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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 main 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 House 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 Illinois 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 well-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 community in which he grew 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, Murfressboro and Chickamauga, 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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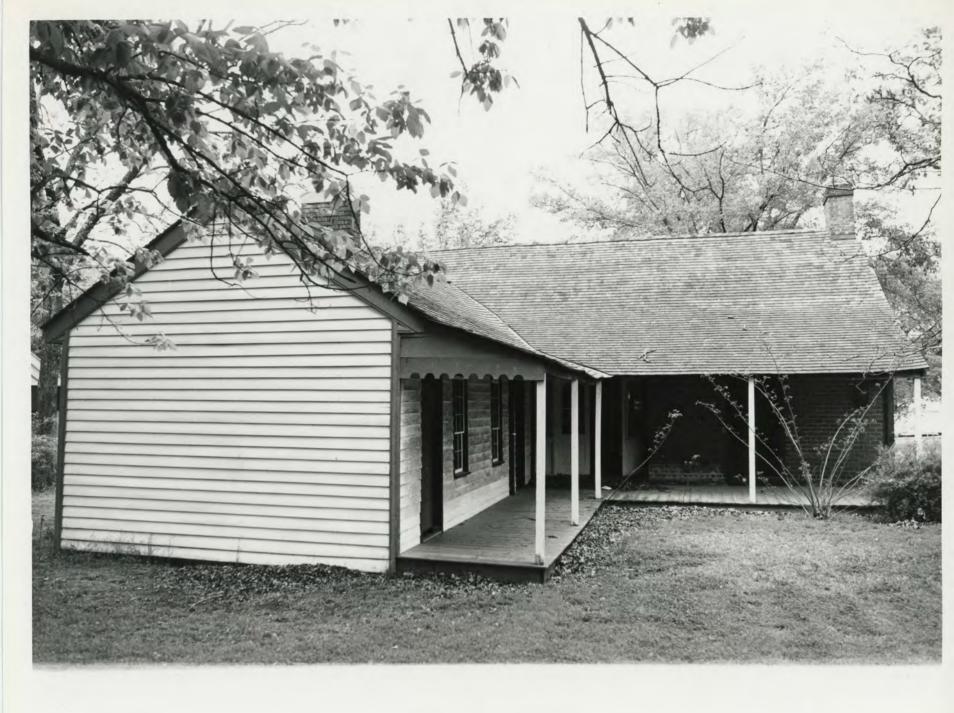
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THE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES

The United States Geological Survey is making a series of standard topographic maps to cover the United States. This work has been in progress since 1882, and the published maps cover more than 47 percent of the country, exclusive of outlying possessions

The maps are published on sheets that measure about 16½ by 20 inches. Under the general plan adopted the country is divided into quadrangles bounded by parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude. These quadrangles are mapped on different scales, the scale selected for each map being that which is best adapted to general use in the development of the country, and consequently, though the standard maps are of nearly uniform size, the areas that they represent are of different sizes. On the lower margin of each map are printed graphic scales showing distances in feet, meters, miles, and kilometers. In addition, the scale of the map is shown by a fraction expressing a fixed ratio between linear measurements on the map and corresponding distances on the ground. For example, the scale $\frac{1}{62,500}$ means that 1 unit on the map (such as 1 inch, 1 foot, or 1 meter) represents 62,500 of the same units on the earth's surface.

Although some areas are surveyed and some maps are compiled and published on special scales for special purposes, the standard topographic surveys and the resulting maps have for many years been of three types, differentiated as follows:

1. Surveys of areas in which there are problems of great public importance—relating, for example, to mineral development, irrigation, or reclamation of swamp areas—are made with sufficient detail to be used in the publication of maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{31,600}$ (1 inch = one-half mile) or $\frac{1}{24,000}$ (1 inch = 2,000 feet), with a contour interval of 1 to 100 feet, according to the relief of the particular area mapped.

2. Surveys of areas in which there are problems of average public importance, such as most of the basin of the Mississippi and its tributaries, are made with sufficient detail to be used in the publication of maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{62,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 1 mile), with a contour interval of 10 to 100 feet.

3. Surveys of areas in which the problems are of minor public importance, such as much of the mountain or desert region of Arizona or New Mexico, and the high mountain area of the northwest, are made with sufficient detail to be used in the publication of maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{125,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 2 miles) or $\frac{1}{250,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 4 miles), with a contour interval of 20 to 250 feet.

The aerial camera is now being used in mapping. From the information recorded on the photographs, planimetric maps, which show only drainage and culture, have been made for some areas in the United States. By the use of stereoscopic plotting apparatus, aerial photographs are utilized also in the making of the regular topographic maps, which show relief as well as drainage and culture.

A topographic survey of Alaska has been in progress since 1898, and nearly 44 percent of its area has now been mapped. About 15 percent of the Territory has been covered by maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{500,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 8 miles). For most of the remainder of the area surveyed the maps published are on a scale of $\frac{1}{250,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 4 miles). For some areas of particular economic importance, covering about 4,300 square miles, the maps published are on a scale of $\frac{1}{62,500}$ (1 inch = nearly 1 mile) or larger. In addition to the area covered by topographic maps, about 11,300 square miles of southeastern Alaska has been covered by planimetric maps on scales of $\frac{1}{125,000}$ and $\frac{1}{250,000}$.

The Hawaiian Islands have been surveyed, and the resulting maps are published on a scale of $\frac{1}{62,500}$.

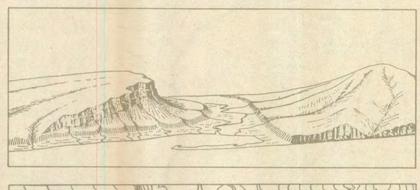
A survey of Puerto Rico is now in progress. The scale of the published maps is $\frac{1}{30,000}$.

The features shown on topographic maps may be arranged in three groups—(1) water, including seas, lakes, rivers, canals, swamps, and other bodies of water; (2) relief, including mountains, hills, valleys, and other features of the land surface; (3) culture (works of man), such as towns, cities, roads, railroads, and boundaries. The symbols used to represent these features are shown and explained below. Variations appear on some earlier maps, and additional features are represented on some special maps.

All the water features are represented in blue, the smaller streams and canals by single blue lines and the larger streams by double lines. The larger streams, lakes, and the sea are accentuated by blue water lining or blue tint. Intermittent streams—those whose beds are dry for a large part of the year—are shown by lines of blue dots and dashes.

Relief is shown by contour lines in brown, which on a few maps are supplemented by shading showing the effect of light thrown from the northwest across the area represented, for the purpose of giving the appearance of relief and thus aiding in the interpretation of the contour lines. A contour line represents an imaginary line on the ground (a contour) every part of which is at the same altitude above sea level. Such a line could be drawn at any altitude, but in practice only the contours at certain regular intervals of altitude are shown. The datum or zero of altitude of the Geological Survey maps is mean sea level: The 20-foot contour would be the shore line if the sea should rise 20 feet above mean sea level. Contour lines show the shape of the hills, mountains, and valleys, as well as their altitude. Successive contour lines that are far apart on the map indicate a gentle slope, lines that are close together indicate a steep slope, and lines that run together indicate a

The manner in which contour lines express altitude, form, and grade is shown in the figure below.





The sketch represents a river valley that lies between two hills. In the foreground is the sea, with a bay that is partly enclosed by a hooked sand bar. On each side of the valley is a terrace into which small streams have cut narrow gullies. The hill on the right has a rounded summit and gently slop-

ing spurs separated by ravines. The spurs are truncated at their lower ends by a sea cliff. The hill at the left terminates abruptly at the valley in a steep scarp, from which it slopes gradually away and forms an inclined tableland that is traversed by a few shallow gullies. On the map each of these features is represented, directly beneath its position in the sketch, by contour lines.

The contour interval, or the vertical distance in feet between one contour and the next, is stated at the bottom of each map. This interval differs according to the topography of the area mapped: in a flat country it may be as small as 1 foot; in a mountainous region it may be as great as 250 feet. In order that the contours may be read more easily certain contour lines, every fourth or fifth, are made heavier than the others and are accompanied by figures showing altitude. The heights of many points—such as road intersections, summits, surfaces of lakes, and benchmarks—are also given on the map in figures, which show altitudes to the nearest foot only. More precise figures for the altitudes of benchmarks are given in the Geological Survey's bulletins on spirit leveling. The geodetic coordinates of triangulation and transit-traverse stations are also published in bulletins.

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Each quadrangle is designated by the name of a city, town, or prominent natural feature within it, and on the margins of the map are printed the names of adjoining quadrangles of which maps have been published. More than 4,100 quadrangles in the United States have been surveyed, and maps of them similar to the one on the other side of this sheet have been published.

Geologic maps of some of the areas shown on the topographic maps have been published in the form of folios. Each folio includes maps showing the topography, geology, underground structure, and mineral deposits of the area mapped, and several pages of descriptive text. The text explains the maps and describes the topographic and geologic features of the country and its mineral products. Two hundred twenty-five folios have been published.

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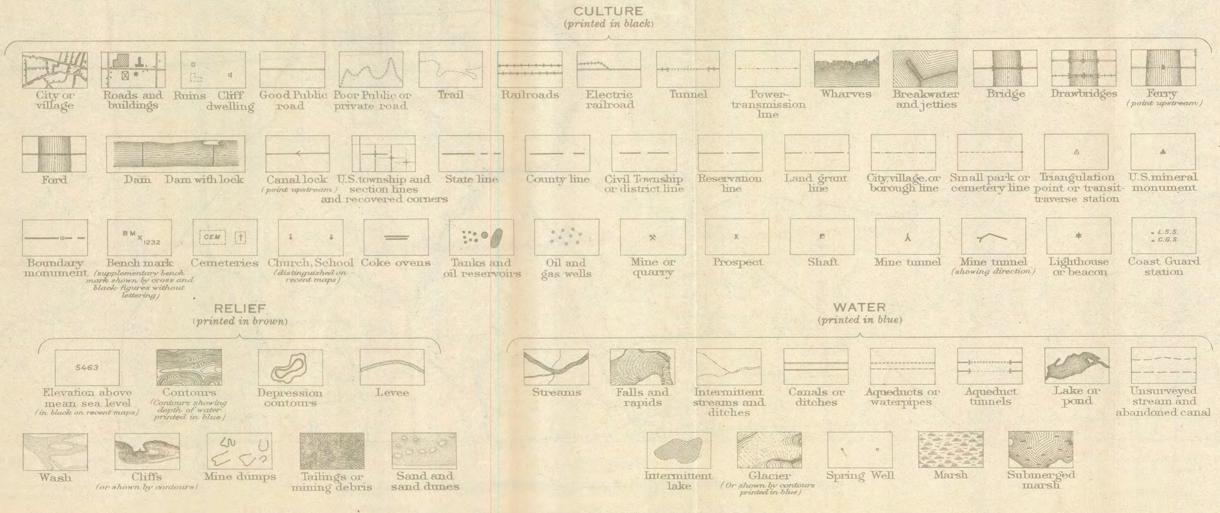
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