

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY Ozmer 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: 86003226

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 ltr*

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER *[Signature]* 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 Ozmer House is proposed for relocation to help Southern Arkansas University establish a combination of teaching and exhibit spaces for the agriculture education program. 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 be made ADA compliant and have access to a new parking lot.

The rooms in the house would include a small classroom and an exhibit room on the Ozmer Family. The rear rooms would include a second visitor information and exhibit room, an office, and a conference room. In addition to relocating the house, the site would also have a kitchen building (restrooms), smokehouse (toolshed) well house, outhouse, beehives, barn (classroom), chicken house, and garden. No documentation exists on the original outbuildings at the Ozmer Farm, so the outbuildings that will be built will be based on common types seen on farmsteads in Southern Arkansas and Northern Louisiana.

### EFFECT ON PROPERTY'S HISTORICAL INTEGRITY:

The proposed move will have some impact on the Ozmer House, specifically with respect to its setting. Its current setting, on the northeast edge of the campus, is relatively wooded and removed from the other campus buildings. The proposed setting is much more open in feel and in close proximity to several of the campus' buildings. The house currently faces north, but is proposed to face east at the new location. However, when the Ozmer House was listed on the National Register, it had already been moved once, and as it is today is not correlated with any event associated with its present position. The Ozmer House was listed on the National Register under Criterion C for its architecture. As the original nomination stated:

Architecturally significant for its excellent craftsmanship and as a representative of the homes built by farm families in south Arkansas, the Ozmer House was built in 1883 approximately two miles northeast of the courthouse square in Magnolia, Columbia County. Originally located in a rural, farming area, the structure is a dog-trot with a kitchen ell. The one-story house is of box-construction with board-and-battens both exterior and interior. The interior also possesses an unusual gambrel ceiling and handmade pine mantels. Typical in plan but exceptional in craftsmanship, the Ozmer House is a well-preserved representative of Columbia County's agricultural and architectural heritage.

Once it is relocated to the proposed location, the Ozmer House will still retain the qualities that made it significant when it was listed on November 20, 1986.

### INFORMATION ON THE NEW SITE:

The proposed site for the Ozmer 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 one mile to the southwest of the

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Ozmer House's current site. A gravel drive currently makes a "U" through the proposed site. A few trees are located on the site, mainly on the northern edge. Active farm fields are located to the west 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.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

WER Architects/Planners. "Schematic Proposal for The Ozmer House Farmstead Master Plan, ca. 1883."  
Prepared for Southern Arkansas University, 14 July 2015.

### 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: Ozmer 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 north.

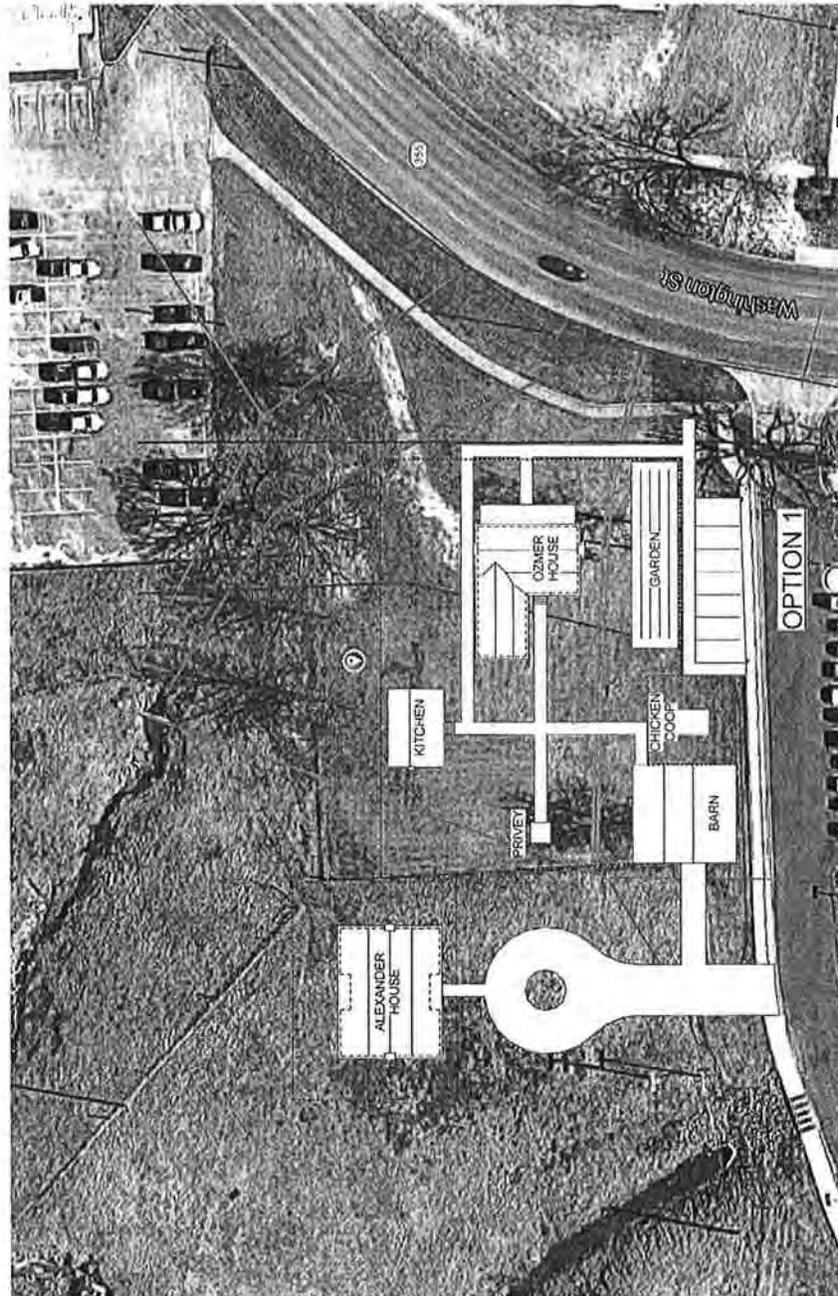
3 of 4. View of the proposed location, looking east.

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

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Site plan of the proposed location of the Ozmer House







