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The portico is supported by four fluted box-columns on the front and two fluted pilasters where the portico joins the house. The two entrances, one to the portico and the other to the porch, are double doored (four paneled) and have transoms and sidelights. Two doors open from the east side of the house opening on to concrete steps with a hood above.

The south windows, now one over one appear to have been reglazed. Windows on other elevations are six over six. Dormer windows are four over four.

Protico and dormer pediments are full entablatures with pronounced dentils. The cornice across the south elevation is also dentiled. Trim around windows and doors is fluted with corner blocks. Doors are panneled.

Siding is flush on porch, portico, and pediment. Other siding is weatherboard.

Interior trim is flute, like that of the exterior. The wainscots, two fireplaces and flooring is original. Walls are plaster and lath on the ground level and wide boarding on the second level. The kitchen wing is finished in beveled edge siding. Two enclosed stairs lead to two separated rooms above.

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The Bozeman House is a frame, one and one-half storey, Greek-Revival dwelling built in the mid 1840's for early Clark County settler and farmer, Michael Bozeman. The House is distinguished by its early date of construction, by the integrity and quality of its Greek-Revival detailing and massing and by its association with Michael Bozeman, owner of one of the most successful large farming operations in pre-civil war Clark County.

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Michael Bozeman was born in Jones County Georgia on August 16, 1808. He left Georgia for Alabama in 1819 and in 1835 he came to Arkansas. In 1827, he married Lucy Ann Browning with whom he had nine children.

Bozeman built a log cabin on his first tract of land in Clark County. In subsequent years, he greatly increased his land holdings and tax records indicate that his estate eventually covered 9,000 acres. By 1852, he was the second leading producer of cotton in Clark County and according to his biographer, Farrar Newberry, Bozeman was reported to be worth in excess of a quarter of a million dollars. Impressive figures for antebellum Arkansas. A more intimate picture of Bozeman's plantation is revealed in an 1857 plantation journal which was discovered in the Bozeman house. The journal lists a large variety of crops grown on the plantation, and Newberry states that it "reveals the meticulous care he gave to every detail of the management of his growing enterprise."

Bozeman's position of importance both as an early settler and as a land proprieter is revealed in a listing of his civic ventures. He was a charter member of the Bethal Baptist church formed in 1836 and in the same year he represented his church in the establishment of the Saline Baptist Association, an organization composed of six south. Central Arkansas Baptist Churches (with 78 total members). It was the first such association south of the Arkansas River. In 1847 he helped to found Oakland Academy perhaps the first painted, frame, school house in Clark County. Bozeman was elected to the Arkansas Senate in 1853.

Bozeman died on May 26, 1883.

Built at a cost of \$1,500.00 ca.1847, the Bozeman house is one of the oldest surviving structures in Clark County, and is certanly one of the oldest exhibiting such a highlevel of workmanship. Newberry indicates that the home was constructed of oak timbers out by a mule-powered, two-tooth saw.

Today, the home, though vacant, retains the integrity of its original setting, design

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The Michael Bozeman House is a Greek Revival style story and a half frame house set on a brick pier foundation with a four column portico, a gable roof with two dormers on the main facade, two chimneys, and a rear wing with an ell-shaped gallery porch.

The exterior of the house is covered with clapboard exposed six inches to the weather. The entablature across the main facade has a notched frieze board simulating dentils which is continued around the front portico as well as under the rake cornice of the pediment. The front portico has four square columns with pilasters against the main facade and has simple vertical grooves that give the appearance of fluting. The columns have plain capitals and bases and the portico floor, although undoubtedly replaced, is constructed of wood. The two front dormers have nicely proportioned pediments with a notched frieze board of smaller scale resembling dentils as on the main entablature. The rear dormer has a simple plain gable.

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The roof originally covered with wood shingles is now covered with asphalt shingles. The main roof terminates at either end with a gable and the rear wing also terminates with the gable. The ell-shaped rear porch on piazza has a shed roof.

The main entrance under the front portico is double doors with side lights and transom and each door has two continous vertical panels in each. The windows in the main house are single light double hung sash which appears to be unoriginal and were probably <u>six light</u> double hung sash originally. The two front dormers still have six light double hung sash as does the rear dormer and the windows in the rear wing are six light double hung sash. The rear entrance to the main center hall matches the front main entrance exactly. One window opens from the main house onto the rear piazza and two doors from the rear wing opens onto the rear piazza.

The two chimneys are of brick partially stuccoed and were probably originally stoccoed completely. They each serve two fireplaces back to back one in each of the four main rooms of the house.

The floor plan is a typical Antebellum plan with a twelve foot wide center hall from front to back and two rooms on either side of the hall. The rear wing has two more rooms with connecting doors from the main room of the house to which the wing

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is attached. The most interesting feature of the interior of the house are the two separate staircases built into closet type areas to the side of the main chimneys one on either side of the house. Winding stairs lead up to each of the two main rooms on the second floor. These second floor rooms are separated by solid walls allowing no visiting between the males and females on opposite sides. Downstairs rooms have grooved architraves with corner blocks and a three foot wainscoat in most of the rooms. Walls and ceilings downstairs are plaster. Upstairs the rooms are finished in wide boards with plain trim. The interior of the house as a whole is very spacious but the trim is very plain throughout the house with no mouldings of any kind.

The Michael Bozeman house, being basically symmetrical is a handsom Antebellum home. The exterior detailing though not technically correct is sufficient to give the house a true classical appearance and the proportions are good. The fact that no part of the house sags nor is out of line attests to its good original construction throughout.

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The house is primarly associated with Michael Bozeman (1808-1883), an early settler of Clark County. Bozeman moved from Alabama to an acreage six miles west of the present Arkadelphia in 1835 to regain his health and to prove that cotton could profitably be raised that far north. He erected a substantial log house on arrival and later (c.1847), as he was becoming affluent, he paid \$1,500 and one slave for the labor required to construct the Bozeman House where he lived for the rest of his life.

Michael Bozeman is noted for his success as a planter, his active interest in the church and public education, his loyalty to the south during the Civil War, and his excellent record in the Arkansas State Senate.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Bozeman was hauling hundreds of bales of cotton for shipment via the Ouachita, Red, and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans and paying taxes on more than 9,000 acres of land. He was reported to be worth in excess of a quarter million dollars. He felt that it was his obligation to make his planation totally productive for the Confederacy.

Michael Bozeman was a devout Christian and within a year of his arrival in Arkansas he aided in the organization of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church which is still active, being the oldest church in Clark County. He remained active in church organization until his death.

In 1847 Bozeman was one of the founders of Oakland Academy, the first school in Clark County to be built of boards, painted, and have glass windows. The school remained active until it was consolidated with the Gurdon Public School in 1946.

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As a state senator (1853), Bozeman is noted as serving modestly but efficiently, consistently supporting bills which were in the best interest of his district and state.

The Bozeman House, historically, was known as a center of social and community activity. Croquet was played on the lawn, church and school committies assembled at the house and in times of dread, such as the Civil War, neighbors would gather for mutual condolences. 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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