



STATE OF ALABAMA

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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

COUNTY BUTLER

PRESENT NAME OLD LOG BARN HISTORIC NAME OLD LOG BARN

LOCATION (Street and number) HWY #185 NORTH - RANGE 14E, TOWNSHIP 11N SECTION 28

TOWN (Give directions if rural) 4 1/2 MILES NORTH OF GREENVILLE (OLD FORT DALE COMMUNITY)

PRESENT USE BARN HISTORIC USE HOUSE

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME MRS. DORIS McQUEEN

MAILING ADDRESS RT. 4 BOX 52  
GREENVILLE, AL. 36037

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original site ( ) Moved (X) When? 1825-1912

From where? 1/2 MILE NORTH EAST OF PRESENT SITE Give details in significance

THREATS: No (X) Yes ( ) By what? \_\_\_\_\_

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered ( ) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned (X)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered buildings (X)  
Highway building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural (X)

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? INCLUDED IN "THE BUTLER CO. BARTRAM TRAIL BROUCHARD"

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State ( ) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other \_\_\_\_\_

Explain:

(SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION)

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Date of Construction 1818-1825-1912 Date of additions 1912

Architect or Builder SAM DALE - 1818 / JOSEPH HARTLEY 1825 / BUDDY ROGERS 1912

Give a complete but concise history of the structure. THE FORT WAS ERECTED IN THE SPRING OF 1818, BY ORDER OF COL. SAMUEL DALE, COMMANDANT OF THE SOLDIERS WHOM GOVERNOR BIBB HAD SENT INTO THIS SECTION TO TRY TO CONTROL THE HOSTILE INDIANS. ALL THE SETTLERS IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THIS COUNTY HAD TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE FORT A LARGE PART OF THE YEAR 1818.

JOHN B LITTLE'S "HISTORY OF BUTLER CO. 1815 TO 1885" STATED, "THE FIRST COURT OF ANY KIND EVER HELD IN THE COUNTY WAS HELD HERE AT FORT DALE ON SOME LOG BENCHES - BEFORE JUDGE ANDERSON CRENSHAW".

THE ONE AND ONE HALF STORY LOG STRUCTURE WAS BUILT BY JOSEPH HARTLEY IN 1825 NEAR THE SITE OF FORT DALE. THE TIMBERS USED WERE FROM FORT DALE AND ARE THE ONLY SURVIVING ELEMENT OF THE FORT. ABOUT 1912 A LARGE PORTION OF THE HOME WAS MOVED TO ITS PRESENT SITE WHERE IT IS NOW BEING USED AS A BARN.

State sources of information for the above:

1. LITTLE'S HISTORY OF BUTLER CO 1815-1885"
2. OLD NEWS PAPERS FROM "THE GREENVILLE ADVOCATE" APRIL 18, 1868
3. "ALABAMA LIFE" SEPT-OCT. 1978 PAGES 60 & 61

DESCRIPTION

(For bridges, trestles, viaducts, tunnels, canals, railroad lines, or objects see supplement Form I)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and north arrow. Also indicate front of structure.

(SEE ATTACHED DRAWING)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Number of stories ONE & ONE HALF Foundation PILLARS OF NATIVE STONE ABOUT 2 FT ABOVE GROUND LEVEL. ~~Basement~~

WALL MATERIAL: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)  
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs) PLEASE NOTE TYPE OF BRICK BONDING AND LOG NOTCHING.

SILLS ARE TEN TO TWELVE INCH SQUARE SECTIONS AND EXTENDED THE LENGTH OF THE WALLS. FLOOR JOISTS ARE LAID UPON THE SILLS AND FITTED WITH A HALF NOTCH. THE WALLS ARE HAND HEWN LOGS WITH HALF-DOME TAIL CORNERING 10 TO 12 INCHES WIDE AND 4" THICK. THE LOGS ARE 19'-0" LONG. THE RAFTERS WERE NOTCHED TO FIT THE EDGE OF THE WALL PLATES. THE GABLE IS ENCLOSED WITH HORIZONTAL BOARDS.

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (If known) Wood frame ( ) Load-bearing masonry ( ) Iron or steel ( )  
LOG (X)

ROOF TYPE: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

GABLE WITH SHED DEPENDENTS

ROOF COVERING: Wood shingle ( ) Asphalt ( ) Tile ( ) Metal ( ) Slate ( )

ROOF TRIM: TIN (X)  
(If any)

EXPOSED RAFTERS WITH NO CORNICE BOARD.

CHIMNEYS: (Number, location, and material) WAS AT REAR OF ROOM, HAS BEEN BOARDED UP  
SEE DRAWING FOR LOCATION. PROBABILITY WAS OF NATIVE STONE OR CLAY BRICK.

PORCHES Front STEPS AT FRONT DOOR Type OF LARGE PINE PLANKS.  
Rear NONE Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Side NONE Type \_\_\_\_\_

DOORS: Describe entrance door. THERE ARE THREE SINGLE LEAF DOORS WITH VERTICAL BOARDS TRIMMED WITH WIDE PLAIN WOOD WORK.

Describe other doors. 1 SMALLER DOOR OF VERTICAL BOARD IS AT THE UPPER STORY.

WINDOWS: Types and number of each floor

THERE ARE TWO (2) WINDOW OPENINGS WITH WOOD SHUTTERS OF VERTICAL BOARD PATTERN TRIMMED WITH PLAIN BOARD.

INTERIOR: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

THE INTERIOR IS THE SAME FINISH AS THE EXTERIOR.

THE FLOOR IS OF WIDE HEART PINE BOARDS PUT TOGETHER WITH LARGE SQUARE NAILS. THERE IS A LADDER BUILT ONTO THE SIDE OF THE WALL AND AN OPENING IN THE CEILING FOR ACCESS TO THE UPPER STORY. THE CEILING IS 8 FT. AND THE LOFT IN THE CENTER IS ALSO 8 FT.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

OTHER: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

WHEN THE BUILDING WAS MOVED BACK A FEW YARDS AND CONVERTED INTO A BARN, A SHED ROOF HELD-UP BY 6X6 POSTS (WHERE THE WAGON WAS PARKED) WAS ADDED TO THE NORTH SIDE AND PENS WITH CRIPES AND FEEDING TROUGHS WERE ADDED TO THE SOUTH SIDE AND ALSO TO THE REAR/COVERED WITH A TIN SHED ROOF & RAFTERS. THE FIREPLACE WAS REMOVED AND THE OPENING WAS BOARDED UP. THE WINDOWS WHICH ARE EITHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIGHTING OR VENTILATION HAVE NEVER HAD GLASS PANES. THEY WERE CLOSED-UP BY SHUTTERS OF VERTICAL BOARDS.

\*A MAP WITH THE STRUCTURE MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.\*

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Must be black and white, glossy finish and either 5 x 7 or 8 x 10.

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Map Reference: Map \_\_\_\_\_ Site number \_\_\_\_\_

Thematic Category \_\_\_\_\_

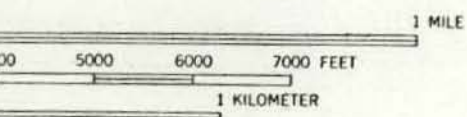
Added to ALABAMA REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

U T M

Latitude

Longitude





*"Old Log Barn"*

0 FEET  
LEVEL



**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

Primary highway, hard surface	—————	Light-duty road improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	—————	Unimproved
	Interstate Route	 U.S. Route

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1971

