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# Historic Sites Survey

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story dogtrot, elevated one foot on large field-stones. Interior ceiled with wide pine boards, no serious modernizing. Roof line altered to create undercut gallery and incorporate rear rooms under salt-box type room, log structure weatherboarded. Both ends of front gallery have been enclosed for additional rooms, pilasters at corners of these rooms. Shed rooms added to rear (west) facade.

ALTERATIONS: Center gable added to front facade.

OUTBUILDINGS: Smokehouse with half notched corners joining logs hewn on four sides; another log building constructed of peeled poles with saddle notched corners.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Johnson House is architecturally significant as Lawrence County's earliest known log dogtrot, one of three log dogtrots in the county. Additionally, two log outbuildings are located on the premises: a smokehouse with half-notched corners (one of two examples in the county of this type of cornering), and an outbuilding of peeled poles with saddle notched corners.  
Its historical significance is attributed to its association with its builder, Andrew Johnson, Sr., an early Lawrence County settler who migrated to the Sontag area from Tennessee before 1820. Johnson homesteaded the southwest quarter of this section (160 acres), and acquired title according to the provisions of the April 24, 1820 Act of Congress "An Act Making Further Provision for Sale of Public Lands" subject to sale at Washington, Mississippi. The property has been owned continuously by Johnson's descendants, and he is buried on the property (died September 17, 1849; 55 years old).

NAME: Johnson-White House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Sontag *Ms.*

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Emma Allen  
ADDRESS 105 North Fisher

PRESENT USE: Brookhaven 39601

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1820

STYLE: dogtrot

ARCH/BUILDER: Andrew Johnson, Sr.

SOURCE OF DATE: census

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
LOCAL X  
STATE  
NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: S22/R10E/T8N  
A lot five hundred feet square with house at center.

ACREAGE: less than five acres

UTM REF:

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