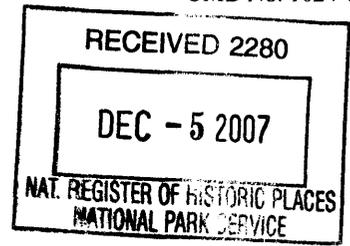


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name Jenkins Farmhouse
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1190 Lee Road 38 not for publication N/A
city or town N/A vicinity Dupree
state Alabama code AL county Lee code 017 081 zip code 36804

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Elizabeth Ann Brown Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer November 30, 2007
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): _____

Patricia Andrews 1/15/2008
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Period of Significance circa 1912

Significant Dates circa 1912

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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Section 7: Narrative Description

The John Edmon Jenkins Farmhouse is located on a rural agricultural site in Lee County, Alabama. In addition to the principal farm dwelling, only a contributing frame garage remains of the historic farmstead. The site is relatively flat and bounds the west side of Lee Road 38. The house faces the road and is set back on the site approximately twenty yards. A small contributing frame garage is located to the south of the house. Only 3.8 acres remain of what was once the 184-acre Jenkins farmstead. The remaining acreage has been subdivided in recent years between members of the Jenkins family.

Farmhouse

The farmhouse is an L-shaped 1-story frame dwelling with a steeply-pitched hipped roof with cross gables and three interior brick chimneys. A narrow boxed cornice above a plain frieze board has gable returns. The house faces north and has a three by two bay core with a slightly projecting gable bay at the west bay of its façade and a one bay wide and four bay deep rear wing to the east. A full-width hipped porch extends across the façade and is supported by turned wood posts. A similar rear shed porch within the ell has been partially glassed in. The exterior is clad with wood weatherboards. The house has a brick pier foundation with stone underpinning the chimneys.

The principal entrance is centered in the facade and has a single-light transom with wide 1/1 double hung sidelights over low bulkheads with diagonal beaded board panels. The historic single-light over single-panel door with incised moldings remains. Single wood 9/1 double hung sash windows flank the entrance. Diamond-shaped decorative panels are centered in both roof gables. The two northern bays of the core's west elevation have single wood 2/2 double hung sash windows. The four southern bays at the rear ell wing have similar windows in the first and third bays and entrances at the second and fourth bays. The three northern bays are located within the glassed-in enclosure at the rear porch. The two western bays of the core's south elevation contain a similar single 2/2 window and an entrance. A former entrance to the interior hallway at the eastern bay has been enclosed with a small window. The east bay of the south elevation of the rear ell wing has a single 2/2 window. The two northern bays of the east elevation constitute the core and the two southern bays the rear ell. All bays have similar 2/2 windows.

The interior plan consists of a central hall flanked by four rooms, with two additional rooms in the rear ell wing. A small bathroom has been subdivided from the south end of the stairhall and a modern staircase has recently been added. Single entrances with simple 6-panel doors lead from the hall to the adjoining rooms except at the northeast room, which has glass French doors. The ceiling and walls in the front rooms and hallway are finished with smooth plaster or sheetrock above diagonal beaded board wainscoting. Rear rooms typically have wood ceilings and floor finishes. The core's southeast room retains a beaded board wainscoting. The core's southwest room has been converted for use as a kitchen. Rooms within the wing have wood ceilings and wall finishes with no wainscoting. Door surrounds and baseboards are simple plain boards. Historic wood flooring is exposed. Each room has a fireplace. Mantelpieces in the front two rooms have mirrored over-mantels. Remaining fireplaces have simple mantelpieces, consisting of mantel shelves supported by brackets.

Non-historic alterations to the house have been minimal and include the replacement of roofing with asphalt shingles, the creation of the bathroom at the south end of the stairhall, the glassing in of part of the rear porch, and the addition of a simple stair to the hallway. The overall condition of the house is excellent.

The site retains a contributing frame garage.

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Section 8: Statement of Significance

The Jenkins Farmhouse is significant under National Register criterion C in the area of architecture, as a good and intact example of a modest, early-twentieth century Lee County farmhouse. Constructed circa 1912 for Richard Horace and Hattie Jenkins, the house was the centerpiece of a 184-acre farm that remains in the Jenkins family. The period of significance for the property is that of its date of construction, circa 1912.

Historical Narrative

Mary Elizabeth Green acquired a land grant from the United States government on August 26, 1904, for the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section seventeen in township seventeen north, range twenty-seven east, containing 39.89 acres.¹ Mary was born Mary Elizabeth Groesbeck on December 6, 1846 and was the daughter of William and Harriett Groesbeck. She married the Reverend John A. Green on November 6, 1879.² Rev. Green was a Methodist circuit minister who was born in Georgia in 1849 and moved to this vicinity of Alabama about 1856. Green died unexpectedly of illness on October 17, 1881, leaving his widow and an infant daughter, Hattie Elizabeth, who had been born on March 13th of that year.³ After moving to the present site, Mary taught school at a one-room school house and was active in the nearby Watoola Methodist Church. She was the church organist and also donated the land on which the present sanctuary was built.

Green's daughter, Hattie, married Richard Horace Jenkins on January 8, 1903. Family tradition holds that Horace and Hattie built the present house in 1912, adjacent to "an old four-room house" in which Mary Green was then residing and which was subsequently torn down.⁴ Horace was a farmer who also did carpentry work and he and a Mr. Camp built the house.⁵ Jenkins primarily grew cotton and subsistence crops such as corn, peas, and butter beans. Horace and Hattie divorced circa 1940, with Hattie retaining the farm. Due to Hattie's failing health in the years before her death in 1945, her son, John Edmon Jenkins (1907-1977), and his wife, Cleo Louise Parker Jenkins (1913-2003), moved into the house to assist with her care. John Jenkins continued to operate the farm but also worked as an automobile salesman in Opelika. African-American neighbors on adjoining properties worked the farm while John was away in Opelika. In addition to growing crops, John maintained a herd of about thirty cows that provided meat and milk for the family.

After John's death in 1977, Cleo continued to live in the house until her death in 2003. In 1980, she divided the farm, retaining an eight-acre tract that includes the farmhouse and distributing the remainder to her son and two daughters.⁶ Her daughter, Glenda Eubanks, inherited the home place upon Cleo's death and in 2005 sold it to Cleo's grandson, Ellis Clyde Jenkins, Jr. (1956-).⁷

Architecture

Architecturally, the house exhibits late folk Victorian stylistic details. Significant features of the exterior include its boxed cornice with returns, brick chimneys, 9/1 and 2/2 windows, hipped roof, hipped front porch, and central entrance with transom and sidelights. The modest interior is defined by its overall central hall plan, spatial character, use of beaded board for wainscoting, and surviving trim which includes several period mantelpieces. The house retains its overall architectural integrity and is representative of a modest, early-twentieth century Lee County farmhouse.

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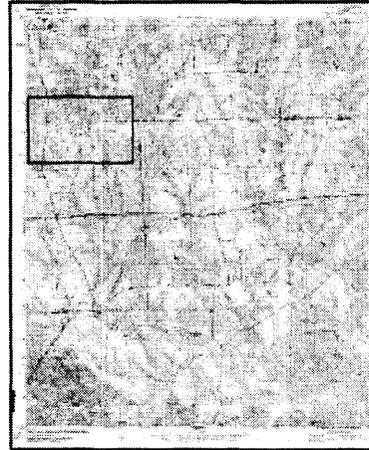
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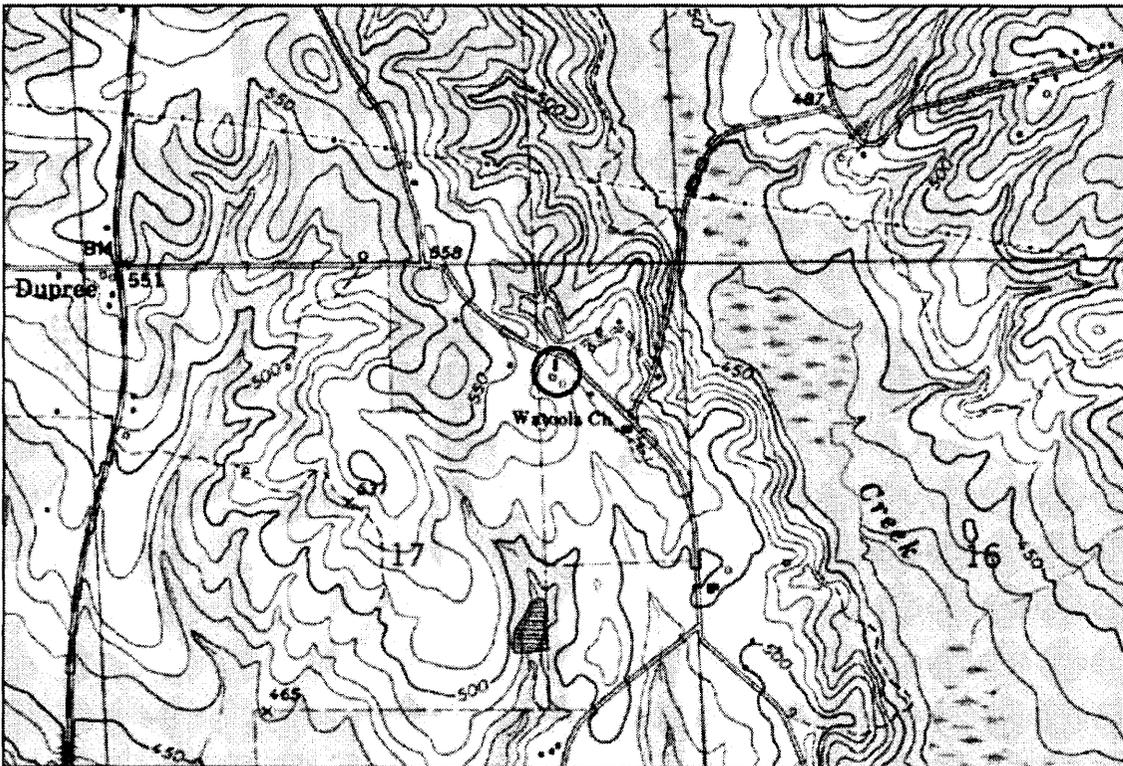
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Topo Map



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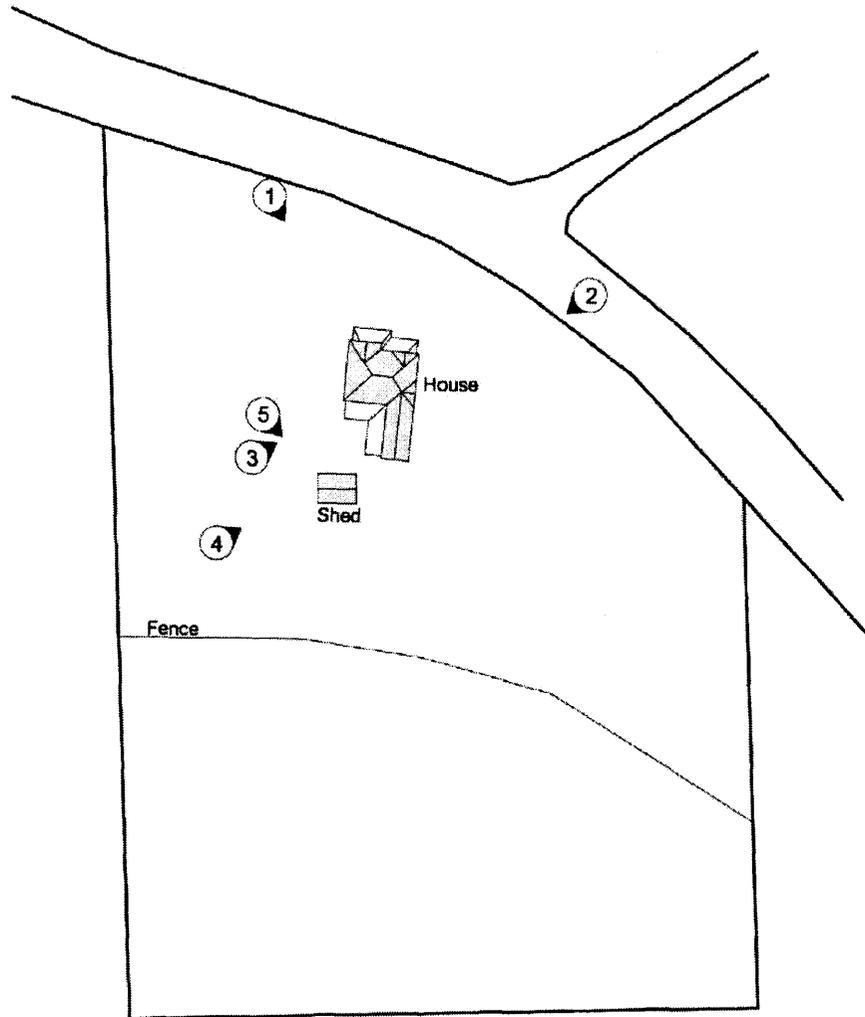
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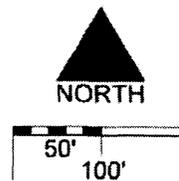
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3.8 acres



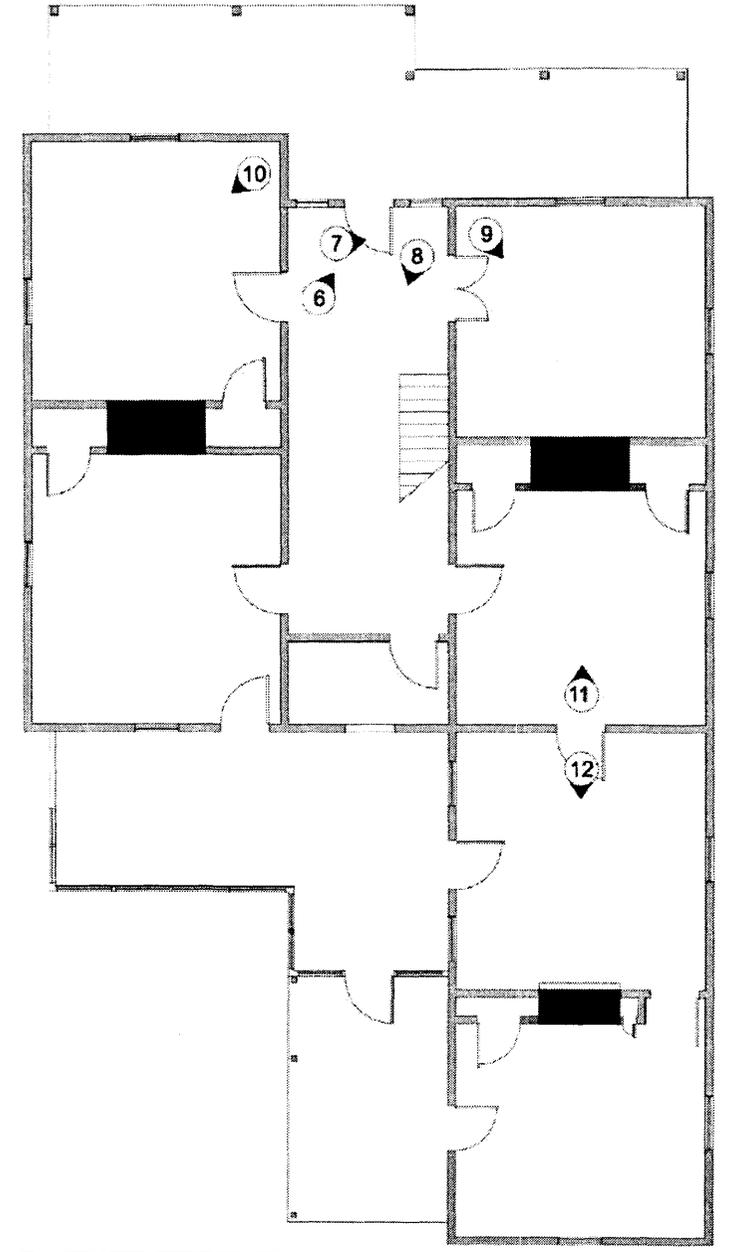
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Floorplan



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2. Dupree vicinity, Lee County, Alabama
3. David B. Schneider, Schneider Historic Preservation, LLC
4. October 2006
5. 411 E. 6th St., Anniston AL 36207
6. Farmhouse, north facade (left) & west elevation (right), camera facing southeast
7. Photo #01

6. Farmhouse, north facade (right) & east elevation (left), camera facing southeast
7. Photo #02

6. Farmhouse, west (left) and south (right) elevations, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #03

6. Farmhouse and Garage, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #04

6. Garage, north (left) & west (right) elevations, camera facing southeast
7. Photo #05

6. Farmhouse, interior, central hallway, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #06

6. Farmhouse, interior, central hallway, detail of door, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #07

6. Farmhouse, interior, central hallway, camera facing southwest
7. Photo #08

6. Farmhouse, northeast parlor, camera facing southeast
7. Photo #09

6. Farmhouse, northwest parlor, camera facing southwest
7. Photo #10

6. Farmhouse, southeast parlor, camera facing north
7. Photo #11

6. Farmhouse, room at rear wing, camera facing south
7. Photo #12