

Historic Sites Survey



State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-story log house, second pen (frame) added on south facade but has deteriorated. Foundation of pine blocks, logs hewn on four sides and joined with $\frac{1}{2}$ -dovetailed corners. Eaves extend on left (north) facade to shelter brick chimney. Interior not ceiled as logs fit tightly, attic floored but no stairs extant. All facades except front have been weatherboarded, shed rooms added to rear (east) facade.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

Set in large clearing surrounded by forest.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Douglas House is architecturally significant as a well constructed single-pen log house constructed prior to the Civil War. Quality of workmanship is seen in the wall logs hewn on all sides and joined with $\frac{1}{2}$ -dovetailed notches which fit tightly and did not require interior ceiling. Additional characteristic features are the foundation of pine blocks and the extended eaves on the north facade that shelter the chimney.

Historically it was associated with its builder, Elisha Douglas, a pioneer Baptist preacher and Mason who served in the Confederate Army.

NAME: Douglas House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Sontag

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. J. Leslie May
ADDRESS Sontag, MS 39665

PRESENT USE: vacant

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: 1858

STYLE: log house

ARCH/BUILDER: Elisha Douglas

SOURCE OF DATE: land records

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

S23-T8N-R10E
A lot 500' square with house at center.

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

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Douglas House (no. 20)

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