

Historic Sites Survey

(No. 4)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story gable-roof frame residence, center-hall plan, that has been joined with a one-story frame cottage with undercut galleries on front and rear facades. This joining takes place at the southwest corner of the two-story house and its front gallery has been extended along the south facade and incorporated with the gallery of the cottage.

ALTERATIONS:

Gable-roof screen porch added to two-story building; also a gable-roof addition to northwest facade. Original chimney on north facade and chimney belonging to rear cottage are gone.

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of the earliest remaining houses in Enterprise and is historically significant because of this association. The Dearman house's architectural significance comes from the two house types the house now incorporates. The two-story section is the only antebellum I-house in the county, a folk house type that was dominant in the Upland South from the late 18th century until the early 20th century. The rear part of the house is one of five in the county of the undercut gallery type, and the only one to have galleries on the front and rear facades.

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NAME: Dearman House

STREET NO: corner of Bridge St. and River Rd.

TOWN/VIC: Enterprise

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Bertha Dearman

ADDRESS: Enterprise 39330

PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: Ca. 1820-1830

STYLE: Vernacular

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: style

ENVIRONMENT: residential

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: 24-4-14

200' square lot with house at center

ACREAGE: less than one acre

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