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# Historic Sites Survey



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**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One-story Greek Revival frame residence with under-cut gallery, five bays by four bays, raised on brick piers. Double-leaf panelled front and rear gallery doors, front entrance framed by transom and sidelights and pilasters supporting entablature. Front facade windows framed by pilasters supporting entablature, stylized columns along front gallery. Panelled wainscoting along front gallery, in center hall, and in front rooms which have original mantels. Pilasters at corners of the structure, gable returns, board-and-batten addition room adjoins rear facade gallery at north-east corner.

**ALTERATIONS:**

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

**LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** set in clearing at top of hill

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:** The Fox House is architecturally significant as Lawrence County's single Greek Revival residence that fully employs both the form and details characteristic of the style. Important features include the panelled wainscoting along the front gallery and in the center hall and two front rooms, and the front facade entrance and windows framed by pilasters supporting entablatures. This is the county's single ante-bellum example of this classical treatment of the windows and doors. Historically, the house is associated with the Fox family. General Arthur Fox, who served in the War of 1812, was an early Lawrence County settler, arriving before 1820. Fox served in the state senate from 1841 to 1848, and became a large landowner in the county. The prosperity of the Fox family enabled them to construct the finest house in Lawrence County, representative of the cotton planter's life style in the Pearl River's rich bottomland.

**NAME:** Fox House  
**STREET NO:**  
**TOWN/VIC:** Wanilla *Miss.*  
**COUNTY:** Lawrence  
**BLOCK/LOT:**  
**PRESENT OWNER:** Alton Sutton, Jr.  
**ADDRESS:** Route 4, Summit 39666  
**PRESENT USE:** vacant  
**FORMER USE:** residence  
**DATE:** ca. 1855  
**STYLE:** Greek Revival  
**ARCH/BUILDER:** Fox  
**SOURCE OF DATE:** style  
**ENVIRONMENT:** rural  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
LOCAL   
STATE  
NATIONAL

**PHOTOS**

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