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Historic Sites Survey



State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

2-story log I-house constructed of logshewn on four sides. Logs were marked with roman numerals, joined with ½-dovetailed corners and spaces between logs chinked with small wood chips and clay. Quarter-turn staircase in center hall. All facades weatherboarded except front facade. Ell added to northeast corner of rear facade.

ALTERATIONS:

Front and rear porches removed, weatherboarding of front facade replaced with brick and entrance altered.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Smoke house with half-notches joining wall logs hewn on four sides so that there is no space between the logs.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Hilliard House is architecturally significant as Lawrence County's only I-house, this nomination's only 2-story house, and the only known example of a 2-story log house in eastern Mississippi. It exhibits a high quality of workmanship, seen in its wall logs hewn on four sides, joined with ½-dove-tailed corners and marked with roman numerals to assure the correct placing of the logs. Although the integrity of the front facade has been jeopardized by the new brick facade, the high degree of integrity exhibited by the structure's interior and its importance as noted above warrant its inclusion. The outbuilding on the property, a smoke house, is the most well built outbuilding in the county. Its wall logs are hewn on all sides and joined with ½-notches. The resulting close fit of the logs required no other ceiling and is an uncommon example of fine workmanship.

NAME: Hilliard House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Wanilla *Miss.*

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Benham
ADDRESS Rt. 3, Monticello 39654

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1840

STYLE: log I-house

ARCH/BUILDER: John Hilliard

SOURCE OF DATE: land records

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

The Hilliard House is historically associated with the Hilliard family who migrated to Lawrence County from North Carolina. Capt. Robert Hilliard served in the War of 1812 and came to Lawrence County with Gen. Arthur Fox before 1814. This property was bought by John H. Hilliard in 1839 and included 325 acres at that time. The Hilliards were a wealthy and prominent family and represent the Pearl River's cotton planter class in Lawrence County.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

S17-T8N-R11E

A lot 500' square with house at center of western boundary.

ACREAGE: less than five acres

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