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Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS. 39205**Historic Sites Survey** (No. 22)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story gable-roof frame residence with pedimented tetrastyle portico. Single-leaf door framed by pilasters, side lights, and transom with rectangular and octagonal inset panels between end pilasters of the frontispiece. Center-hall plan originally opened onto rear gallery (now enclosed) with small rooms at each end. Missing sections of the front porch cedar railing are being replaced with western cedar of the same design and morticed like the original.

ALTERATIONS:

Composition roof now covers pine shingles; two of six chimneys have been torn down; shed-roof porch added to southeast facade, which also has some altered window fenestration.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Later kitchen building (now a smokehouse) directly to rear of center hall has been joined to the main house.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Some cedar trees that once lined the walk from the front gate to the house still remain; also large magnolias, crepe myrtle, and roses.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The McGowan-Fatherree plantation house was built by the McGowan brothers, originally from Georgia, and was located on the old stagecoach road. The McGowan family became the leading family in the immediate vicinity, and their plantation was a gathering place for political, social, and religious functions. Hamilton and Elbert McGowan were twins, and, along with their younger brother, Robert, they helped to construct the first Methodist church in the area, McGowan's Chapel in 1857.

The plantation was entirely self-sufficient. Cotton, corn, vegetable crops and melons were cultivated. A cotton gin was operated on the place and cotton ginned for the neighbors. There was also a grist mill, saw mill, and molasses mill located on the original homestead.

NAME: Forestdale Plantation

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Pachuta

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: A. P. and T. B. Fatherree
ADDRESS 1222 Greymont Ave., Jackson 39202

PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: Ca. 1855-1857

STYLE: Greek Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Hamilton and Elbert McGowan,
slave labor

SOURCE OF DATE: deed

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL

STATE

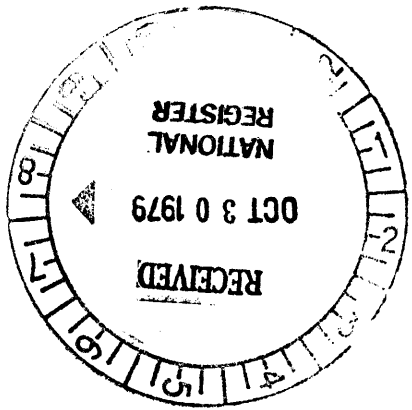
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SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:



PHYSICAL CONDITION:

fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 13-2-14

A lot 500' square with house at center

ACREAGE: less than five acres

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FORESTDALE PLANTATION *Res.*

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Detail of entrance frontispiece.

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Front facade.

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