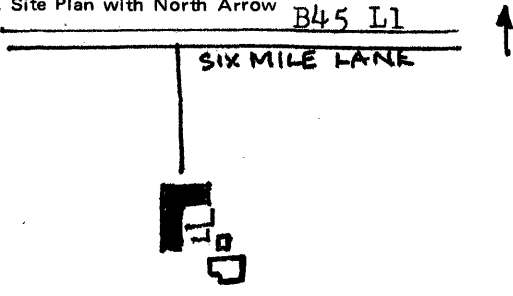


1. Historic Name (s) Beechland		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson	
Original Owner Lewis Hite		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District 37	
Present Name Springlake Farm		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Jeffersontown, Kentucky	
3. Owner's Name (Jack Durrett) J-Town Center Inc.		25. UTM Reference 1 6  6 2  2 7 7 0  4 2 2 8 1 7 0  Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address 9519 Taylorsville Road Jeffersontown 40299		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building X Object Structure	
5. Location 8500 Six Mile Lane/South side Six Mile Lane west of Kirby Lane		27. District Yes No X Name:	
6. Open to Public Yes No X	7. Visible from road Yes No X	28. Significance Evaluation	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation		8. Ownership Private Local State Federal	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow B45 L1 		11. Architect Unknown	
See boundary description and attached aerial photo.		12. Builder Unknown	
		13. Date ca. 1812/1848-50	
		14. Style Federal	
		15. Original Use Residence	
		16. Present Use Residence	
18. Description Two-story, three bay, brick residence, Flemish bond front. Side hall plan, 2 story original ell, 1 story original ell. Interior and chimney. Flat arches of vertical bricks over first floor openings. Front entry: six-light transom, sidelights, pilasters. One-story pedimented porticos front and on ell, paired square columns. Dentils on cornice & portico.		17. Condition Interior Altered Exterior Good-Fair	
19. History This tract was part of the Hite holdings in Jefferson County having been conveyed to Joseph Hite by executors of His brother Isaac's estate in 1811. In 1812 he deeded the 333 acre tract to his son Lewis. Lewis died in 1825 and Lewis Hite's heirs sold it to Dr. William Bryan in 1848. A plat of the properties of Joseph Hite's heirs shows a house on (SEE NEXT PAGE)		29. Status National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate Kentucky Survey Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
20. Significance The Dr. Bryan house is one of the few examples of the hall-parlour plan in Jefferson County. It has a two-story original ell and a one-story ell. The house is generally attributed to Dr. Bryan, an early physician (SEE NEXT PAGE)		30. Theme Primary Architecture Secondary Other	
21. Source of Information Neville Bullitt <u>Old Homes in Louisville &amp; Jefferson County</u> Jobson, <u>History of Early Jeffersontown</u> (SEE NEXT PAGE)		31. Endangered Yes No X	
		32. ATTACH PHOTO	
		Roll No. _____ Picture No. _____ Direction _____	
		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
		34. Prepared by: Carol Tobe Research Assistant	
		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation	
		36. Date 9 August 1979	
		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	

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the Lewis Hite tract in 1837.

Several sources attribute the construction of the house to Dr. Bryan (ca 1850) who is said to have built it to replace a Hite house.

Dr. William Bryan (1791-1871) was a prominent physician and active in civic affairs in Jeffersontown. He was chairman of the town trustees in 1822, trustee of Jeffersontown School in 1831, and of Jefferson College (JF 282) in 1860. He had five children by his second wife Ann Eliza Hites.

Dr. Bryan had purchased several large tracts in the Six Mile Lane area so that he was able to will each of his children a farm of about 100 acres. The "home place with my brick house in which I live" he left to his son Charles F. Bryan. Charles had difficulty in paying a mortgage on the property, but his family prevented the loss of the farm and the home remained in the Bryan family until 1928.

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in Jeffersontown, however there was a house on the site before Bryan purchased the tract. The Bryan house, or part of it, may have been built by Lewis Hite (son of Joseph Hite) who owned the farm before Bryan.

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## Additional Information Requested by NPS

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Beechland  
8500 Six Mile Lane

October 15, 1982

### Description

The site includes a brick smokehouse and a one-story, brick slave quarters. The remaining buildings are later twentieth-century farm buildings and have no architectural or historical significance.

### Significance

The side-hall plan of the Dr. Bryan house is unusual in rural houses, and there are only a few nineteenth-century examples extant in Jefferson County. While the building of the house is generally attributed to Dr. William Bryan about 1848-50, it is probable that he built only the side hall plan, two-story structure which now forms the main block of the house. The two-story, five-bay ell with a symmetrical facade was most likely the early house on the site. It was built as a center hall, I-style house and may have been built by Lewis Hite soon after he was given title to the land in 1812. Beechland thus comprises two phases of nineteenth-century construction - an early I-style house (the most popular architectural form for Jefferson County farmhouses) and a mid-century house built on a side-hall plan and added to the existing house. (See attached xerox of old photograph).

### Boundary Description

The boundary of the Beechland nomination is shown as a red line on the attached aerial photo. (SCALE: 1" = 200'). The site contains approximately .4 acre and includes the main house, smokehouse, and slave quarters.



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Copy of photo, ca. 1940s