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Historic Sites Survey

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-story frame dogtrot house, originally a one-room log house (left pen). Foundation of pine blocks. Original pen has split log with dovetailed corners and extended eaves sheltering brick chimney. Log joists indicate original pen had front and rear porches. Center hall and second pen are weatherboarded as are shed rooms added to rear (south) facade.

ALTERATIONS:

Log pen has been covered with vertical boards on east facade, western end of front porch has been screened.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Barn with split logs joined with dovetail corners has cantilevered beams front and rear supporting extensions of the roof.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Open fields to the east and southeast, forests in other directions.

NAME: Wilson House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Center community

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Hula B. Wilson (Jesse)

ADDRESS Rt. 1, Monticello 39654

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1876

STYLE: log house/dogtrot

ARCH/BUILDER: Frank and Ida B. Wilson

SOURCE OF DATE: owner

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
- NEIGHBORHOOD
- LOCAL X
- STATE
- NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The architectural significance of the Wilson House is seen in its evolution from a single-pen log house to a dogtrot type. The original pen's split log walls joined with dovetailed corners are characteristic of folk house construction after the Civil War. The evolution of this one-room log house to a dogtrot is one of two post-Civil War developments of this house type in Lawrence Co.

Historically the house has been owned continuously by the family of the builders since its construction. It was the homestead of O. Frank and Ida Brister Wilson, and is presently occupied by Mrs. Hula B. Wilson, wife of the builders' youngest son Jesse.

PHOTOS

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

S18-T6N-R10E
A lot 500' square with house at center.

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

UTM REF:

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	762920	3486800
C			
B			
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