

Historic Sites Survey

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1-story frame residence with double-pitched roof sheltering front and rear galleries. Both ends of front gallery and south end of rear gallery enclosed to form small rooms. Raised 3 feet on foundation of brick piers. Interior ceiled with wide heart pine boards.

ALTERATIONS:

Rear gallery enclosed, center hall enclosed in 1920's, staircase in hall removed, asbestos siding applied.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Smokehouse with 1/2 dovetailed corners, dirt floor, peeled poles to hang sausage, hams, etc. on.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Set in clearing at top of hill.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Newsom-Smith House was constructed by Isaac Newsom, who came to Lawrence County circa 1830 with John Newsom. The Newsoms were originally from North Carolina, and arrived at Lawrence County via Georgia and Marion County. The Newsoms settled this area east of the Pearl in the northeastern section of the county, and built similar if not identical houses on their neighboring plantations. The house has been owned continuously by the Smith family since the post-Civil War period, circa 1865. Its historical significance is attributed to its association with the Newsom family, important early settlers of Lawrence County, and to its extended ownership by the Smith family for over 100 years.

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NAME: Newsom-Smith House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: New Hebron *mic.*

COUNTY: Lawrence

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Dale Smith
ADDRESS: Route 1
New Hebron, MS 39140

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1835

STYLE: coastal cottage

ARCH/BUILDER: Isaac Newsom

SOURCE OF DATE: land records, census

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL ☒ X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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CONTINUATION:

The Newsom-Smith House is architecturally significant as 1 of 2 coastal cottage house types in the county. On the premises are located several attendant outbuildings including a log smokehouse with half-dovetailed corners.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: S26-T9N-R20W
A lot 500' square with house at center.

ACREAGE: less than 5 acres

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Newsom-Smith House (no. 4)

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Newsom-Smith House (no. 4), smokehouse with
half-dovetailed corners

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