

# Historic Sites Survey (No. 27)



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story gable-roof frame residence with two-tier inset gallery. Center-hall plan; originally an open gallery on the rear beneath shed roof which gave access to the parson's room (directly off the porch on southeast corner) and the straight-run staircase. All window and door architrave trim is simple and hand-planed. Side gables have pent roofs, two interior chimneys. The house has been painted gray with green trim as these were determined to be the original colors. It has recently been restored and its only modern convenience is electricity.

## ALTERATIONS:

Ashed-roof screen porch was an early twentieth century addition to the original shed roof on the rear (south) facade.

## OUTBUILDINGS:

None of the original outbuildings, which included a kitchen, chicken house, and outhouse, remain.

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is architecturally significant as a large, unaltered plain-style interpretation of the Greek Revival. Historically it served as a community center for the vicinity and is possibly the site of the DeSoto Tavern that was located on the trace between Savannah, Georgia, and Natchez. An artesian well, cistern, and old dump sites are located to the east of the house, and the original property, almost a square mile, was at one time enclosed by hog wire.

NAME:	Carmichael House
STREET NO.:	
TOWN/VIC.:	DeSoto
COUNTY:	Clarke
BLOCK/LOT:	
PRESENT OWNER:	Gilbert E. Carmichael
ADDRESS:	2009 39th St., Meridian 39301
PRESENT USE:	residence
FORMER USE:	
DATE:	Ca. 1850
STYLE:	Greek Revival vernacular
ARCH/BUILDER:	
SOURCE OF DATE:	local history, style
ENVIRONMENT:	rural residential
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE	
NEIGHBORHOOD	
LOCAL	
STATE	X
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: 36-2-15

A lot 200' East and West by 500' North and South.

ACREAGE: less than five acres

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