# MAYES WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Archer School	X	X
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Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ARCHER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pryor, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097; NW 1/4, Sec. 35, T 21 N, R 19 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Board of Education, Pryor Public Schools, 521 SE First, Pryor, OK 74361

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Archer School is a single story, two-room, rectangular (30' x 46') building constructed of uncut and rusticated native stone of auburn and buff colors in a masonry of random rubble. The strategic placement of the stones add a decorative element to this building. The roof is gabled and contains a chimney. The entryway is recessed behind an arch made of brick. The sash windows are singly placed and have concrete sills. The entryway has wood inserts, but this does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages which were infused back into the depressed local economy, helping individuals as well as the community. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the building is an excellent example of vernacular style that is a major symbol of social significance.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Pryor, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 297370 4014970

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Pryor go three miles west on State highway 20 and 3.25 miles south to the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 21 N, R 19 E, thence north 13 rods; east 12 rods; south 13 rods; west 12 rods to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 37-a; 37-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHOUTEAU CITY HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOCATION: McCracken Street, Chouteau, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational/governmental

OWNER: The City of Chouteau, City Hall, Chouteau, OK 74337

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular  $(79' \times 52')$  structure is constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble. The roof is gabled. The windows are singly placed. New doors and metal encased windows have been installed. One of the garage openings has been filled in with concrete. Concrete additions have been built onto the north and south sides of the structure. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project brought desperately needed jobs to the unemployed workers of Chouteau and infused wages of many man-hours of labor into the local economy. It enhanced the operation of city government and increased moral among the people. Architecturally, it is unique in Chouteau in terms of style, type, scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Chouteau, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 5, Block 16 original town.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHOUTEAU GRADE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Harrison and McCracken Streets, Chouteau, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Board of Education, Box D, Chouteau, OK 74337

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Chouteau Grade School is a four room, single-story, rectangular (56' x 200') building made of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of buff and auburn colors. The roof is flat with parapets. The entryway is recessed behind a brick archway that contains rock pilasters and a rock stepped cornice. The east side of the building has paired and singly placed windows with continuous brick sills. The west side of the structure contains paired and singly placed windows with continuous concrete lentils and sills. The top portion of the west side is constructed of brick. Metal framed windows and several painted panes have been added. There is a 1955 brick addition on the north side and a gym addition on the west. Unfortunately, these alterations do impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of style, type, materials, scale, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Ouadrangle: Chouteau, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Harrison and McCrackin Streets go north 255 feet, west 75 feet, south 255 feet and east 75 feet in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 24, T 20 N, R 18 E.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pryor, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097; Sec. 32 T 21 N, R 20 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied, unrestricted; present use--community activities

OWNER: Board of Education, Pryor Public Schools, 521 SE First, Pryor, OK 74361

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This two room, single story, rectangular (36' x 50') building is constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble. The roof is both hipped and gabled with a gable dormer window. The main entrance is accessed through a portico. The sash windows are by fours on the east and west sides and contain concrete sills and reach to the eaves. The windows on the north and south ends have concrete lentils and sills. An additional doorway has been added, as well as a concrete block addition on the north side. These alterations do impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages from some 16,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the school is a rich example of WPA vernacular style, especially unique within the Cole community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Salina, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Pryor on highway no. 20 some 6 miles then north on county road 2 miles then east 1/2 mile to the school site, a 208 square foot tract in the SE corner of the SW quarter of Sec. 5, T 21 N, R 20 E.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LOCUST GROVE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Wyandotte Street and Joe Koelsch Drive, Locust Grove, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 68, Locust Grove, OK 74352

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Locust Grove School of six rooms or more is a rectangular (62' x 60') building constructed of red brick. The roof is flat with parapets. The main entrance is recessed behind a square arch slightly extended from the plane of the main facade; above it at the roof line is a stepped cornice. The sash windows are paired or singly placed with brick sills and continuous lintels of vertical bricks. To both east and west ends of the structure brick additions have been made, the brick work so expertly blended that it is difficult to distinguish between the old and the new. These additions, however, and alteration of one rear window impairs the original integrity of the structure.

The gymnasium is a rectangular (78'  $\times$  79') structure constructed of uncut native stone with a masonry of random rubble. The roof is arched with parapets. Some of the windows are paired and have concrete sills, while others are near the eaves and also contain concrete sills. The gym has been stuccoed and painted a dark brown color. Unfortunately, the stucco application impeaches the integrity of the gym.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937 and 1939; builder/architects: unknown

The school and gymnasium are significant because they constituted an economically important community resource. Their construction provided local families with wages from some 66,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of these structures restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Ouadrangle: Locust Grove, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 4 of the Dowdy-Pettman addition to the town of Locust Grove, Oklahoma.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MAZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Mazie, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present

use--educational

OWNER: Board of Education, Box D, Chouteau, OK 74337

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Mazie School is a two room, rectangular (45' x 95') structure constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a mansonry of random rubble. The roof is gabled with a center gable over the entrance. There are also two chimneys on the roof. The windows are paired and placed by threes. All windows have concrete sills. The are lunette windows with shutters near the gable on the north and south sides. The windows have been reduced with fiber glass inserts or partially filled in with brick. A rain shelter has been added to the entrance. A concrete addition was also added. These alterations do impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource in Mazie which is 70 percent Amish and Mennonite. Its construction provided local families with wages of more than 24,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed agricultural economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. It enhanced educational opportunities for children in the area. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Quadrangle: Rocky Point, Okla. Acreage: Less than one acre 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 15, Number 10 in the city of Mazie.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MIDWAY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Chouteau, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--private residence

OWNER: Orie Detweiler, Chouteau, OK 74337

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (28' x 40') single story school building of two rooms is constructed of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of buff and auburn colors. The roof is gabled with a cross center gable decorated by stickwork extending over the entrance that is recessed behind columns supporting the gable. Roof gables are filled with wood siding. On the front sash windows are singly placed and contain concrete sills, while on the rear window openings extend to the eaves. New metal encased doors, rain shelters and wood inserts in the rear windows have been added, but do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it stands as a symbol of a government program that sought to preserve people instead of economic systems. At the same time, it suggests that the WPA program was economically important in those communities in which it operated. In this Amish/Mennonite area, construction of the school infused wages from some 8600 man-hours of labor into the local economy and enabled destitute agriculturalists to feed their family and retain their self respect. Equally important is that the structure was responsible for the introduction of modern education into the community, replacing a condemned wood frame structure.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Chouteau NW, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 283720 4006020

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Chouteau on a county road 3 miles then south on county road 1 mile to the school site which is a 208 square foot trant in the northeast corner of Sec. 32, T 20 N, R 18 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 39-a; 39-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SALINA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Ross and Ferry Streets, Salina, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present

use--educational

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 98, Salina, OK 74365

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Salina highschool gymnasium is a rectangular (35'  $\times$  100') building constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble. The bottom third of the building contains cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors. The roof is gabled with parapets. The windows are singly placed. Concrete additions have been added to two sides of the gym, features that impair the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The gymnasium is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages for more than 46,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy and did much to shield mainstreet from economic devastation. Jobs generated by the construction of the gymnasium restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship, and it is a particularly good example of the artistic affect that can be achieved by mixing cut and uncut native stone in the same building. The gymnasium also enhanced education opportunities for children in the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Salina, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Ross and Ferry Streets go 150 feet south, 170 feet east, 150 feet north and 170 feet west, all in the "School Block E," Salina original plat.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

**WELCH SCHOOL** 

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pryor, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--private residence

OWNER: Jack Wells, Rt. 2, Pryor, OK 74361

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (85'  $\times$  50') school is constructed of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone. The roof is flat with parapets. The entrance is slightly recessed behind wide pilasters that reach beyond the roof line. The windows are paired at the entrance and placed in threes on other sides. All the windows have continuous brick sills and above them is a brick frieze. The stone building has been sprayed with polyester resin and fiberglass as well as white paint, an application that cannot be removed and thus impeaches the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource at a time when residents faced the spectre of starvation and ignorance. Its construction provided local families with wages from some 32,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families and prevented total destitution. The school enchanced educational opportunities for children in the area and stimulated an interest in academic excellence. Architecturally, it is unique in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Adair, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 7 miles east and three miles north of Pryor to a two acre tract in the southeast corner of the SW 1/4, Sec. 28, T 22 N, R 20 E.