MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF PLANTERSVILLE

DALLAS AND CHILTON COUNTIES, ALABAMA

Historic name: Store Owner: Henry E. Biscoe

Plantersville, AL 36758

Common name: Antique Store

Address: Plantersville, AL 36758

Acreage: 100' x 200': less than 1 UTM: 16/507/250/3613/250

Verbal boundary: See attached maps; includes store and immediate acreage.

Architectural design: Vernacular

Date of construction: c. 1870

Architect, Builder: unknown

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C, Architecture

This c. 1870 building is a representative example of mid-to-late 19th century vernacular commercial structures in rural Alabama communities. It is characterized by its pedimented front gable, recessed porch and symetrical three-bay facade. Structures of this type appear throughout the state from the early 19th century to mid-20th century.

Criterion A, Commerce

This small store represents the oldest surviving commercial building associated with Plantersville's role in the 19th century as a small mercantile center serving the surrounding agricultural community.

Integrity

The building has retained its basic overall exterior form with original 6/6 sash windows, paneled double leaf entry doors, board and batten siding and simple interior woodwork. It has, however, suffered some alterations including a turn-of-the century south wing, the replacement of original porch columns and the covering of the tympanum of the pedimented porch with corrugated metal.

Description

The building is a one-story board and batten three-bay structure, similar in style to many mid-19th century professional offices. The windows have 6 over 6 lights. The entrance double doors are paneled. Four round columns support the pediment, into which replacement siding has been introduced. The columns are set on masonry piers, probably of later origin than the building itself.