

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story one-room cabin with square-hewn logs and half dovetail corner notches. Front and rear doors and tiny window beside the chimney and in attic were the only original openings. Access to the front shed porch was originally by steps at the center bay. At that time the house faced the main road from Mobile to DeSoto and Enterprise, which ran along the top of the hill in front of the house.

LITERATIONS:

A shed-roof addition to the rear facade and gable-roof addition to side (south) facade were made before the twentieth century. The interior was remodeled in the 1950s.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Outbuildings which also are of logs and have notched corners include a corncrib and a cotton house which predates the main house.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property was purchased by John Adams, Miss McRae's great-grandfather, in 1845, and the family lived in an earlier log cabin until this one was completed. Adams burned his own bricks across the creek in front of the house in a clay pit.

The historical significance of this property is attributed to its continuous ownership by the same family since 1845, and its connection with the old ridge road that ran in front of the house, linking Mobile, DeSoto, and Enterprise. The Adams-Taylor-McRae house is architecturally significant as one of six of the county's antebellum folk structures. It is the single example in this group of the one-room log cabin type. Stylistic features include half-dovetail corner notches, the original small shuttered windows, and the three foot projection of the roof at the gable end to protect the chimney. In addition, there are two

NAME: Adams-Taylor-McRae House  
 STREET NO:  
 TOWN/VIC: Elwood Community  
 COUNTY: Clarke  
 BLOCK/LOT:  
 PRESENT OWNER: Miss Gertrude McRae  
 ADDRESS: Route 3, Quitman 39355  
 PRESENT USE: residence  
 FORMER USE:  
 DATE: Ca. 1845  
 STYLE: folk-log cabin  
 ARCH/BUILDER: John Adams  
 SOURCE OF DATE: deed  
 ENVIRONMENT: rural  
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
 NEIGHBORHOOD  
 LOCAL X  
 STATE  
 NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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

CONTINUATION:

remaining log outbuildings on the property, a cotton house and corncrib, that are the only structures of this type in the county still associated with the original dwelling.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 8-2-15

A lot 100' by 300 yards with house at SE corner

ACREAGE: less than five acres

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