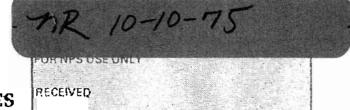
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1852, John W. Shoppach built a house in the central Arkansas community of Benton. The house was the first brick home to be built in Saline County. As originally planned by Shoppach, the house was to be of two large rooms connected by a "breezeway" or large central hall, characteristic of Arkansas ante-bellum homes. Plans for the house were altered and a wooden "ell" consisting of three rooms, was added at right angles to the pain portion of the house, the inside angle having a covered porch along its entire length.

The Shoppach House is a one and one-half storey structure with a gable roof. Except for three rows of corbelling at the roofline, the exterior surface is plain. Extending from the facade is a portico over the entrance door with transom and sidelights. Paired, double-hung windows flank the entry.

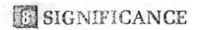
Windows are double-hung sash with nine lights in the upper sach and six in the lower. The inset windows are trimmed in white with natural wood at the wall surface. Chimneys extend from each gable end of the roof. Two small square windows, each with four lights, are also found in the gable ends.

Extending from the rear elevation is a one storey "ell" shaped frame wing sheathed in clapboard. The same style windows with nine over six lights are found in this frame wing. A one story open porch is set into the "ell" shape of the house. The shed roof of the porch is supported with plain posts and terminates with a reverse scalloped bargeboard.

Except for wainscotting, the interior is relatively simple in design. The mantel in the dining room, standing to the ceiling, is hand carved of native pine, and is faced with the original hand-made brick. The rear entry, opposite the main front door, features double panels in the lower portion of the double doors and clear round cornered lights in the upper portion. An unusual transom features a narrow band of horizontal lights beneath a wood panel. The entry doors are flanked by clear side lights.

The only alteration to the house has been the replacement of deteriorated boards; otherwise the Shoppach House remains as it was at its construction in 1852.

The Shoppach family occupied the house through five generations. In 1959, the house was purchased by the present owners from one of the last descendents of the Shoppach family. The first brick house constructed in Saline County, the Shoppach Rouse stands as a historic landmark to the community.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shoppach House on North Main Street in Benton, is one of the oldest structures in the central Arkansas community. Built in 1852, the house was the first brick home to be constructed in Saline County. The brick house is two large rooms connected by a "breezeway" with a wooden "ell" at right angles to the main portion of the house. The house features corbelling at the roofline and simple window trim. Five generations of the Shoppach family have lived in the house and it remains practically unchanged since its construction. The significance of the Shopach House lies in its representation of local history to the surrounding community. The Shoppach family were among the early German settlers in Arkansas. The ancrestry of the Shoppach family has been traced through thirteen successive generations from Kurt Shoppach, a weaver from Alsfeld, Germany, who was born in 1535. The Shoppach's were noted for their sturdy integrity and business sagacity, as proven by the prominence attained by the family upon settling in Saline County. The house is also a tangible local reminder of the Civil War. Two of the Shoppach's, John F. and James Henry enlisted in the Confederate Army early in the war and attained distinguished service records. In 1862 the Shoppach home was the scene of a flag presentation to the Confederate troops from Benton. When Federal troops occupied Benton in the fall of 1863, they made their headquarters across the road from the Shoppach House and the officers stayed in the house itself.

John W. Shoppach, the builder of the house, was born in Hessen, Germany in 1809. He studied at Heidelberg University in Berlin. In 1834 Shoppach came to America and settled in Saline County, Arkansas. In July of 1838 he married Sibly Pelton, whose parents had moved from Illinoic to Arkansas in 1818 to homestead a farm on the Saline River. In 1852 Shoppach moved his family from a large farm to the town of Benton and built a brick house. Also in 1852 Shoppach was elected county clerk of Saline County, the first of his five terms. He became one of the most wall-known German pioneers in Arkansas. Before his death in 1861, Shoppach had served the city of Benton as mayor, alderman, justice of the peace and as county and circuit judge of Saline County.

One of the Shoppach's six children, James Henry was considered a vital citizen in the development of the elementy in which he grow up. He was born March 26, 1845 on the family farm in Saline County. His district school education was supplemented by attendance at St. John's College in Little Rock. In January of 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Benton as a private in Company E First Arkansas regiment. His first battle was at Shiloh and was followed by the battles of Corinth, Perryville, Muriressboro and Chickanauga, where he was severely wounded.

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At the close of the Civil War, James H. Shoppach returned to Benton and taught in the school system. In 1868 he was one of only ten Democrats in the State Constitutional Convention. In 1874 he was elected county clerk of Saline County and served three terms in this capacity. Shoppach was elected to the state legislature from Saline County in 1887. In 1892 he moved to Little Rock and for the next four years he worked for the United States Land Office at Little Rock. Shoppach was one of the clerks of the State Senate, 1891-1893, and in 1899 was appointed to a position in the State Treasurer's Office. He served as Deputy Chancery Clerk and in 1904 became Deputy Circuit Clerk and Recorder, in charge of the first division of the circuit court of Pulaski County.

As the home of one of the early German settlers in Arkansas, the Shoppach House is one of the more significant structures in Benton. Its builder, John W. Shoppach, was one of Benton's most prominent residents. He spent most of his lifetime in the Arkansas community and took an active part in community affairs. His sons also made important contributions to the area in their lives and military involvement. The Shoppach House stands as an important historic landmark to the community.

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