

STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

and-a-half-story gable-roof T-plan frame mansion. A two-tier gallery
nally separated the front section from the rear but it has been
sed, 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
indows have shouldered architrave trim; giant pilasters at front cor-
are more than 18" wide and 32' feet tall. Center-hall plan with
se curved staircase. The third floor, lighted by a pedimented dormer
able-end windows, was originally used as a ballroom. Interior
ires include solid walnut doors and marble mantelpieces.

NOTES:

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

DINGS:

APPE FEATURES:

ollowing forms.

ENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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

NAME:	Prairie Place	80002728
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		

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Clark County Antebellum Thematic
PRAIRIE PALACE *Res.*

Langsdale, Clarke County, Mississippi

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Front facade which faces west.

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