



Historic Sites Survey Inventory No. 20

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The Wardlaw-Swango House is a one-and-a-half story, gable/hip-roofed, frame Queen Anne residence on a residential lot facing west. The steeply-pitched hipped roof interacts with gabled pavilions at the southwest and northeast corners and a tower on the principal facade. The octagonal tower has a steeply-pitched tent roof with finials. The tower is shingled and its windows are one-over-one double-hung sash. An elaborately embellished gabled dormer has a series of round-arch lights framed as one round-arch window. The main entrance is double-leaf with glass-paneled doors surmounted by a transom. The pedimented porch portal is framed vertically by two square wooden battered columns on brick piers. Remaining fenestration on the first story is regularly one-over-one double-hung sash, while the facade shingled gable has a series of four elongated lights, and the other shingled gable has a small rectangular art-glass window.

ALTERATIONS:
 Porch enclosed.

OUTBUILDINGS: None extant

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Low bushes in front of house; larger trees in rear of property.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 Build in 1898, the Wardlaw-Swango House attests to Johnson's versatility as an architect as this residence differs considerably from his earlier, restrained L-shaped cottages. Here, as in his other designs of the period, Johnson skillfully employed classical and "modern" motifs to produce an exuberant Queen Anne structure.

NAME: Wardlaw-Swango House ✓
 STREET NO: Railroad Street ✓
 TOWN/VIC: Como ✓
 COUNTY: Panola
 BLOCK/LOT: See Verbal Boundary Description
 PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. R. D. Swango
 ADDRESS Railroad Street, Como, Mississippi 38619
 PRESENT USE: Residence
 FORMER USE: Residence
 DATE: 1898
 STYLE: Queen Anne
 ARCH/BUILDER: Andrew Johnson
 SOURCE OF DATE: Southern Reporter, November 25, 1898
 ENVIRONMENT: Residential
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 LOCAL
 STATE X
 NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Walter S. Davis Survey, March 8, 1888, Town of Como
Res and Lot 26, Block 4

ACREAGE: less than one

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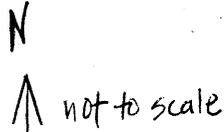
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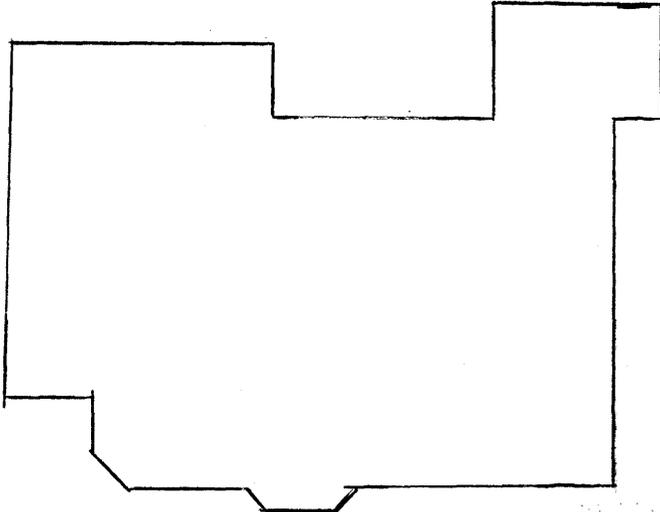
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Wardlaw-Swango House (#20), view to the
southeast

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