AR CONSIDERATION

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by Review Bd.

MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF PLANTERSVILLE

DALLAS AND CHILTON COUNTIES, ALABAMA

Historic name: Old Stage Coach Inn

Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Julius Sample

Box 44

Common name: Davis McGee House

Plantersville, AL 36758

Address:

1.4 mi. N of Plantersville on Old Plantersville Road

Acreage:

2.3 house & lot,

200' x 505'

UTM: 16/507/400/5614/775

Verbal boundary: See attached maps.

Architectural design: Vernacular

Date of construction: c. 1835

Architect, Builder: unknown

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C - Architecture

The Old State Coach Inn (c. 1835) is a good example of a vernacular house form ranging from c. 1830 - c. 1860 and features a rectangular block with a spraddle roof and a recessed front porch across the entire facade. This particular house-type was brought to Alabama in the early 19th century by immigrants from the Carolinas and Georgia. The Old Stage Coach Inn is Plantersville's earliest surviving building, and it is among the oldest structures in Chilton County.

Integrity

The basic vernacular exterior form of the house remains intact despite the addition of a siding garage on the south side and the gable on the center facade. Most of the interior remains unaltered.

Description

In spite of contemporary siding on the exterior and the insertion of an ornamental gable in the roof above the center bay, the configuration of the original structure is obvious. The one-story frame, 3-bay dwelling has a gable roof with exterior chimneys at each end. The roof extends over a 5-bay gallery across the front of the house. There is a contemporary addition on the right side and additions of various periods to the rear. The interior plan is confused as porches have been enclosed and partitions added to create bathrooms and closets and an interior kitchen. Originally it appears to have been one room deep. The center hall was flanked by two rooms of equal size in which the walls are wide, random width beaded boards running horizontally. The flanking rooms contain original wooden mantels of simple design showing the influence of the Federal style. Original mantels of a smaller size are in the two rooms which formed an ell on the left side of the original structure. The windows have 6 over 6 lights. The house is set some distance



PROPERTY Old Stage	Coach Inn	COUNTY	Chilton
ADDRESS Box 44		CITY	Plantersville, AL 36758
HABS NHL ARCHITECTURAL STYLE	NUMBER OF STRUCTU	RES	
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c. 1835		
SIGNIFICANCE			
NOMINATED not approve	d by AHC Rev. Bd ADD	ED	PERSON Tom Dolan
INTENT TO NOMINATE	10-3-86	REMARKS RECEIVED_	
REVIEW BOARD MEETING_	11-6-86		
NOMINATION LETTER			
ADDED LETTER			
OWNER	Mr. & Mrs. Julius	s Sample	
	Box 44		
	Plantersville, AI	. 36758	
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MAYOR:		The Honorable Mac Judge of Probate,	
		The Courthouse Clanton, Alabama	35045
CO. COMM.:		REGIONAL PLANNING	
		Birmingham Region	al Planning Commission
		2112 Eleventh Ave Birmingham, AL 35	
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back from the Old Plantersville Road at the end of a gravel drive. The yard around the house is fenced and there are many mature trees and plantings. The former kitchen to the rear no longer exists.

Historical Summary

Few pioneer dwellings in the state are still in use after 150 years. This was the home of Davis McGee (b. 1798, Georgia). He farmed, raised livestock and kept an inn for stage coach travelers on the old Huntsville-Cahawba road. His place was headquarters for the hog and horse drovers coming down from Tennessee. McGee himself enjoyed horse swapping. The list of outbuildings compiled by his great grandson, "Ned" Todd, illustrates the self-sufficiency of these pioneers. He had corn cribs and wheat bins, a gin house and a grist mill, a smokehouse, a blacksmith shop and a carpenter shop. In his loomhouse cloth was made from his cotton and the wool from his sheep. The homespun cloth was dyed with copperas, maple bark or indigo from his indigo beds. McGee appears to have migrated to Alabama with his father, James. He had 5 sons and 4 daughters. He and his family became major property holders in Plantersville and in the neighboring countryside. The 1850 Perry County census valued his holdings at \$13,750.00. The present owner grew up on the property which was purchased by his father, Arch. Sample, in 1901. The owners are proud of the history and age of their home and maintain an admirable state of preservation.