

# Historic Sites Survey

8000 2260



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-story frame house, originally a one-room log house that was constructed with split logs and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -dovetail corner notches. Foundation of pine blocks, eaves extend on left gable side wall to protect stick and mud chimney (no longer extant). Hall (now enclosed) and second pen added circa 1890. Shed roof porch across front facade supported on hand-hewn square posts, water shelf at porch's left (south) end.

## ALTERATIONS:

## OUTBUILDINGS:

Log stables constructed of peeled logs joined with saddle corner notches, later barn.

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Surrounded by open fields and pasture, forest on north. Fieldstone and brick bordered flower gardens and walkways at front and sides of house.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Robbins House is architecturally significant as a single-pen log house that evolved to the dogtrot type with the subsequent addition of a center hall and second pen. The split log construction of the original pen with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -dovetailed corners is characteristic of post-Civil War folk structures. On the premises are also found the county's single example of log stables, constructed of peeled poles joined with saddle notches.

The Robbins House and land is historically significant because it was homesteaded after the Civil War in accordance with a May 20, 1862 Act of Congress, "To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain." The house has been owned continually by the Robbins family.

NAME: Robbins House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Jayess

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Lexie Robbins

ADDRESS Rt. 2, Box 171

PRESENT USE: Jayess, MS

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: 1882

STYLE: log house/dogtrot

ARCH/BUILDER: John Aaron Robbins

SOURCE OF DATE: owner

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

S9-T5N-R11E  
A lot 500' square with house at center .

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

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