



Historic Sites Survey

8000 2263

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-1/2 story frame residence, originally a one-room log house (left pen). Foundation of heart pine blocks. Center hall and 2nd pen added to form a dogtrot, roofline altered to create undercut gallery supported by square columns. Interior ceiled with wide boards hand-planed. Steep, quarter-turn enclosed staircase from right front room to attic, floored but not ceiled. Southeast end of front gallery enclosed circa 1900. Shed-roof porch added to rear (west) facade and center hall enclosed circa 1930.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Cemetery on creek bank behind house. Cedar and pecan trees, house surrounded by open fields.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Cannon House is architecturally significant as a single-pen log house that evolved to a dogtrot with elements of the Greek Revival style. The residence is historically associated with the Cannon family, early Lawrence County settlers who migrated from Georgia during the 1820's. Several members of the Cannon family were prominent in the county. Matthew B. Cannon served as probate judge during the 1830's and signed the land transaction that eventually came into the possession of Stephen A. Douglas. Matthew Cannon's son James M. became the owner of the house in 1857. He was a doctor and served in the Confederate Army. James' daughter Fannie married Jasper Armstrong, founder of the village of Arm (see no. 10). The house was owned by the Cannon family until 1897 when it became the property of J. D. Boozer, a doctor who practiced at Arm. It was recently acquired by the Garretts who plan to use the house as a restaurant.

NAME: Cannon House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Arm

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: George Garrett
ADDRESS: Route 1
Silver Creek, MS 39663

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1830

STYLE: log house/dogtrot/vernacular

ARCH/BUILDER: Jesse D. Cannon

SOURCE OF DATE: family records

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: S5-T6N-R20W

A lot 500' square with house at center.

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

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