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

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

A lot 200' square with house at center

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	16	339460	3526270
C			
B			
D			

FORM PREPARED BY:

Jody Cook

DATE

May 1979

CONTINUATION:

an entrance frontispiece with double-leaf panelled doors framed by sidelights, transom, and pilasters supporting a full entablature, jib doors at the second and fourth bays, and pilasters on the front gallery and at all of the building's corners.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story five-bay L-plan hip-roof frame residence with hip-roof gallery across front facade. Entrance frontispiece has double-leaf doors with side lights, transom and pilasters which support a full entablature. Windows at the second and fourth bays have jib doors and are separated from the exterior bays by tall pilasters. Flush boards are also seen between these interior bays, indicating the location of the original porch. Gable added to hip roof on south facade has Palladian window. This is the only facade visible from the street. Gable-roof ell has boxed cornice with returns, pilasters at all corners.

ALTERATIONS:

Original gable-roof kitchen with boxed cornice and returns has been joined to main house by multigable additions which have altered the L-plan to a rectangle.

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

NAME: Hand House

STREET NO: North St. and RR tracks

TOWN/VIC: Shubuta

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT: Block 71, Lot A

PRESENT OWNER: William Brevard Hand
ADDRESS c/o Miss Caroline Hand
Shubuta 39360

PRESENT USE: vacant

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: Ca. 1850-1855

STYLE: Greek Revival

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: style

ENVIRONMENT: residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
NEIGHBORHOOD
LOCAL X
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of Shubuta's remaining antebellum homes. It faces the M & O railroad tracks on which the first train arrived in 1855.

The Mobile & Ohio Railroad constructed many shops and a roundhouse at Shubuta, and as a result the village grew to be a trade center for the area between the Pearl and Tombigbee Rivers. For a time the largest town between Mobile and Meridian, Shubuta's prosperity lasted until the 1880's when the M & O closed its shops. The Hand house is historically significant because of its connection with this early period of Shubuta's growth. It is architecturally significant as a Greek Revival house of the pyramidal roof type, and is one of two in the county of this type without an inset gallery. Architecturally interesting features include

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HAND HOUSE
Shubuta, Clarke County, Mississippi
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Front facade which faces west.
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