Ohio Historic Inventory

1. No: 252-1
2. County: Butler
3. Location of Negatives: MPA for HP

4. Present Name(s): The Gothic on Bonham Road
5. Other Name(s):

6. Specific Location: Off Bonham Road SE road in small subdivision

7. City or Town: If Rural, Township & Vicinity: Oxford

8. Site Plan with North Arrow:

9. Coordinates:
   - Lat.
   - Long.

   U.T.M. Reference:
   - Zone 16
   - Easting 695800
   - Northing 4376740

10. Site: Building ☑️ Structure ☐ Object ☐

11. On National Register? Yes ☑️ No ☐
12. Is It Eligible? Yes ☑️ No ☐
13. Part of Estab. Yes ☑️ No ☐
14. District Yes ☑️ No ☐
15. Name of Established District:

16. Thematic Category: C-Architecture-19th century
17. Date(s) or Period: 1833
18. Style or Design:
19. Architect or Engineer:
20. Contractor or Builder:
21. Original Use, if apparent: Hunting lodge
22. Present Use: Residence
23. Ownership: Public ☐ Private ☑️
24. Owner's Name & Address, if known:
   - George H. Abell
   - Bonham Road
   - Oxford, Ohio 45056
25. Open to Public? Yes ☐ No ☑️
26. Plan Shape: Rectangular

27. Local Contact Person or Organization:
   - Lucy Curry

28. No. of Stories: 2
29. Basement?: Yes ☑️ No ☐
30. Foundation Material: Stone
31. Wall Construction: Brick bearing
32. Roof Type & Material: Gable asphalt shingle
33. No. of Bays: Front 2 Side 4
34. Wall Treatment: American bond
35. Changes:
   - Addition ☐
   - Alteration in #42 ☐
   - Moved ☐
36. Condition:
   - Interior very good
   - Exterior very good
37. Preservation Underway?: Yes ☑️ No ☐
38. Endangered?: Yes ☑️ No ☐
39. By What?: No ☑️
40. Visible from Public Road?: Yes ☑️ No ☐
41. Distance from and Frontage on Road: About 1/4 mile

42. Further Description of Important Features:
   - Basically simple brick house with architectural elements of Greek Revival and Bavarian hunting lodge.
   - See attachment #42.

43. History and Significance:
   - Possibly the only house in Oxford Township that was built as a hunting lodge. Lazarus Noble Bonham, educator, farmer, and farm journalist, lived here for over twenty years—1872 to circa 1895.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings:
   - At the top of a wooded hill. Other small houses are nearby. Bottom-lands of Four Mile Creek Valley are to the south and east.

45. Sources of Information:

46. Prepared by:
   - Lucy Curry
47. Organization:
   - MPA for HP
48. Date: 7/1/78
49. Revision Date(s):
The Gothic on Bonham Road
Bonham Road, Oxford, Ohio

Attachment #42

This early brick has been incorrectly labeled Gothic Revival because of triangular shaped upper sashes with triangular panes in the gable dormers. These unusual dormers and the steeply pitched roof are more probably related to motifs found in Bavarian hunting lodges. Other important, but not so emphatic, are Greek Revival details.

The front (west) facade is symmetrical. However, the front door is in the asymmetrical north facade. Two tall windows in the west facade covered by a one story full facade porch supported by round wooden columns with Tuscan capitals. Dentils in the porch cornice. North facade has centrally placed trabeated doorway covered by small Greek Revival porch. Gable end in second story to right of front door has two small windows topped by triangular shaped transoms with triangular panes. Dentils in the gable end above these windows. Two gable dormers with triangular upper sashes with triangular panes in the longitudinal section of north facade. Windows are 3/3 and 2/2. Inside end chimneys.