

Historic Sites Survey (No. 25)



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Dogtrot with square-hewn logs and square corner notches, approximately fifty-five feet long. Upper beams project to form four-foot overhang on gable ends, which necessitate holes in the roof for the chimneys. Stick-and-mud chimney on west side was taken down; brick chimney on east facade. The dogtrot uses iron stones for its foundation blocks. The vertical-board shed roof on rear facade has large tree-stump foundation blocks.

ALTERATIONS:

UTBULDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Rolling hills used for cattle grazing.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property was acquired by William Covington, who later fought in the Civil War. Covington acquired the property in 1847 from the executor of Alexander Trotter's estate. He was the "highest and best bidder" for the parcels of land, paying \$26.40 on two years' installment for 120 acres.

The association of this house with William Covington, an important Clarke County resident and one-time clerk of the circuit and probate courts, contributes to its historical significance. It is also architecturally significant as a folk structure, one of five log dogtrots in the county. Significant features are foundation blocks of pitch pine and iron stone, logs hewn on four sides with square corner notches, and a four foot roof overhang on the gable ends that originally protected the stick and mud chimneys.

NAME: Covington House

STREET NO.:

TOWN/VIC: Desoto vicinity

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT: 25-2-15 lot 7

PRESENT OWNER: William R. and Miriam Covington
 Address: Route 2, Box 219, Shubuta 39360

PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: Ca. 1848

STYLE: folk-dogtrot

ARCH/BUILDER: William Covington

SOURCE OF DATE: deed

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 NEIGHBORHOOD LOCAL X
 STATE NATIONAL

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 25-2-15

A lot 200' square with house at center

CREAGE: less than one acre

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