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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robert Waugh House

AND/OR COMMON

Sparland Octagonal House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

202 School Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sparland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

18

STATE

Illinois

CODE

12

COUNTY

Marshall

CODE

13

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gary & Nancy Coker

STREET & NUMBER

202 School Street

CITY, TOWN

Sparland

STATE

Illinois

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Marshall County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

122 North Prairie

CITY, TOWN

Lacon

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Robert Waugh house is a two and one half red brick octagonal house situated prominently on a hillside in Sparland overlooking the Illinois River. The house rests on a random coursed limestone foundation imbedded into the hillside. The brick is laid in common bond and at one time was painted a red color. Since the paint color is almost identical to the brick color, it is possible that the building was painted to protect the soft brick.

All eight facades are sixteen feet long. The two facades on either side of the main entrance facade contain a first floor, three sided, three windowed bay with a grouped pair of double hung windows directly above on the second floor. The remaining facades contain a maximum of four, two over two double hung windows. All windows have a stone sill and are topped with a shallow segmental arch. The roof is low pitched and contains three gabled dormers. The brick is corbelled beneath the eaves. The house is simple and straightforward, void of ornamentation.

The front porch, facing east towards the river, defines the main entrance facade. The wooden single story porch is an irregular hexagon in plan. It contains six doric columns and a simple balustrade with turned balusters.

The first floor plan consists of four large rooms radiating around a central octagonal stairhall containing a spiral staircase. Two main doors serve the house from the porch. One, distinguished by a etched glass window, enters directly into the formal parlor. The other door, less decorative, leads to the sitting room. On the interior, these two main rooms are connected by large double pocket doors. These two rooms each contain a three windowed bay. Behind the sitting room is the kitchen. The fourth room on the first floor has subsequently been divided, accommodating a bathroom, pantry and storage.

The small central staircase hall has wainscoting which continues up the stairs. The stairs spiral around a column directly on the center of the house.

The second floor also contains four large rooms arranged around the central stairhall. The stairhall is octagonal in plan, but with unequal sides. The stairway to the attic pivots around a separate axis and in the opposite direction of the main stairway. The attic is one large room, punctuated with three dormers.

With the exception of the addition of the bathroom on the first floor and interior decoration, the house remains unaltered.

B SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1887 built BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert Waugh

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Robert Waugh was born in Selkirkshire, Scotland in 1838, came to the United States in 1850, and settled in Marshall County in 1853. In 1870, Waugh established a dry goods business on Ferry Street in Sparland. Waugh lived above his store until 1887 when his octagonal house was completed on the property he had purchased for twenty-five dollars in 1886.

In 1913, the house was purchased by Waugh's business partner, Andrew Aitchison. The house remained in the Aitchison family until 1973 when it was purchased by Gary and Nancy Coker, present owners.

The reason for Waugh's choice to build an octagonal plan house is unknown. It is highly probable that he was influenced by an octagonal house (built in 1856, today is greatly altered) located approximately ten miles southeast of Sparland.

To date, there are only ten known octagonal houses remaining in Illinois. Of these, eight are frame, one is stone; the Sparland Octagonal House is the only known brick octagonal residence. While the others have been altered with additions, the Sparland Octagonal House remains unaltered, as it appeared in 1887.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bicentennial Commission of Marshall Co., "Deep Are The Roots",
Riverside Press, 1976 Henry, Illinois

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 10 of Cotton's 2nd Addition, Sparland,
Marshall County

S ½ of 14 S ½ of 15

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Brian Conway, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Illinois Department of Conservation

DATE

2-6-78

STREET & NUMBER

405 E. Washington

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Springfield,

STATE

Illinois

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

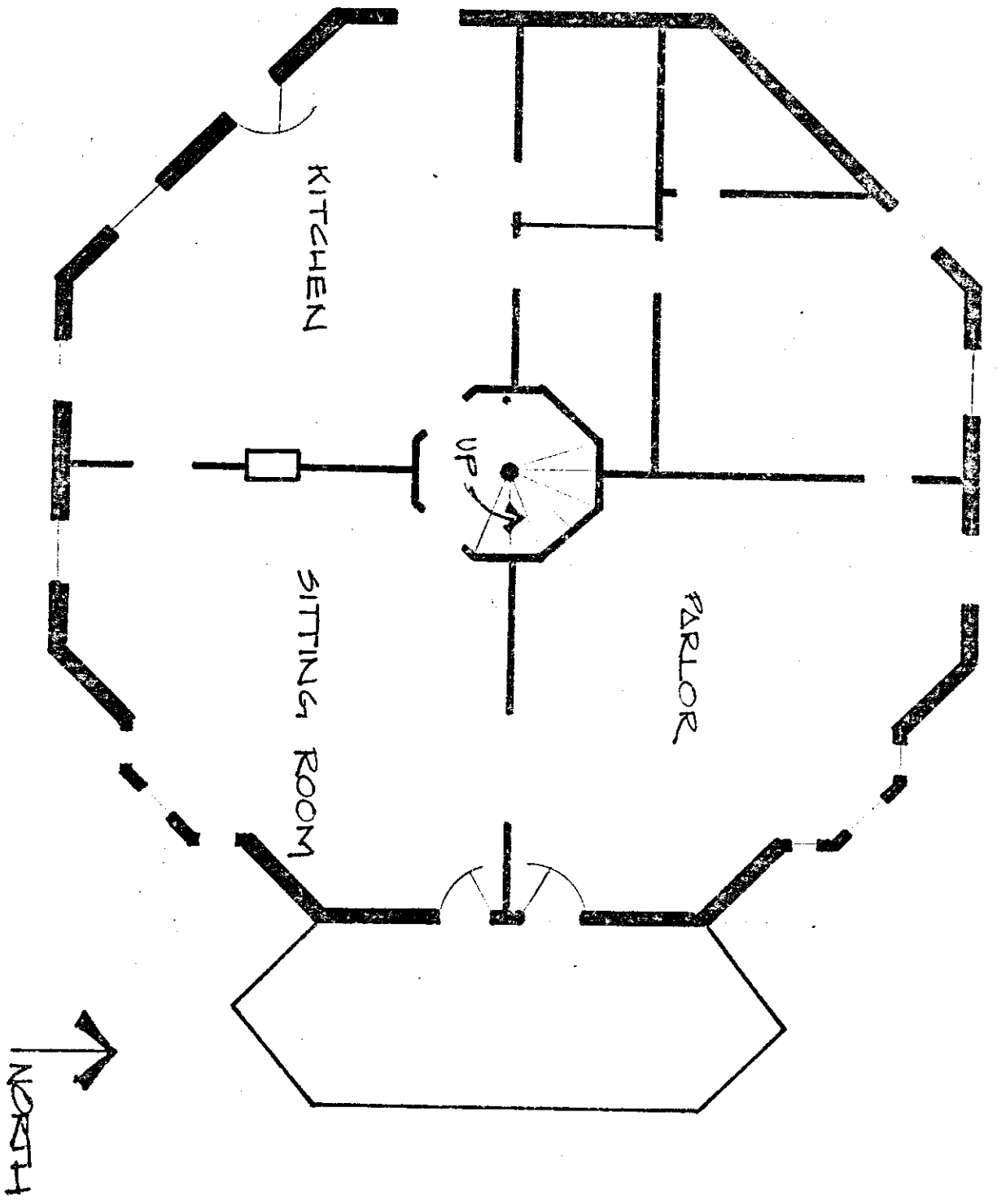
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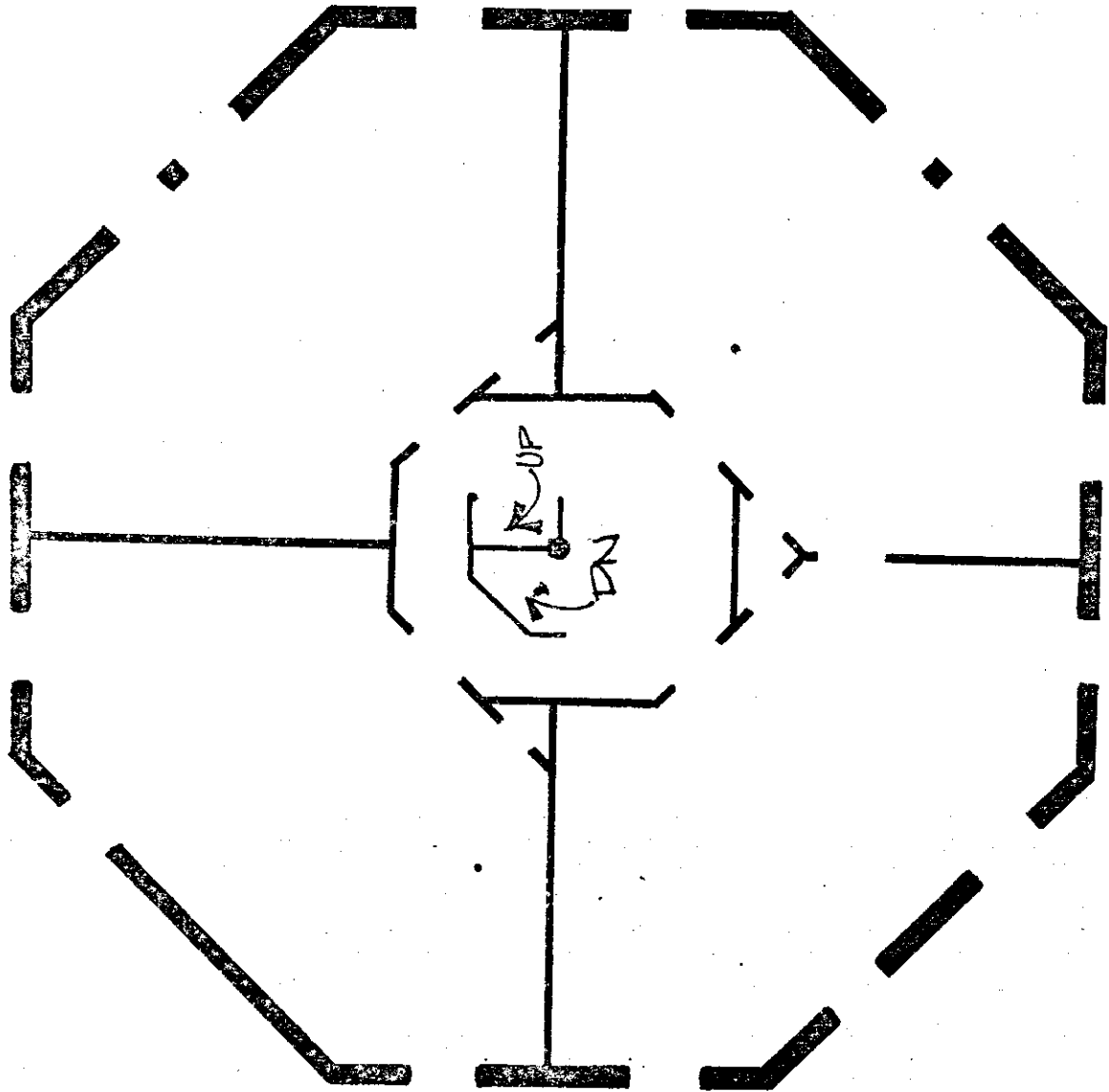
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WAUGH HOUSE

SPARLAND, ILLINOIS

FIRST FLOOR
NOT TO SCALE





NORTH

SECOND FLOOR
NOT TO SCALE

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered OCT 4 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Waugh, Robert, House	Sparland Marshall County
Ridgewood	Evanston Cook County
Lebanon Historic District	Lebanon St. Clair County

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Honorable Charles M. Price

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