



The drive through Missouri’s fertile river valley is one of the highlights of your Arrow Rock visit. You simply can’t get there without enjoying what Lewis and Clark described as “butifull countrey... interspersed with Praries & timber alturnetly.” Informative markers along the route will take you back in time.

A Arrow Rock Cemetery

You will find many familiar Arrow Rock names on tombstones here: Joseph and Benjamin Huston, John and Nannie Sites, John Locke Hardeman, and Mary Amend Bingham, the mother of George Caleb Bingham.

B Prairie Park 1849 | One of the finest surviving examples of 19th-century Greek Revival architecture in rural Missouri, this home was a center of early social and political life in the Boonslick area. It is often mistaken as the home of Dr. John Sappington of quinine fame. Actually, it was the home of his son, William B. Sappington, a businessman, farmer, banker and community leader. Tours for eight or more people may be arranged through the Friends of Arrow Rock.

Private property

C The Sanders A. H. Townsend House In 1860, the Ansell Lumber Company of Arrow Rock was engaged by Saunders Townsend to build this Greek Revival cottage as a wedding present for his son, Sanders. The senior Townsend arrived from Kentucky in 1819, establishing one of the earliest families in the area, along with the Sappingtons and Brownlees. **Private property**

D Sappington Negro Cemetery Oral tradition says Dr. Sappington gave his highly-regarded servant, Emanuel Banks, approximately two acres for this cemetery. Many buried here were former slaves who became domestic servants, farm laborers, and skilled craftsmen. The Arrow Rock State Historic Site administers the nearby Sappington family cemetery.

E Pilot Hickory Dr. John Sappington built a substantial two-story log home near here that became the heart of the “Sappington Settlement.” The holdings of this family eventually came to thousands of acres, worked by dozens of slave families and tenant farmers. This was not only a center of agricultural wealth, but also great political power. Three Missouri governors came from the Sappington family. Home is no longer standing

F Zoar Baptist Church Organized in 1825, this is one of the oldest churches in the county. Preaching services have been held without interruption since 1825.

G Memorial Presbyterian Church and Experiment Farm General Thomas A. Smith, a veteran of the War of 1812, entered about 8,000 acres of land from the U.S. government here in 1825. He chose the name “Experiment” because he wanted to determine if an army officer could be a farmer and if crops would grow on the prairie, devoid of trees. The Memorial Presbyterian Church was organized in 1904 and closed in 2004. **Experiment Farm, private property, not accessible to the public**

H Smith Chapel Methodist Church This is the oldest Methodist church in the county. Among the early preachers were Jesse Green and Justinian Williams, who also were cabinet makers. Before going on to become one of America’s most famous painters, George Caleb Bingham apprenticed under these craftsmen and tried preaching. It is probable this early congregation heard Bingham preach. **Active**