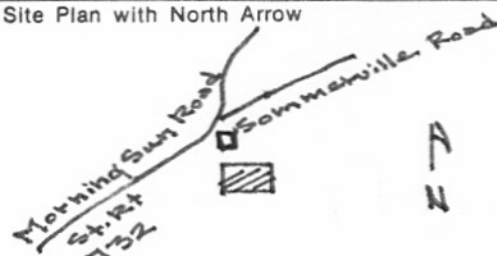



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY CODED

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
Ohio Historical Center  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

<p>1. No. <u>But - 231-1</u></p> <p>2. County <u>Butler</u></p> <p>3. Location of Negatives <u>MPA for HP</u></p>	<p>4. Present Name(s) <u>The Felix Fryman Farm House</u></p> <p>5. Other Name(s) <u>The David M. Magie Farm House</u></p>	1. No. <b>231-1</b>																									
<p>6. Specific Location <u>Morning Sun Road - 1/4 mile south of the junction with Somerville Road</u></p> <p>7. City or Town <u>Oxford</u> Sec. <u>14, T5R</u></p> <p>8. Site Plan with North Arrow</p> 	<p>16. Thematic Category <u>B-Agriculture C-Architecture-19th century</u></p> <p>17. Date(s) or Period <u>circa 1820</u></p> <p>18. Style or Design</p> <p>19. Architect or Engineer</p> <p>20. Contractor or Builder</p> <p>21. Original Use, if apparent <u>farmhouse</u></p> <p>22. Present Use <u>farmhouse</u></p> <p>23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>24. Owner's Name &amp; Address, if known <u>J. Felix Fryman Morning Sun Road R. D. 1 Oxford, Ohio 45056</u></p> <p>25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>26. Local Contact Person or Organization <u>Lucy Curry</u></p> <p>27. Other Surveys in Which Included <u>From the Mountains to the Valley by John Felix Fryman 1971</u> <u>See #45</u></p>	<p>28. No. of Stories <u>2</u></p> <p>29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>30. Foundation Material <u>stone/plain ashlar</u></p> <p>31. Wall Construction <u>brick bearing</u></p> <p>32. Roof Type &amp; Material <u>gable, asphalt shingle</u></p> <p>33. No. of Bays Front <u>5</u> Side <u>2&amp;1</u></p> <p>34. Wall Treatment <u>Flemish&amp;American</u></p> <p>35. Plan Shape <u>rectangular</u></p> <p>36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>37. Condition Interior <u>very good</u> Exterior <u>very good</u></p> <p>38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>41. Distance from and Frontage on Road <u>about 500 ft.</u></p>	2. County <b>Butler</b>																								
<p>9. Coordinates</p> <p>Lat. _____ Long. _____</p> <p>U.T.M. Reference</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>16</td><td>69</td><td>5</td><td>0</td><td>6</td><td>0</td> <td>4</td><td>3</td><td>7</td><td>7</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zone</td><td colspan="2">Easting</td><td colspan="9">Northing</td> </tr> </table> <p>10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>14. District Potent? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>15. Name of Established District</p>	16	69	5	0	6	0	4	3	7	7	2	3	5	Zone	Easting		Northing									<p>42. Further Description of Important Features <u>Early Federal brick farmhouse with generous proportions! Flemish brick bonding in front facade-American bonding in other exterior walls. See attachment #42.</u></p> 	4. Present Name(s) <b>The Felix Fryman Farmhouse</b>
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<p>43. History and Significance <u>This very early Oxford Township farmhouse is located in the area occupied by Oxford's first settlers. Several individuals of local importance have lived here. See attachment #43.</u></p>	<p>44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings <u>This farmhouse is situated in the picturesque rural valley of Four Mile Creek in Oxford Township. Fertile farmed creek bottom lands stretch to the north and south. Wooded hillsides rise on the east and west. Barns, farm buildings and Pugh's Covered Bridge are nearby.</u></p>	5. Other Name(s) <b>Home of David M. Magie</b>																									
<p>45. Sources of Information <u>History and Biographical Cyclopedia of Butler County, O. Illustrated By James McBride 1882 pages 543&amp;544 Butler County Atlas 1875 page 106</u> <u>Butler County Courthouse tax re-appraisal records 1846</u> <u>Interview with Felix Fryman April 1978</u></p>	<p>46. Prepared by <u>Lucy Curry</u></p> <p>47. Organization <u>MPA for HP</u></p> <p>48. Date <u>7/3/78</u></p> <p>49. Revision Date(s)</p>																										

Felix Fryman Farmhouse  
Morning Sun Road Oxford, Ohio

Attachment #42

This house is one of the largest and oldest Federal style brick farmhouses in Oxford Township.

Symmetrical front (west) facade with four-paned transom over door. Brick walls in the front facade are laid in Flemish bond. The other three exterior walls are laid in American bond. Tall narrow windows are 9/9 double hung with flat arch brick lintels and projecting slip sills. Two small square four-paned windows in attic story of gable ends. Plain frieze panel in cornice. Interior end chimneys.

One story frame additions at rear. One story wood and concrete porch across south facade with doorway cut in southwest corner.

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Morning Sun Road, Oxford, Ohio

Attachment #43 (history)

Earliest known owner of this farm and probably the builder of the farmhouse was Aaron Austin. Butler County Courthouse tax re-appraisal record of 1846 lists Aaron Austin as owning property in the west half of Section 14, southwest corner R1T5S14. The property included a saw and grist mill valued at \$4000.00, brick house @ \$275.00 and 200 acres- total value \$8875.00.

Another important owner of this farm was David M. Magie. Butler County Atlas of 1875 lists D. M. Magie owning 385.76 acres in lots 1 and 2 of Section 14. In the field of animal husbandry Mr. Magie developed the big boned Poland China hog, " the Magie breed". (This hog is not to be confused with the spotted Poland China hog, a different breed).

John Felix Fryman, the present owner of the house and farm, is a prominent businessman and farmer in the Oxford area. His autobiography, From the Mountains to the Valley, is not only an inspiring story of individual endeavor but also an important sociological document. Mr. Fryman has a deep personal dedication to the preservation of the history and rural environment of the Four Mile Creek Valley.