

# Historic Sites Survey

(No. 31)



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## STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Second-and-a-half-story gable-roof T-plan frame mansion. A two-tier gallery originally separated the front section from the rear but it has been removed, although parts of the second-floor gallery remain on the south-facade of the main section and the south facade of the ell. All doors and windows have shouldered architrave trim; giant pilasters at front corners are more than 18" wide and 32' feet tall. Center-hall plan with three curved staircases. The third floor, lighted by a pedimented dormer gable-end windows, was originally used as a ballroom. Interior features include solid walnut doors and marble mantelpieces.

## NOTES:

Part of original galleries enclosed; oil exploration explosion in 1974 removed plaster, which has been replaced with sheetrock. Siding has been replaced to all facades but the front.

## ADDITIONS:

## APPEAL FEATURES:

Following forms.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This is the most outstanding and remarkable house in Clarke County and its good state of preservation. This land was originally owned by Thomas Liconer, an early resident of Wayne County, and came into the Lang family in 1846. Clement D. Lang, a wealthy bachelor son of the original owner, W. A. Lang, began construction of the house and plantation in 1852. It is said that twelve carpenters and all available slaves were required to build the house, which took fourteen months to build at a cost of \$35,000. Lang owned several thousand acres of land and five hundred slaves, and the cotton that was the principal money crop was shipped the Chickasawhay River to Mobile on flat boats. During this time the plantation was a social and cultural center for the surrounding countryside. The house was ruined by the Civil War and died destitute.

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NAME:	Prairie Place
STREET NO.:	
TOWN/VIC:	Langsdale
COUNTY:	Clarke
BLOCK/LOT:	
PRESENT OWNER:	Dwight Tew and Mildred Wilkins
ADDRESS:	Star Route, Shubuta 39360
PRESENT USE:	weekend home
FORMER USE:	residence
DATE:	Ca. 1855
STYLE:	Greek Revival
ARCH/BUILDER:	Clement D. Lang
SOURCE OF DATE:	
ENVIRONMENT:	rural
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE	
NEIGHBORHOOD	
LOCAL	
STATE	X
NATIONAL	

## PHOTOS

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