

# Historic Sites Survey

(No. 1)



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One story gable-roof frame residence with undercut gallery on front (east) facade, shed roof on rear (west) facade. Ends of the undercut gallery have been enclosed to form small rooms, and the original flush board facade is visible in these rooms. The room at the southeast end appears to be a "parson's room" as the only entrance to this room is from the front gallery. Six-over-six windows with paneled shutters painted green. Central-hall plan. Hand-riven shingles.

## ALTERATIONS:

Small rooms on front gallery; shed porch on rear facade; chimneys have been replaced.

## OUTBUILDINGS:

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Rural landscape setting, fields in view to northwest, forest to the south, Chunky River on the east.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

W. A. and Laura L. Ward moved to Clarke County in 1846 from the Kershaw district of South Carolina (Camden). They settled north of Enterprise on an 800-acre tract on the Chunky River and lived in a log cabin until their home was built. W. A. Ward became a very successful planter and was almost hanged by Sherman's troops when they invaded Enterprise. The soldiers were after \$1800 in gold that Ward had received from the sale of cotton shipped down the Chickasawhay River to Mobile, Alabama, sometime before the Enterprise invasion.

The Ward House is historically significant because of its Civil War associations and the contributions made by the Ward family to the economic and social development of Enterprise. The house and land have been owned continuously by the Wards for over 125 years. The architectural significance of the Ward house is attributed to its being one of two antebellum "coastal cottages" in the county, a vernacular house type with a double pitched roof. It is presently under restoration.

NAME: Ward House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Enterprise (approximately 3 miles N)

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Thomas R. Ward

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 3007, Meridian 39301

PRESENT USE: vacant - under restoration

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: 1853

STYLE: Greek Revival vernacular

ARCH/BUILDER: William Alfred Ward

SOURCE OF DATE: family records, deed

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 1-4-14 Commence 120 yards E of SW corner SW1/4 SW1/4 on section line between sections 1 and 12 run E 140 yards N 70 yards to point of beginning.

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