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		5 miles south of Lexington off U	.s. 27	
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Though basically unpretentious in design, Waveland is considered one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in Kentucky. The house sits gracefully atop a small knoll, surrounded by 200 acres of Blue Grass farmland.

The house contains some fourteen high-ceilinged rooms and spacious hallways. A magnificent tetra-style Ionic portico graces its facade, and the main doorway wears a frieze which is a perfect copy of the north entrance to the Erechtheum on the Athenian Acropolis. The doorway features distyle- in antis Ionic columns. Pilasters adorn the walls and support a denticulated entablature. The roof is a low hip, covered with The house is T-shaped with (on the lower standing seam metal. floor) the great hall and parlors at the top of the T and the kitchen and pantry at the base; most of the chambers upstairs were apparently designed for bedrooms. Fireplaces and in each major room. Outside, the brick are the natural aged red, the columns and exterior woodwork white. All the rooms have been completely redecorated and furnished with fine antique pieces appropriate to the house.

The restored outbuildings feature the following: servants quarters, carpenter's shop; harnessmaker and cobber's shop; fireplace kitchen; print shop; country store; blacksmith's shop; a log house; and ice house. Also to be seen are an herb garden, and flower garden and orchard.

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Waveland was constructed ca 1845 by Joseph Bryan, son of Daniel Boone Bryan, on a 2,000 acre tract "laid off" by the frontiersman Daniel Boone. Washington Allen, a leading Lexington contractor of the day, was hired by Joseph Bryan as builder and foreman of the project. Among the many slaves on the estate, there were capable artisans-stone and brick masons, carpenters, iron workers, and cabinet makers.

In simple classic beauty, Waveland achieves in some respect near perfection. Even in the 1830-1860 period when Central Kentucky could boast perhaps of as many striking Greek Revival masterpieces, as any region of like size, it was regarded as outstanding. Historically, later members of the Bryan family made Waveland famous for its magnificant trotting horses.

The property was purchased by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1956, for use as an experimental farm, and the following year Waveland was designated the Kentucky Life Museum.

The Museum, housed in historic Waveland and its dependencies, was created for the collection, preservation and display of Kentucky relics, artifacts and objects which have had some bearing upon the way in which Kentuckians have lived through the years. The Museum's master plan calls for an eventual restoration of the village which existed at Waveland during Daniel Boone Bryan's lifetime.

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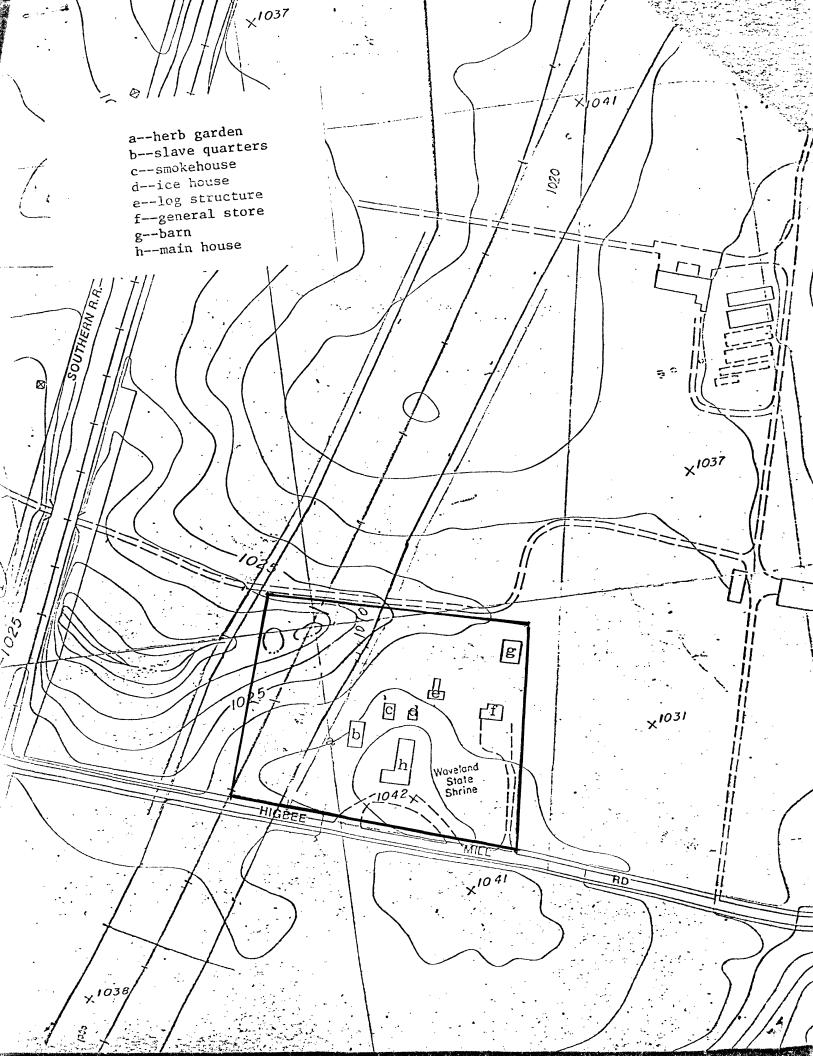
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is drawn to include the main house, outbuildings, and acreage immediately surrounding the house which is visually important to preserving the setting of this significant farm property. Beginning at the intersection of Higbee Mill Road and the paved service road leading to the frame building currently being utilized as a general store, the boundary follows the plank fencing to the east of the service road and extends beyond the store approximately 200' to the rear of the barn. The boundary then turns westward, following wire fencing and extends approximately 500'. The boundary then turns southward, encompassing an area to the west of the slavequarters that includes the herb garden and orchard. (The line to the west of the orchard follows a wire fence which is placed on a slight ridge, and is also marked by thick undergrowth. The fence divides the orchard from open fields to the west). The boundary runs to the north side of Higbee Mill Road, whereupon it turns eastward, following the road approximately 600' to the point of beginning.



Waveland, Fayette County, Ky. Scale 1"=200'
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