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Historic Sites Survey

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-½ story frame residence with undercut gallery supported by square columns; these columns flare toward the base and rest on brick pedestals set in front of the gallery. Raised 3 feet on foundation of brick piers. Front facade flush boarded, other facades weatherboarded with heart pine (now covered with asbestos). Three original mantels on interior, original plaster and lathe replaced with narrow beaded boards. Entrance framed by transom and sidelights, stairway in center hall.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Set in clearing surrounded by forests.

NAME: A. L. Smith House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Monticello

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Smith heirs, c/o Clarence Smit
ADDRESS Rt. 3, Monticello 39654

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1850

STYLE: Greek Revival/vernacular

ARCH/BUILDER: A. L. Smith

SOURCE OF DATE: WPA

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
NEIGHBORHOOD
LOCAL X
STATE
NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Smith House is architecturally significant as a vernacular example of the Greek Revival Style, one of two such houses in Lawrence Co. Stylistic details include its flush board front facade, entrance framed by transom and sidelights, and undercut gallery.

The property is historically significant as the residence of one of Lawrence County's Pearl River cotton planters. The land was acquired in 1836 by James H. Smith, transferred to Alvin L. Smith in 1839, and included 480 acres at that time (additional acreage later acquired). The plantation had a boat landing on the Pearl, a distance of approximately two miles. The

PHOTOS

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

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

S9-T7N-R11E
A lot 500' square with house at center of western boundary.

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

UTM REF:

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	714910	3491902
C			
B			
D			

FORM PREPARED BY: Jody Cook

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CONTINUATION:

Smith family has owned the house continuously since its construction and Clarence C. Smith is the current resident.

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