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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Tanglewood

other names/site number OL-319

2. Location

street & number 417 La Grange Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Pewee Valley

N/A vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Oldham

code 185 zip code 40056

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- X private
public-local
public-State
public-Federal

Category of Property

- X building(s)
district
site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Pewee Valley, Ky. MPL

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan, State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council. Date 10-9-89.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official. Date. State or Federal agency and bureau.

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- X entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register. Signature of the Keeper: Allouez Byer. Date of Action: 11/27/89.

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Gothic Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone/limestone

walls wood/weatherboard

roof asphalt

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Suburban Development

Architecture

Period of Significance

1869

Significant Dates

1869

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Previous documentation on file (NPS): na

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Kentucky Heritage Council

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 16.25 acres

UTM References

A 

1	6	6	32	7	60	42	4	16	70
Zone	Easting					Northing			

C 

1	6	6	32	3	70	42	4	15	30
Zone	Easting					Northing			

B 

1	6	6	32	5	80	42	4	13	70
Zone	Easting					Northing			

D 

1	6	6	32	4	00	42	4	17	40
Zone	Easting					Northing			

Crestwood, KY, Quadrangle

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides precisely with lot "Pewee Valley 8-1-2" as drawn in the Oldham County Plat Books. It is outlined with a heavy black line on an accompanying sketch map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the entire historic acreage associated with the house. This boundary has been selected in order to document the large, landscaped properties that were historically associated with many of Pewee Valley's residences.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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TanglewoodSection number 7 Page 1Description

Tanglewood (OL-319) is a sixteen-acre residential property located at 417 La Grange Road within the area of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The property consists of a fine 1869 wood-framed house designed with Gothic Revival and Italianate influences, informally landscaped grounds, four outbuildings which include a contributing wood-framed servant's house and three modern and non-contributing outbuildings, a barn, a garage, and a cottage, and historic stone gateposts (a contributing structure).

The approximately L-shaped property has a nearly 700 foot frontage along the east side of La Grange Road. Its southwest boundary is contiguous with that of St. James Episcopal Church (listed individually in the National Register on December 5, 1985). The gently rolling property slopes up towards its rear and falls away rather steeply on the northeast side. A long curving driveway leads from La Grange Road to the house which is located near the rear of the property. Three of the outbuildings are clustered at the rear of the house; the modern cottage is set at some distance to the side near the church. The house and the historic outbuilding have had very few exterior or interior changes and are among the finest examples of the property type residential buildings in the Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The house is well maintained and in good condition. The servants cottage is somewhat dilapidated.

The one-and-one-half story wood-framed house has weatherboard siding and an approximate L-plan with a prominent three-story rectangular tower at the center front in the angle of the "L". The cross gable roof and a front gable-roofed dormer are trimmed with elaborate bargeboards. A small flat-roofed porch detailed with boxed posts and a very small bargeboard extends outward from the main front entrance vestibule in the tower. A flat-roofed porch with Tuscan columns (probably not original) wraps around a portion of the front and north side. Additional detailing consists of a rectangular bay window trimmed with bargeboard on the front-facing gable wing and a round-arched window in the tower. Windows are four-over-four double hung sash; the foundation is limestone block. A one-story rear kitchen wing consists in part of a filled-in back porch. The entire wing may post-date the house. Three interior brick chimneys, all original, and one exterior stone chimney added onto the rear of the kitchen wing are present.

On the interior, the house has a central-hall plan with four main rooms on each floor. Most of the original wood detailing including baseboards, window and door trim, simple four-panel doors with two-light transoms above, and the staircase are in place. The historic chimney pieces with wood mantels supported by columns, tiled hearths and, in some cases, mirrored overmantels may date from the turn-of-the-century. A heavy brick mantel in the dining room is a modern replacement. The house was divided into three apartments in the 1940s but has since been returned to its original single-family format. Bathrooms have been

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added on the second floor in the tower area and in the first floor rear kitchen wing.

The property is informally landscaped with mature shade trees and evergreens, flowering trees and shrubs, and rough grass. A few large shade trees line the winding drive which loops around the back of the house. Scattered cedars have grown up in the great sweep of grass to the southeast of the house which in the very early history of the property served as a city park. Historic stone gate posts mark the entrance to the property on La Grange Road and a simple white-painted board fence fronts Tanglewood along La Grange Road.

The three outbuildings clustered behind the houses consist of the servant's cottage, garage, and barn, lined up respectively from north to south. The c. 1870 one-story two-room servant's cottage has a gable roof, weatherboard siding, and a limestone-block pier foundation. Two doors on the front open into the two rooms. A simple mantel remains in one room although the central chimney has been removed. The raised-seam metal roof is covered with tar paper.

The large three-car gable-roofed weatherboard-sided garage and a one-and-one-half story gable-roofed barn with horizontal board siding date to the 1950s. Set well away from the main house to its southwest is a small gable-roofed prefabricated cottage built in 1953. The original carriage house has been demolished.

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TanglewoodSection number 8 Page 1Statement of Significance

Tanglewood (OL-319) is a very intact and important residential property in the area of the Historic Resources of Pewee Valley Multiple Property Listing. The 1869 house and its associated historic outbuilding and grounds are eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. The property is an outstanding example of the property type residential buildings which was developed as part of the historic context: Suburban Development in Pewee Valley, 1861-1935. Its period of significance dates to 1869, the year of its construction. In terms of Criterion A and the area of significance, Suburban Development, Tanglewood is important as a manifestation of the rapid suburban development that occurred in Pewee Valley in the years immediately following the Civil War. The property is one of the most intact examples of the country estates that grew up in Pewee Valley from the 1850s through the 1920s and established its character as an upper class suburb.

In terms of Criterion C and the area of significance, Architecture, the house is an outstanding example in Pewee Valley and Oldham County of the picturesque country villa advocated by Andrew Jackson Downing and Calvert Vaux as a suitable suburban residence. With its three story front tower and its bargeboard-trimmed cross gable roof, bay window, and gable-roofed dormer, the house reflects an eclectic combination of the Italianate and Gothic Revival styles, two nationally popular styles of the period that are found only infrequently in Oldham County. The extant servant's cottage on the property is one of the best preserved examples of this outbuilding type in Pewee Valley. It documents the typical form and finish of such buildings as well as the significant role played by black servants in the functioning of the country estate.

Tanglewood is a rare example of a nineteenth century house whose building date and specifications are well documented in a newspaper advertisement for the sale of the house. On July 30, 1869, in Louisville's Courier-Journal, appears the following ad:

For Sale--in Pewee Valley--"Hillside Cottage" and 10 acres ground--lies immediately on the Railroad adjoining St. James Episcopal Church and within 5 minutes walk of the depot. The house is being built and will be ready for occupancy August 10, is Swiss in style and contains 10 rooms, has all requisite closets with storerooms and cellar. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will take good low-priced unimproved city property in part payment. Apply on the premises to John F. Dickson, Trustee.

The ad clearly documents the important link between Pewee Valley and the railroad. It also establishes that the house was built on speculation. A deed search indicates that the property was purchased in February, 1869 by Louisa Dickson, wife of John F. Dickson, and in April was sold to Jonas H. Rhorer and Charles B. Cotton, two Pewee Valley residents who were involved in a great

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number of local land transactions during the late 1860s and 1870s. The property, still identified as Rhorer's on Beers and Lanagan's 1879 map of Pewee Valley, was exchanged back and forth between Rhorer, Cotton, and several other business partners during the 1870s before being sold as a result of Rhorer's extreme financial difficulties. Nothing is known of J. H. Turner, the 1884 purchaser of the property. Turner and his family owned the house until 1911 making them the longest owners until the present resident who has owned the property since 1951.

The name "Tanglewood" has been associated with the house at least since the turn-of-the-century when Annie Fellow Johnston used it to name this property which figures prominently in several of her Little Colonel books. The present owner believes Mrs. Johnston invented the name for use in her stories. However, on the 1879 Beers map the name "Tanglewood" appears on the property immediately to the north of present day Tanglewood suggesting that the name has an earlier origin.



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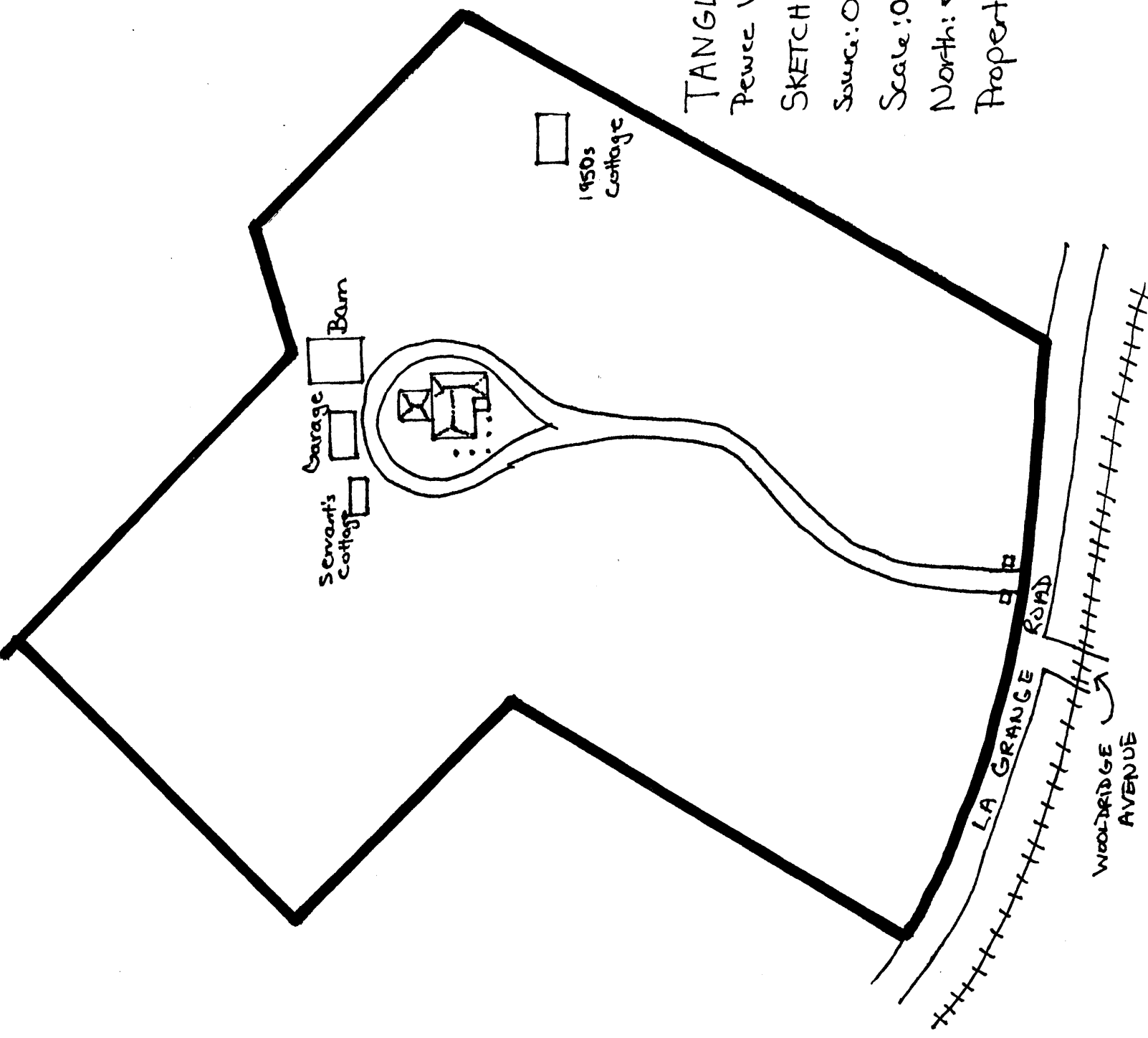
SKETCH MAP

Source: Oldham Co. Plat Map

Scale: 0' ——— 100'

North: ←

Property Boundary: **—————**



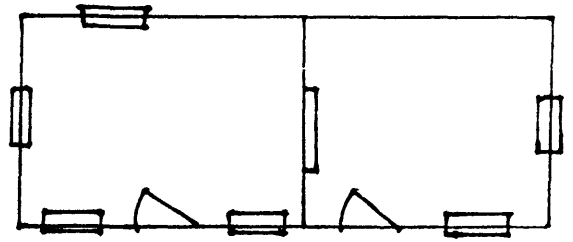
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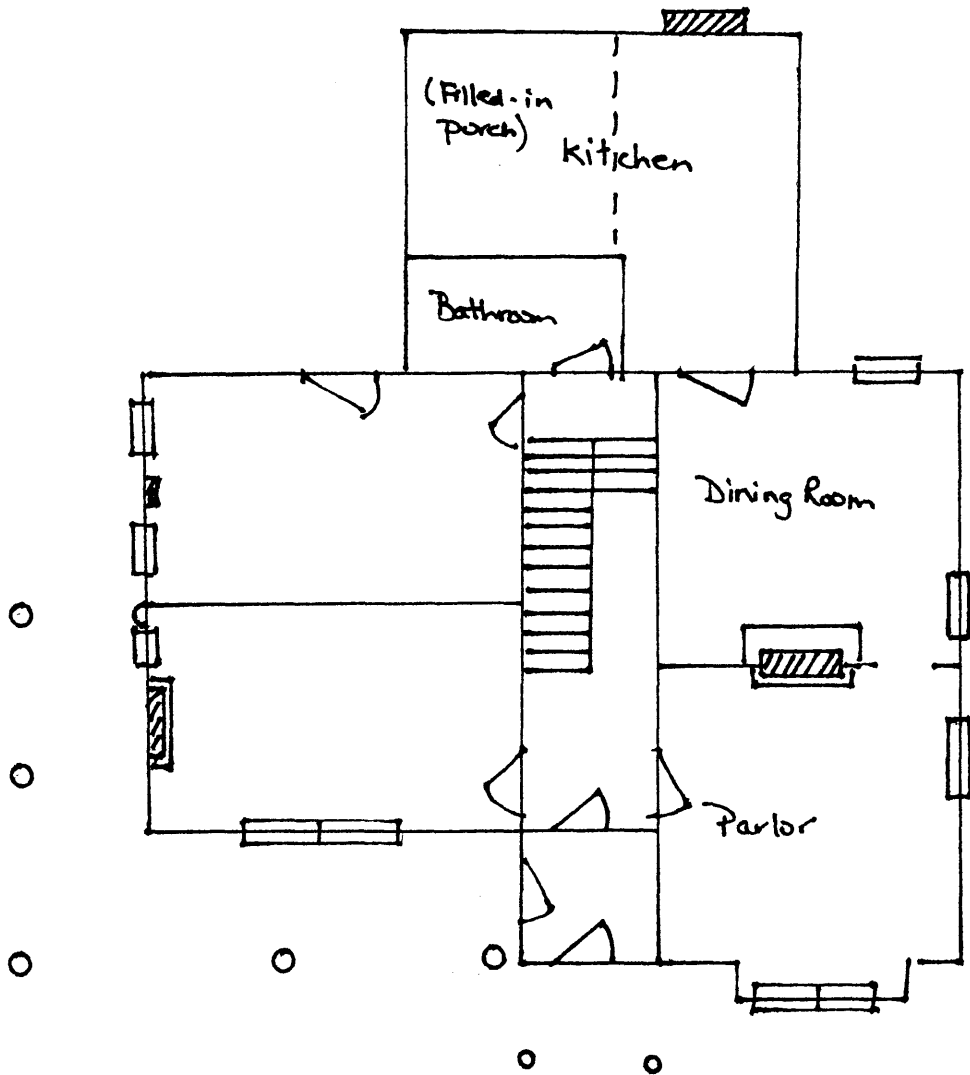
## FLOOR PLAN

Not to scale

North ←



Servants' Cottage



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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Tanglewood
2. Pewee Valley, Oldham County, Kentucky
3. Photographer: Carolyn Brooks
4. Date: April, 1989
5. Negatives on file with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, Ky.

(The above information is the same for all 7 photographs submitted with the nomination. Below, the photographs are listed in order of their photograph numbers, and each view is described.)

1. Front facade; photographer facing east.
2. Contributing servant's cottage; photographer facing northeast.
3. North side of house; photographer facing south.
4. Rear and south side of house; photographer facing northwest.
5. Rear of house (left), contributing servant's cottage (center), and non-contributing garage (right); photographer facing northeast.
6. Non-contributing barn; photographer facing east.
7. Non-contributing cottage; photographer facing northeast.