

PROPERTY Old Stage Coach Inn COUNTY Chilton

ADDRESS Box 44 CITY Plantersville, AL 36758

HABS NHL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES _____

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE _____

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1835

SIGNIFICANCE _____

NOMINATED not approved by AHC Rev. Bd. ADDED _____ 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 Sample
Box 44
Plantersville, AL 36758

CC:
MAYOR: _____

PROBATE JUDGE:
The Honorable Mack Yeargan
Judge of Probate, Chilton County
The Courthouse
Clanton, Alabama 35045

CO. COMM.: _____

REGIONAL PLANNING:
Birmingham Regional Planning Commission
2112 Eleventh Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35256

OTHER: _____

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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.