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Historic Sites Survey (No. 21)

State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Dogtrot with square-hewn logs and half-dovetail corner notches. Each pen is about eighteen feet long, the original dogtrot (now with doors) about ten feet. A fifty-five-foot beam supports the roof overhang through which holes were cut for the chimneys. Blocks of pitch pine are used for the foundation. Mud-and-stick chimney on northeast facade was replaced by bricks in 1951 but original foundation stones remain. A larger chimney of brown sand rocks on the southwest facade fell down in the 1930s and has not been replaced.

ALTERATIONS:

Small shuttered windows have been enlarged and sashes added; shed-roof addition to rear facade; original front porch gone.

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

NAME: McNeill-McGee House

STREET NO:

TOWN/VIC: Lake Bounds

COUNTY: Clarke

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Charles A. and Irene H. McGee
ADDRESS Rt. 2
Vossburg, MS 39366

PRESENT USE: vacant

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: 1830

STYLE: folk-dogtrot

ARCH/BUILDER: Wiley McNeill

SOURCE OF DATE: deed

ENVIRONMENT: rural

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
NEIGHBORHOOD
LOCAL X
STATE
NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The McNeill-McGee house is architecturally significant as a folk structure, one of five log dogtrots in Clarke County. Although the integrity of this structure as photographed appears questionable, the only serious deterioration of the building is that of the right pen's front facade (pictured). Water damage, caused by a large tree, now removed, has resulted in the deterioration of several of the wall's logs. However, the sill and the rest of the dogtrot's structure still maintains their integrity. Significant folk architectural features include the foundation blocks of pitch pine, half-dovetail corner notches, and logs hewn on all sides. The historical significance of this dogtrot is that it is one of two such structures in the county that functioned strictly as a pioneer

PHOTOS

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

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 32-1-14

200' square lot with house at center

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	16	321270	3529580
C			
B			
D			

FORM PREPARED BY: Jody Cook

DATE: May 1979

CONTINUATION:

dwelling, and was not later a plantation outbuilding, and was associated with the old Mobile-Paulding-Brandon ridge road. The house was built by Wiley McNeill shorty after he purchased the land from the United States in 1830. McNeill's lifestyle was representative of that necessary for survival as a pioneer. In addition to being a Methodist preacher, his other occupations included the making of hats of wool, fur, and pine needles, and the tanning of cow hides from which leather shoes were made.

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MCNEIL-MCGEE HOUSE
Lake Bounds, Clarke County, Mississippi
Jody Cook
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Front facade which faces northwest.
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