

Historic Sites Survey (No. 18)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story gable-roof frame residence with undercut galleries on front (north) and rear (south) facades. Seven bays by two; five interior bays on front facade project and form an additional room on each side of central hall. Front gallery originally extended across the entire facade but has been shortened and exterior columns are now supported on brick pedestals. Rear gallery has one enclosed end and a doorway identical to the front entrance.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

During the Civil War, the small room at the northwest end of the house was used as a stockade when fighting erupted between two Confederate regiments of General O'Farrell's brigade camped near Enterprise. The only entrance to this room is from the front gallery.

The Compton-Short house's historical significance is attributed to its Civil War associations. It is architecturally significant as one of two "coastal cottage" type houses in the county. Although it has the double-pitched roof of this vernacular house type, it has an additional bay at each end and is three rooms deep in the interior bays, making it especially unique. In addition, front and rear facades have undercut galleries. Greek Revival details include the double leaf entrance with multi-light sidelights



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NAME: Compton-Short House

STREET NO: Tuscaboma St.

TOWN/VIC: Enterprise

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Eunice G. Short

ADDRESS: Enterprise 39330

PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: Ca. 1850

STYLE: Greek Revival

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE:

ENVIRONMENT: rural residential

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:

and transom, flush board front facade with corner pilasters, and galleries supported by square columns.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 19-4-15
As described in DB 74 p. 487
200' square lot with house at center

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

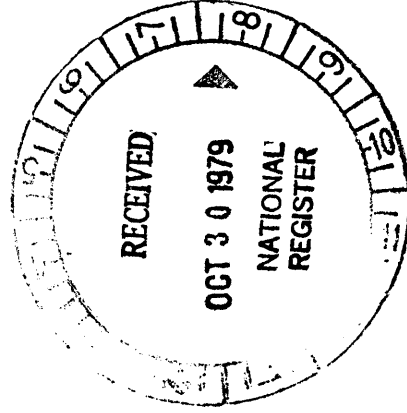
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