

MCQUEEN SERVANT'S HOUSE
U.S. Highway 80
Burkville vicinity
Lowndes County
Alabama

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Location: 1.0 km east of Berry Lake Road and 1.6 km north of U.S. Highway 80 in Lowndes County, Alabama

Present Owner: General Electric - Montgomery Project
Lowndes County Road 40, Route 1, Box 9-D
Burkville, Alabama 36725

Present Occupant: Vacant

Most Recent Use: Servant's residence

Significance: The servant's residence is a contributing component of the plantation complex providing information on material and construction methods for this type of structure.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Physical History:
1. Date(s) of erection: Not known
 2. Architect: Unknown
 3. Original and subsequent owners: See Part I of the HABS Form for the John McQueen House
 4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown
 5. Original plans and construction: None located
- B. Historical Context: See Part I of the HABS Form for the John McQueen House.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement:
1. Architectural character: A single pen wood frame structure of vernacular design.
 2. Condition of fabric: Dilapidated
- B. Description of Exterior:
1. Over-all dimensions: This single pen structure measures 14'-0" long by 11'-0" wide.

2. Foundations: Very low brick piers on which are set hewn wood sill plates, 8" x 9".
 3. Walls: Wood clapboard siding with exposure ranging from 5" to 7". Horizontal boards are used in the gable ends.
 4. Structural system, framing: Rough hewn timbers fastened with iron spikes. Vertical and diagonal cross bracing members are 4" x 4" and 4" x 5".
 5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: No evidence of porches was found.
 6. Chimneys: The house has a single exposed gable end brick chimney (east wall) with the typical corbel base, shoulders, and cap. The chimney above the shoulder step is totally on the exterior of the house while the hearth has been framed into the wall.
 7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: One wood plank door in the north wall.
 - b. Windows and shutters: One later six-light window sash in the south wall.
 8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal roofing.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: There is approximately a one foot overhang at the eaves and gable ends with exposed rafters.
- C. Description of Interior:
1. Floor plans:
 - a. First floor: Single pen living structure.
 2. Stairways: None
 3. Flooring: Wood plank flooring 11" wide
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Narrow 3-1/2" tongue-and-groove board walls and ceiling.
 5. Openings: The single door and window are set without any interior surrounds.

6. Decorative features and trim: None
7. Hardware: Basic flat door hinges.
8. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation: Single fireplace.
 - b. Lighting: None
 - c. Plumbing: None

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The structure is oriented towards the north and stands to the south and rear of the site of the main house.
2. Historic landscape design: None
3. Outbuildings: None related to this structure

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

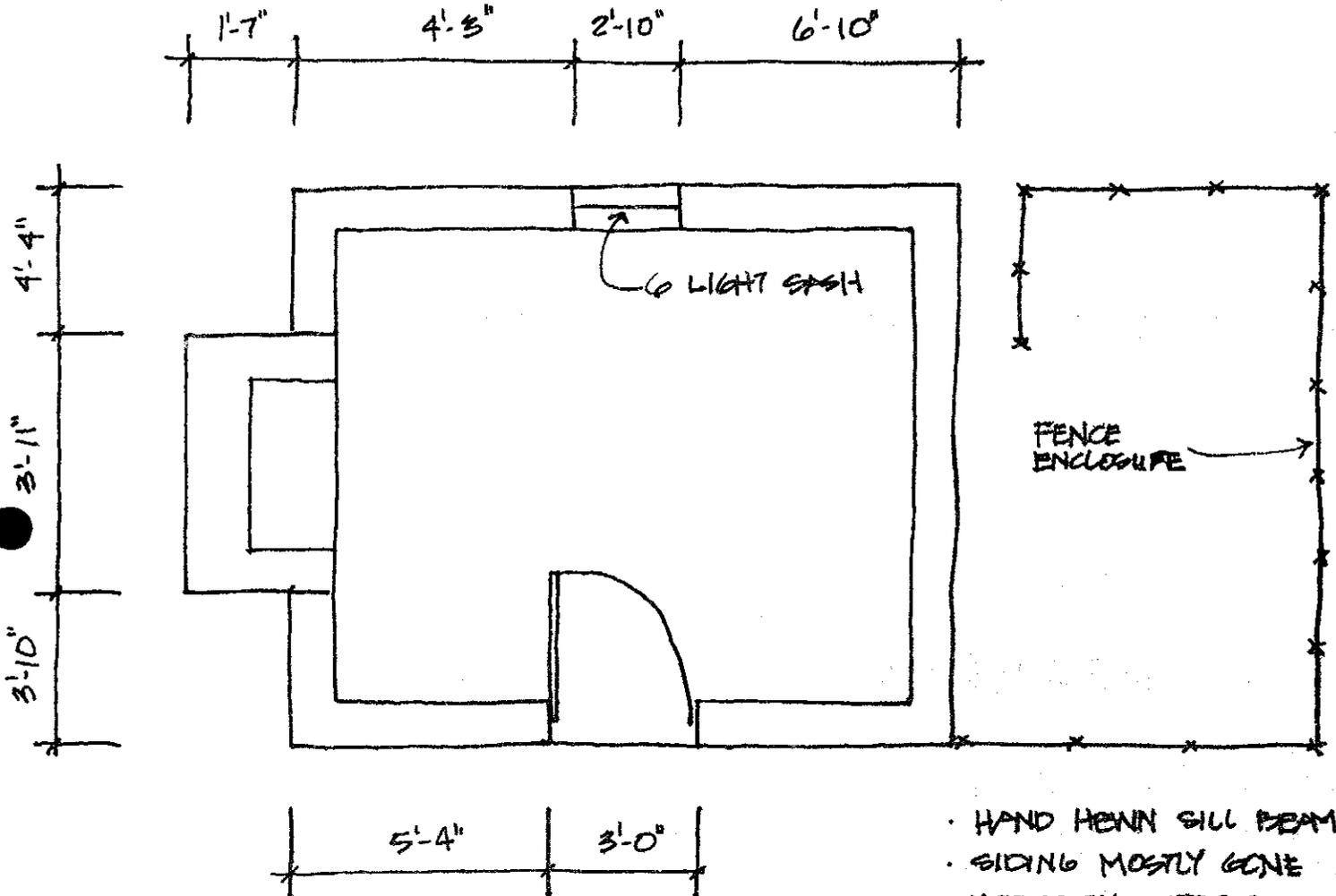
See information provided in Part III of the HABS Form for the John McQueen House.

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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

This recording project was conducted by The Ehrenkrantz Group/Building Conservation Technology, Inc., of Nashville, Tennessee under contract from Environmental Research and Technology, Inc. for General Electric - Montgomery Project, Burkville, Alabama.

Project personnel included Michael Emrick, Project Architect (project coordination, architectural data); James Thompson, Architect (measured drawings and sketch plans); Philip Thomason, project historian; and Barry Starkey, photographer. Agency involvement included the Mobile District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Southeast Regional Office of the National Park Service.



- HAND HEWN SILL BEAMS
- SIDING MOSTLY GONE
- HORIZONTAL INTERIOR PLANK WALL SURFACE

SERVANTS HOUSE
McQUEEN COMPLEX

