



### *Habicht – Cohn – Crow House, Arkadelphia*

One of Arkadelphia's oldest homes sits at the corner of Eighth and Pine streets. Known as the Habicht-Cohn-Crow House, the building was constructed in 1870 for Captain Anthony E. Habicht, who came to the South during Reconstruction. Local legend says that Habicht patterned the house after one he had seen in Natchez, Mississippi, and its design was heavily influenced by the Greek Revival style.

Habicht moved to Arkadelphia shortly before the completion of the railroad through Arkansas, and capitalized on the rapid economic growth that took place after its arrival. He left Clark County in 1875, and sold the home to M.M. Cohn, an Arkadelphia merchant who later moved to Little Rock and established the M.M. Cohn Company, a well-known and successful business for many, many years.

Cohn sold the residence to Albert M. Crow in 1880. Crow was a Clark County native, born in 1833. During his career, he engaged in real estate activities, serving as agent for the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, and representing other companies as well. Crow and his descendants owned the house for over 100 years. Fannie Crow, A.M.'s daughter, married William Gerig in 1890. Gerig was an engineer known for his work on the Panama Canal. William and Fannie Gerig became owners of the home in 1932, and eventually transferred ownership to their daughter, Mildred Gerig Newberry and her husband, Jacob L. In 1971, Mrs. Newberry willed the house to her children. It remained in the family until 1983.

The Habicht-Cohn-Crow House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.