Lawrence Co. Fox House Wanilla TR

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Historic Sites Survey

State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story Greek Revival frame residence with undercut gallery, five bays by four bays, raised on brick piers. Double-leaf panelled front and rear gallery doors, front entrance framed by transom and sidelights and pilasters supporting entablature. Front facade windows framed by pilasters supporting entablature, stylized columns along front gallery. Panelled wainscoting along front gallery, in center hall, and in front rooms which have original mantels. Pilasters at corners of the structure, gable returns, board-and-batten addition room adjoins rear facade gallery at northeast corner.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: set in clearing at top of hill

NAME: Fox House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Wanilla

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Alton Sutton, Jr.
ADDRESS Route 4, Summit 39666

PRESENT USE: vacant

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1855

STYLE: Greek Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Fox

SOURCE OF DATE: style

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
NEIGHBORHOOD
LOCAL X
STATE
NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Fox House is architecturally significant as Lawrence County's single Greek Revival residence that fully employs both the form and details characteristic of the style. Important features include the panelled wainscoting along the front gallery and in the center hall and two front rooms, and the front facade entrance and windows framed by pilasters supporting entablatures. This is the county's single ante-bellum example of this classical treatment of the windows and doors. Historically, the house is associated with the Fox family. General Arthur Fox, who served in the War of 1812, was an early Lawrence County settler, arriving before 1820. Fox served in the state senate from 1841 to 1848, and became a large landowner in the county. The prosperity of the Fox family enabled them to construct the finest house in Lawrence County, representative of the cotton planter's life style in the Pearl River's rich bottomland.

PHOTOS

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: S19/T8N/R11E
A lot 150 ft. square with house at center.

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	772530	3505470
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