

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-104
Boone County

DEC 28 1986

1. Name of Resource: Johnson, Cave, House

2. Original Owner: Cave Johnson

3. Other Names: Neboshon Farms

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: 8368 River Road
Hebron, KY

6. Owner's Name: Dr. Robert Crisler []

7. Owner's Address: 8368 River Road
Hebron, KY 41048

8. Evaluation: National Register []

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory 1977
KY Landmark Certificate 1977

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture []
Secondary: Agriculture []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C as a good example of the Federal style, significant to Boone County in the period 1795-1845, and a rare surviving example of the 2-story, central passage, double-pile house type in this period. The house is
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14. History:
Cave Johnson arrived in Boone County in 1796. He was appointed the county's first Clerk of Court in 1798, served as colonel of the Militia until 1811, when he was appointed Justice of the Peace; later in his career, he served as Sheriff. Born Orange Co., VA 1760; died 1850. First visited KY in 1779.

16. Date:
Original Building 1st 1/2 19th c. []
Addition 2nd 1/2 19th c; mid-20th []

17. Style: Federal []
Neo-Federal []

18. Architect/Builder: unknown

19. No. of Stories: two []

20. Original Floor Plan: central passage []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
gable/st. seam tin Not Original

23. Structural Material: brick []

24. Exterior Material: Flemish bond brick []

25. Foundation Material: stone []

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features: monumental portico (20th c.) on river front

28. Outbuildings: eleven []

29. Original Function: farm dwelling []

30. Present Use: farm dwelling []

31. Condition: excellent []

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: 3 Photo Nos: 10-19 No. of Slides:
16 18-25

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
autobiographical ms. by Cave Johnson, c. 1845.
Boone County Recorder Historical Ed. 9/4/30

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Addyston</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>695260</u>	Northing <u>4334580</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. []	40. Coordi.Accuracy []
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):					
A. <u>16</u> <u>695979</u> <u>4334780</u>			D. <u>16</u> <u>695040</u> <u>4334840</u>		
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42. Total Acreage in Present Property:	43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: <u>58 acres</u>				
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):					

The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM reference points: A 16 695979 4334780; B 16 695258 4334065; C 16 694980 4334050; D 16 695040 4334840.

The boundary includes the house and outbuildings and a portion of the farm sufficient to provide a setting between River Road and the Ohio River. The public roadway, elevated above the bottomland of the river, gives a sweeping view of the entire boundary as well as the farmland lying outside the boundary; there are no subdivisions of this expanse of land based on fences, hedgerows or natural features. Boundary B-C is on the north side of River Road.

Contributing: 5 buildings (3 residences; 2 barns) 2 Structures (corn cribs)
 Noncontributing: 5 buildings (pole barns and open shed) 3 structures (silos)

45. Description and House Plan:

The main, first block of the house consists of two stories, five-bay facades, and a central passage, double-pile plan. The massive interior end chimneys are centered in the gable-ends of this block. The brickwork is Flemish bond, relatively rare in surviving Boone County structures of the period, with jack arches over the openings. The windows are 9/6 and 6/6 pane sash, and the doors are lighted with simple transoms; the pilastered door surrounds on the exterior may be later additions. This is the block, roughly central, given a monumental portico of the river front in the mid-20th century. The intact interior woodwork in this block is in the Federal style.

The kitchen block, lower than the main block, seems to have been added in the second quarter of the 19th century. On the land side of this block, a recessed double gallery was replaced with full-height piers matching those of the monumental portico.

The third block, added in the mid-20th century, balanced the kitchen wing on the opposite end (east) of the main block. Like the kitchen wing, it is somewhat lower than the central block and has a two-story recess, but without the piers, on the land side.

The contributing slave-servants' quarters southwest of the house is a brick, 1½-story, 4-bay building with a gabled, standing-seam metal roof. It is contemporary with the house. In the early 20th century it was converted to a garage by extending the rear (west) wall to accommodate three car bays. Although this conversion altered the roofline, the building's original role as a domestic appurtenance is clear.

The tenant's house west of the house was built in 1914. Two stock barns and two corn cribs

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13. Statement of Significance: (Continued)

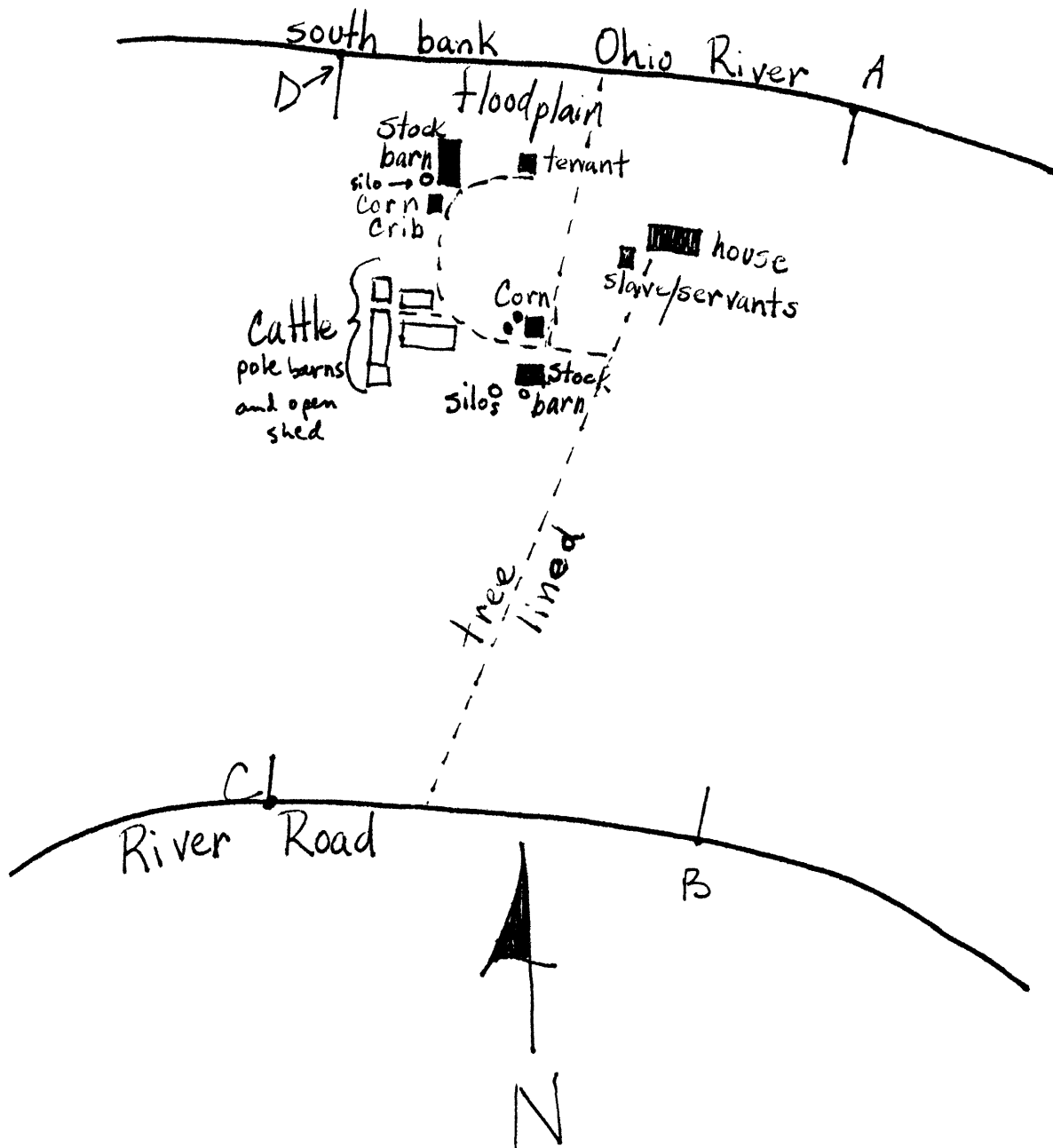
one of 24 Federal style buildings identified in the county, and one of only 2 houses of its type identified. The 20th century additions do not significantly obscure the overall form and design.

The farm is also significant under Criterion A for agricultural significance as a fine collection within the county of turn-of-the-century farm organization and siting. The location of the farm on the rich bottom land along the southern shore of the Ohio River allowed its continued prosperity. The addition of typical outbuildings that supported the farming function of the site demonstrates continued agricultural activity and success. Retention of these features suggests an integrity of association for the property. The addition of newer buildings is confined to the portion of the site least visible from the main house, and outside of a crescent formed by the contributing historic features. The nominated area is approximately 50 acres, and is a good example of a large farm in Boone County in the period 1800-1938.

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were erected during the late Nineteenth Century. These three outbuildings and two structures were constructed during the farm's period of agricultural importance. The four metal pole barns and open shed for cattle sales are non-traditional in form and materials and were constructed recently. The silos are not historic. All five outbuildings and structures evaluated as not contributing do not impose visually upon the complex of historic buildings. These non-contributing features stand at the periphery of the historic core of buildings, or in the case of the silos, are located behind contributing features.

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