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Historic Sites Survey (No. 23)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story one-room cabin with square-hewn logs and half dovetail corner notches. Front and rear doors and tiny window beside the chimney and in attic were the only original openings. Access to the front shed porch was originally by steps at the center bay. At that time the house faced the main road from Mobile to DeSoto and Enterprise, which ran along the top of the hill in front of the house.

ALTERATIONS:

A shed-roof addition to the rear facade and gable-roof addition to side (south) facade were made before the twentieth century. The interior was remodeled in the 1950s.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Outbuildings which also are of logs and have notched corners include a corncrib and a cotton house which predates the main house.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This property was purchased by John Adams, Miss McRae's great-grandfather, in 1845, and the family lived in an earlier log cabin until this one was completed. Adams burned his own bricks across the creek in front of the house in a clay pit.

The historical significance of this property is attributed to its continuous ownership by the same family since 1845, and its connection with the old ridge road that ran in front of the house, linking Mobile, DeSoto, and Enterprise. The Adams-Taylor-McRae house is architecturally significant as one of six of the county's antebellum folk structures. It is the single example in this group of the one-room log cabin type. Stylistic features include half-dovetail corner notches, the original small shuttered windows, and the three foot projection of the roof at the gable end to protect the chimney. In addition, there are two

NAME: Adams-Taylor-McRae House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Elwood Community

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Miss Gertrude McRae
ADDRESS Route 3, Quitman 39355

PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: Ca. 1845

STYLE: folk-log cabin

ARCH/BUILDER: John Adams

SOURCE OF DATE: deed

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

- NEIGHBORHOOD
- LOCAL X
- STATE
- NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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

CONTINUATION:

remaining log outbuildings on the property, a cotton house and corncrib, that are the only structures of this type in the county still associated with the original dwelling.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 8-2-15

A lot 100' by 300 yards with house at SE corner

ACREAGE: less than five acres

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Front facade which faces west.

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