ann Salmons
Negatives: Warren County Historical Society
Lebanon, OH.

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REAR

The Dr. Aaron Wright House
Mrs. I. B. Doyle, Residence *Warren Co.*
155 W. Central Ave., Springboro, Ohio

South side (rear)
(Camera facing North)

JUN 27 1979

AUG 3 ⁰⁹⁵ 1979

Photographer: Ann Salmons

Negatives: *Warren County Historical Society*
Lebanon, OH

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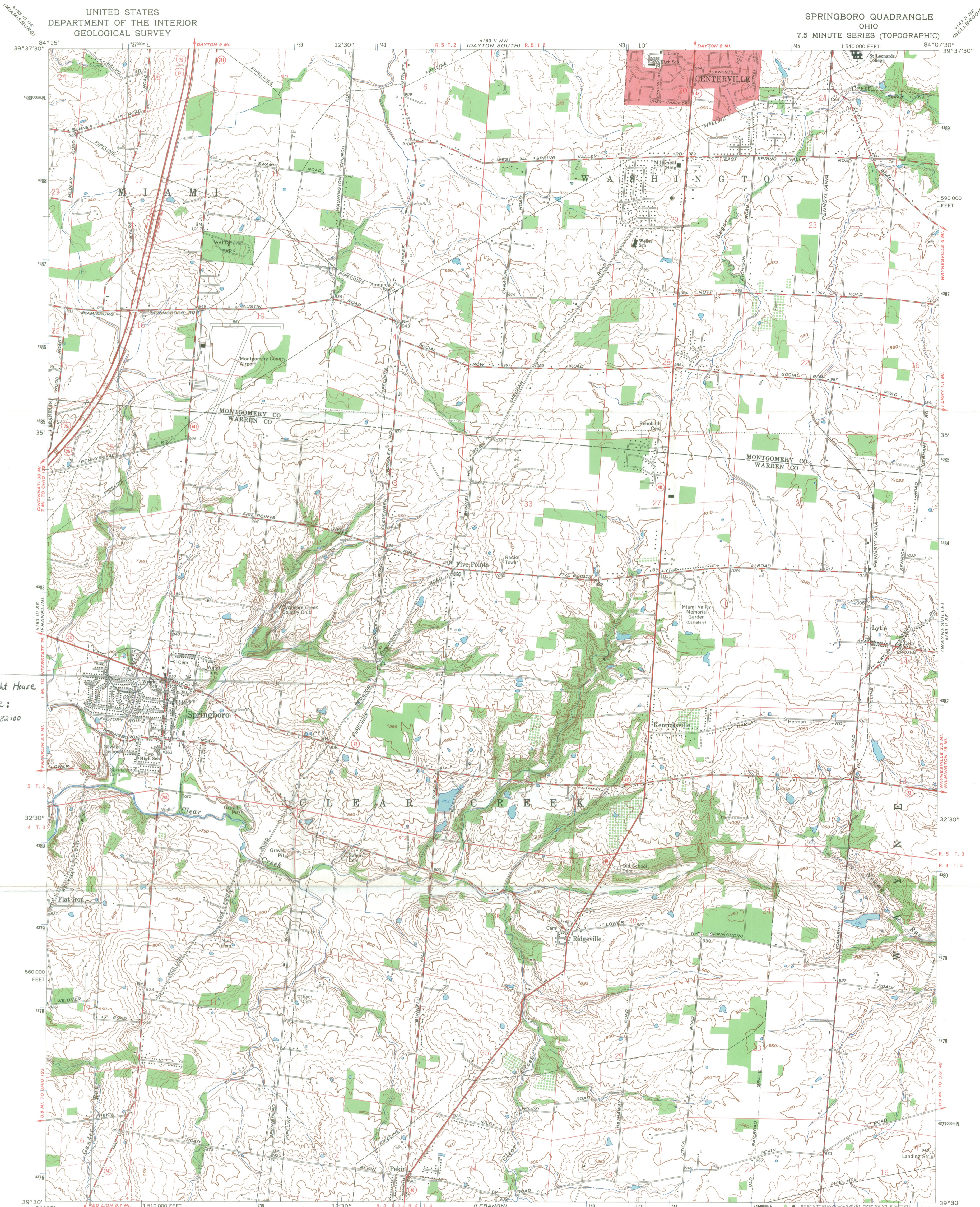
WEST

The Dr. Aaron Wright House
Mrs. I. B. Doyle, Residence *Warren Co.*
155 W. Central Avenue,, Springboro, Ohio

West side AUG 3 1979 DOE
(Camera facing East) JUN 27 1979

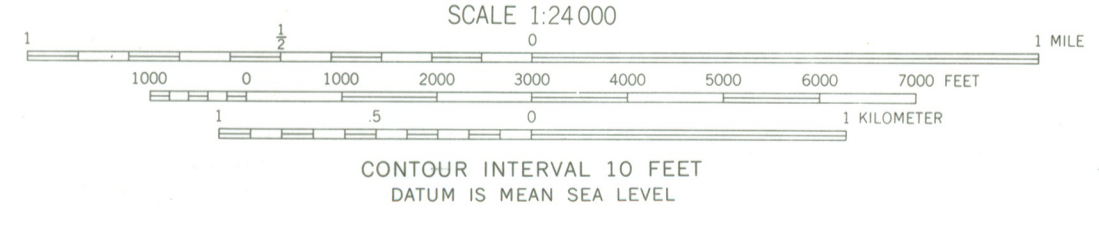
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Lebanon, OH

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Dr. Aaron Wright House
UTM Reference:
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1954. Field checked 1955. Revised 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Entire area lies within the Between the Miamis
Land lines based on the Great Miami River Base



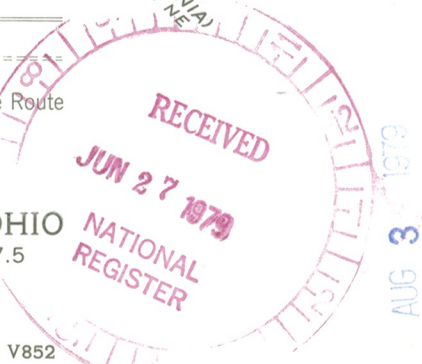
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered AUG 3 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Morris House	Circleville Pickaway County
Wright, Dr. Aaron, House	Springboro Warren County
Gwynne Building	Cincinnati Hamilton County
Hoover Farm	North Canton vicinity Stark County
Gilbert, Philip E., Houses	Dayton Montgomery County

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Honorable John Glenn
Honorable William H. Harsha
Honorable Willis D. Gradison, Jr.
Honorable Ralph Regula
Honorable Tony P. Hall

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Director
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Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

NR Byers/bjr 8/9/79