

Stewart-Rickson House (Tract #11132)
.7 miles north of road from Brownington,
3 miles east of Brownington
Deepwater Vicinity
Henry County
Missouri

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STEWART-RICKSON HOUSE
(Trace #11132)

Location: 0.7 miles north of road that runs east from Brownington, approximately 3 miles east of Brownington, approximately 0.4 miles east of Deepwater, Deepwater vicinity, Henry County, Missouri.

USGS Gaines Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 15.442740.4233950.

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: The addition of this one-story saddlebag L-plan house into a one-room log house makes this building an unusual combination of building types.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

Condition of fabric: Poor. The house has been vacant for many years and has been used recently to store hay.

B. Description of Exterior:

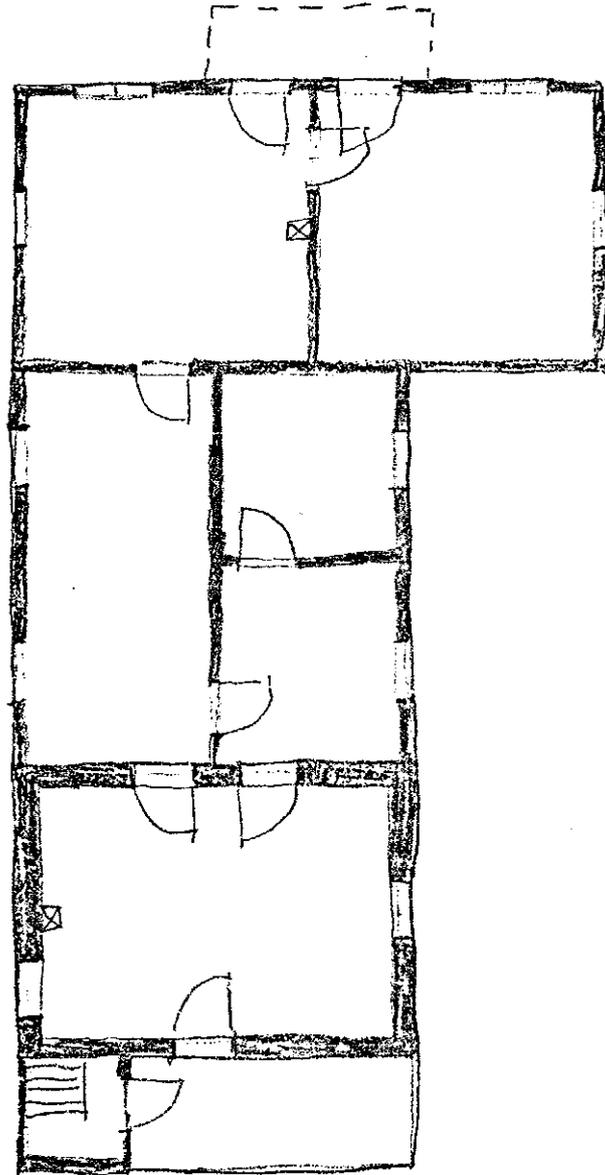
1. Over-all dimensions: This one-story L-plan house has a four-bay front, 35' wide, by 59' deep.
2. Foundation: Stone foundation under original log portion, concrete perimeter beam under newer portion.
3. Wall construction: Log construction covered by weatherboards in original rear portion. Weatherboards over balloon frame in newer portions.
4. Structural system, framing: Log walls supporting rafters in original rear portion. Balloon framing in newer portion.
5. Porches: The concrete porch at rear, built to match the floor level of the original log portion, is 30" above grade and has a concrete slab on concrete perimeter beams. There was a hip roofed front wooden porch with turned spindle porch supports spanning the front doors, now gone.

6. Chimneys: There are two interior brick stove chimneys, one on the wall between the two front rooms of the newer frame portion, and one at the east end of the original log portion.
7. Openings: The doors have four vertical rectangular panels, two longer panels above two shorter panels. The windows have one-over-one-light double hung wood sashes.
8. Roof: The gable roof is covered with red asphalt shingles over the newer portions, red sheet metal over the log portion. There are wood shingles under both the asphalt and the metal roofs.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: This saddlebag plan house is L-shaped. Each of the front two rooms has a front door. The wing to the north has a long rectangular room on the east and two square rooms west of it. North of that is the log room, which is about 24" higher than the rest of the house. The basement below the log portion was probably built after the additions were made.
 2. Stairways: The concrete stairway to the basement is accessible through the room at the east end of the concrete porch at the rear of the house.
 3. Flooring: Wood tongue and groove flooring, 2 1/4" wide in frame portions, 3 1/4" wide in log portion.
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Wallpaper over plaster on wood lath.
- D. Site: The house faces south in the northwest corner of a large field, and is approached from the southwest by a dirt track that continues beyond the end of a gravel county road.

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FLOOR PLAN STEWART-RICKSON HOUSE
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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

The Truman Reservoir Project was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, in compliance with Executive Order 11593 as a mitigative effort in the construction of the Harry S Truman Dam and Reservoir, in the summer of 1977. William Brookover (Columbia University), supervisor; Michael Connor (University of Virginia), team foreman; Gary Baker (Catholic University), Edwin Daniel (Mississippi State), and Gary Statkus (University of Illinois), student architects; Paul Weed (Columbia University), architectural historian.

Addendum to
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Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Occupant: vacant

Use: Vacant

Statement of significance:

The Ransom M. Rickson House is illustrative of the basic one storey saddlebag "L" plan house so common in the survey area. Here, the ell is elongated and incorporates an earlier log house -- dating perhaps to the 1840's -- into its fabric.

A. PHYSICAL HISTORY

1. Date of erection: circa 1896 - 1900

Rickson bought the land in 1896, and Mrs. Dody was born in the completed house in 1900. The original log cabin may date to the 1840's.

3. Original and subsequent owners:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 14 Township 40N Range 25W

Land entered by William Stewart 1 May 1845 (207:20); to James R. Stewart 2 November 1863 (N:78); to Luke Devine 10 January 1869 (V:239); to Edwin Devine 7 March 1870 (Z:83); to Ransom M. Rickson 25 September 1896 (116:588); his heirs to J.F. Cantrell 13 February 1954 (351:224).

5. Original plan:

Originally, this house was a log cabin on a stone foundation.

6. Alterations and additions:

In the years 1896-1900, Rickson built a one storey saddlebag "L" house, incorporating the log cabin at the rear of the ell and siding it to match. At some later date he built a concrete back porch with stairs leading

down to the basement.

7. Historic events and persons

William Stewart came to Henry County from eastern Tennessee in 1839; he settled near Brownington, but later moved to Osage Township and improved this farm where he died in 1843. (History of Henry and St. Clair Counties) This is the land entered in his name, or by his son, on 1 May 1845 (207:20). The cabin may then have been built as early as the 1840's.

Ransom Rickson came to Henry County from neighboring Saint Clair County in 1896, and lived here until his death in 1938. The house was then tenant occupied until sold by the family in 1954.

B. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Primary and unpublished

B. Deed books E:140,576, N:78, V:239, Z:83, 116:588, 207:20, 351:224 in the Registry of Deeds, Henry County Courthouse, Clinton

United States Census for 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880

C. Photograph of house circa 1920. Copy attached. Courtesy of Mrs. Dody.

D. Interviews

Mrs. William E. (Louise Rickson) Dody 9 August 1977
908 South Third
Clinton

Daughter of the builder.

2. Secondary

A. History of Henry and Saint Clair Counties. Saint Joseph, 1883. p 781, for the Stewarts.

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