

Historic Sites Survey



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-story double-pen house, originally a one-room log house constructed of split logs joined with $\frac{1}{2}$ -dovetail corners. Foundation of pine blocks, eaves extend on east gable side wall although stick-and-mud chimney is no longer extant. Interior of original pen ceiled with narrow vertical boards, originally had sleeping loft. Shed-roof porch supported by porch posts which define entrance bay.

ALTERATIONS:

Second pen addition is weatherboarded as are shed rooms across rear (south) facade.

OUTBUILDINGS:

later barns

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Surrounded by forests with yard overgrown.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The architectural significance of the Crane-Mason House is its representation of a post-Civil War log house which developed into a double-pen house type. Its walls of split logs joined with $\frac{1}{2}$ -dovetailed notches are characteristic of folk houses of this period. Other stylistic features include the foundation of pine blocks, the extended eaves on the side (east) wall to shelter stick-and-mud chimney (no longer extant), and the interior's floored attic used as a sleeping loft.

NAME: Crane-Mason House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Center community

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Blanche Mason
ADDRESS Rt. 1, Monticello 39654

PRESENT USE: vacant

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1870

STYLE: log house/double-pen

ARCH/BUILDER: Charles Crane

SOURCE OF DATE: land records

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:

S18-T6N-R10E
A lot 500' square with house at center .

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

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