

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY Old Alexander House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Columbia

DATE RECEIVED: 4/22/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/07/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79000435

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 6.7.2016 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Accept move  
See attached letter*

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER J. Gibbs DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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### REASONS FOR THE MOVE:

The Old Alexander House is proposed for relocation to be used in conjunction with the relocated Ozmer House to help Southern Arkansas University establish a combination of teaching and exhibit spaces for the agriculture education program. In its current location, the Old Alexander House is endangered due to the fact that it is being vandalized and not used on a regular basis. As a result, the owners worry about the future of the property. As part of the relocation, the house would be restored to its original appearance and have HVAC and electrical systems added. The house would also have access to a new circle driveway.

### EFFECT ON PROPERTY'S HISTORICAL INTEGRITY:

The proposed move will have some impact on the Old Alexander House, specifically with respect to its setting. Its current setting, to the northeast of Magnolia, is heavily wooded and surrounded by forests. The proposed setting is much more open in feel and in close proximity to several of the campus' buildings. The house currently faces south, and would keep the orientation at the new location. The Old Alexander House was listed on the National Register at least under Criterion C for its architecture. As the original nomination stated:

The building is architecturally significant and is connected with the early settlement of the area. Two noteworthy design features of the building are that (1) it is elevated on brick piers to a height approximately five feet above the ground (rare to Arkansas) and (2) each half of the house follows an irregular rather than rectangular plan; an unusual feature for a symmetrical dog-trot dwelling.

Once it is relocated to the proposed location, the Old Alexander House will still retain the qualities that made it architecturally significant when it was listed on January 9, 1979.

### INFORMATION ON THE NEW SITE:

The proposed site for the Old Alexander House is located on the west side of Washington Street to the southwest of Childs Hall and to the north of a large parking area. It is approximately six miles to the southwest of the Old Alexander House's current site. A gravel drive currently makes a "U" to the east of the proposed site. A few trees are located on the site, mainly to the east. Active farm fields are located to the west and north of the site and some modern campus buildings are located to the southwest of the site. As far as is known, no buildings have ever occupied the site.

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## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Old Alexander House Proposed Location

City or Vicinity: Magnolia

County: Columbia County State: Arkansas

Photographer: Ralph S. Wilcox

Date Photographed: January 13, 2016

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 4. View of the proposed location, looking southwest.

2 of 4. View of the proposed location, looking west.

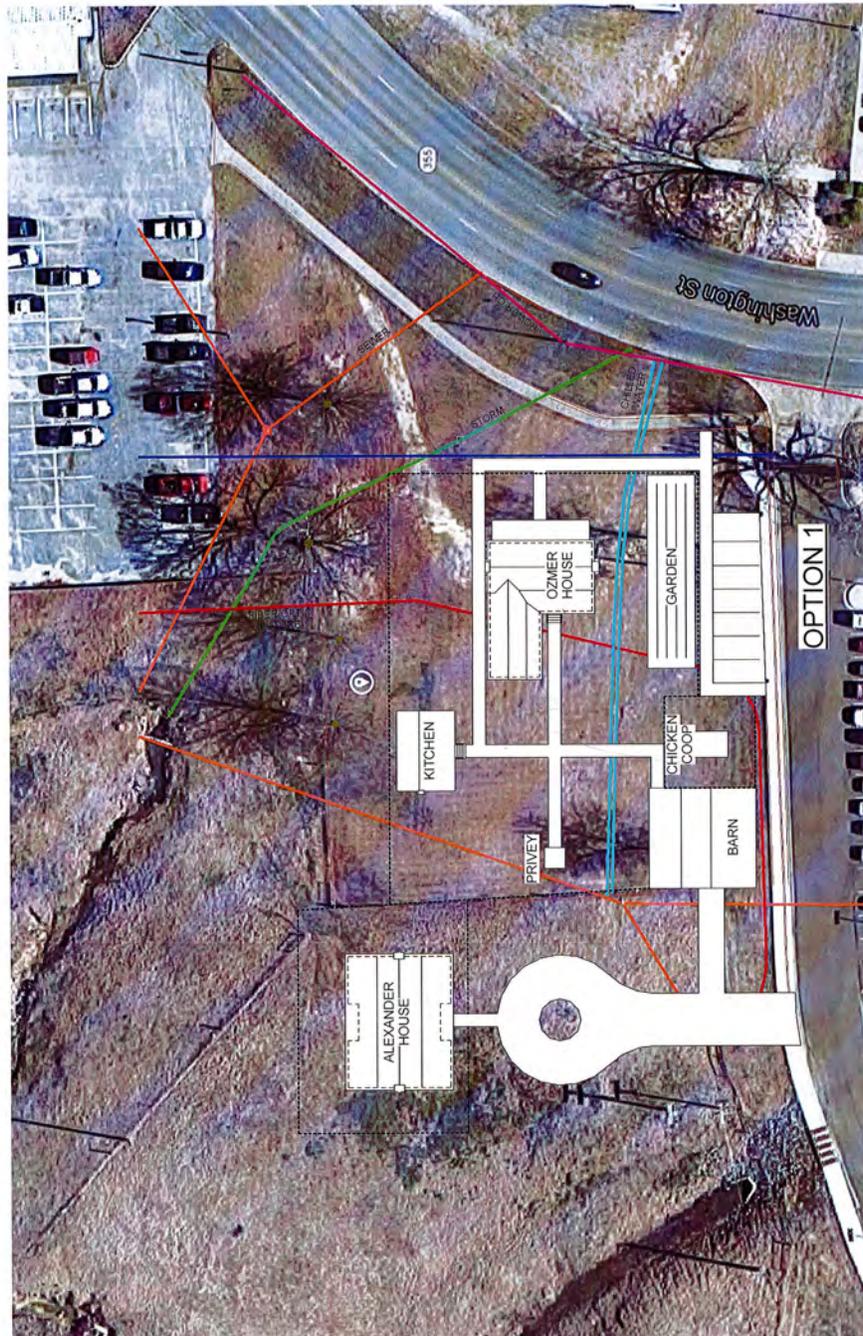
3 of 4. View of the proposed location, looking north.

4 of 4. View of the proposed location, looking northeast.

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Site plan of the proposed location of the Old Alexander House







