



Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 16

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The Taylor-Falls House is a one-story, gable-roofed, picturesquely massed and irregularly fenestrated frame house on a residential lot facing east. The steeply-pitched multi-gable roof is pierced by three prominent plain chimneys. Across the facade is a three-bay flat roofed porch supported by slender chamfered posts which are embellished with bull's-eyes and carved brackets. The entrance is single-leaf door with upper, square, glass panel, and multi-pane sidelights and transom. The remaining facade fenestration, to the south of the entrance, consists of two two-over-four segmental-arched floor-to-ceiling windows. The gabled, front pavilion, projecting at the northeast corner, features square-cornered bay window with four segmental-arched, four-over-four windows (which are separated by engaged and embellished pilasters), a bracketed cornice and decorative panels. Specific Johnson details include the steeply-pitched, L-shaped gable roof, the chamfered posts with bull's-eyes, the square-cut bay window, and the high degree of ornamentation.

ALTERATIONS: Moved to site from southeast corner of Sycamore and Sledge Streets in 1919. Kitchen and Bathrooms added.

OUTBUILDINGS: None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: N/A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Taylor-Falls House is another of Andrew Johnson's well-proportioned superbly ornamented, L-shaped cottages. This is the only Johnson cottage in Como.

NAME: Taylor-Falls House
STREET NO: Pointer Avenue
TOWN/VIC: Como
COUNTY: Panola
BLOCK/LOT: See Verbal Boundary Description
PRESENT OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Falls
ADDRESS Pointer Avenue, Como, Mississippi 38619
PRESENT USE: Private residence
FORMER USE: Private residence
DATE: 1880s
STYLE: Johnson's embellished L-shaped cottage
ARCH/BUILDER: Andrew Johnson
SOURCE OF DATE: Stylistic deduction
ENVIRONMENT: Residential
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 LOCAL
 STATE X
 NATIONAL

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SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Walter S. Davis Survey March 8, 1888, Town of Como
Fraction Lots 3 & 4, Block 1

ACREAGE: less than one

UTM REF:

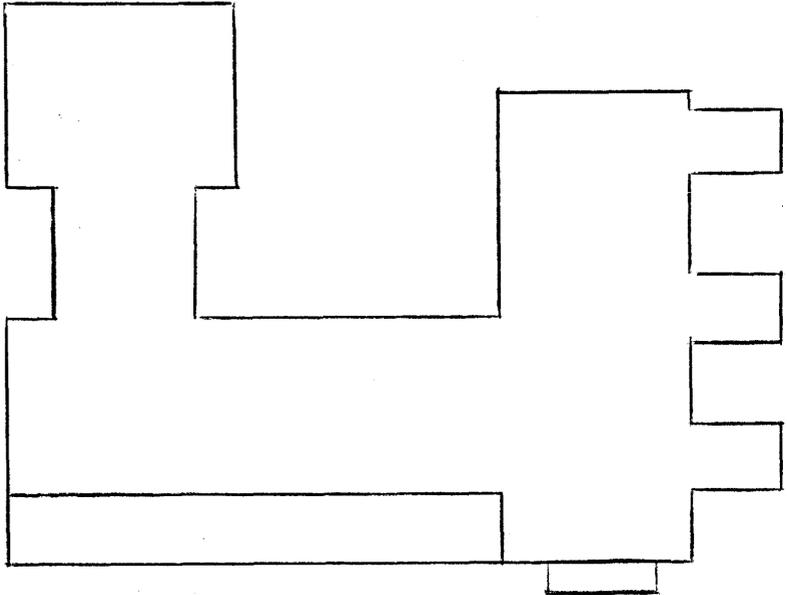
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