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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Harris Palace Store

Other names/site number: River Bank General Store

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)



### 2. Location

Street & number: 214 East Ripley Street

City or town: Byars State: Oklahoma County: McClain

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D

Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government			
In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.			
Signature of commenting official:		Date	
Title :		State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature of the Keeper

9/19/2019  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/department store

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/department store

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19th & EARLY 20th CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Commercial Style

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The Harris Palace Store, located at 214 East Ripley Street in Byars, McClain County, Oklahoma, was constructed in 1904 and designed in a modest Commercial Style (Late 19<sup>th</sup>-Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements) with load-bearing brick walls. The setting, in downtown Byars around the town's four commercial streets embracing a large public square, remains one of small, one-story commercial buildings, though only nine pre-1930 buildings remain. New metal buildings are scattered about. The one-story primary (north) façade has a flat, parapeted roof and a storefront comprising wide display window areas, now infilled, flanking a recessed entry that retains original 1904 door material and flanking display windows with original glazing. At some unknown point between 1913 and 1925 the Harris Palace Store building was reduced in height from a two-part block to a one-part block, and the depth of the footprint was expanded by one-third. The original 1904 first-story fenestration was retained. The two-story original was also characterized by its Commercial Style decorative brick detailing, which was revisited in the historic alteration and remains an important visual characteristic. The alteration from two to one story is historic and does not reduce the property's integrity. Although the setting has been affected by attrition, most of the buildings are constructed of brick and are contemporary with or immediately post-dating the Harris Palace Store. The building is in fair condition and retains sufficient integrity of location, materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. It is eligible under Criterion A, for its local significance in the history of Commerce in Byars for the period of significance 1904-1930.



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## Narrative Description

The Harris Palace Store building, located at 214 East Ripley Street in Byars, McClain County, Oklahoma, was erected between April 1903 and June 1904. It is a detached, red-orange brick one-part commercial block building, designed in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Commercial Style. It is situated prominently on the southwest corner of the Byars public square at the intersection of East Ripley Street with Second Street (which is the southeast corner of the intersection). The setting is that of a commercial downtown area, with brick commercial buildings arranged around a central square that serves as a park. The setting was the same historically, although all but 9 buildings dating to 1904-1929 have been razed or collapsed. These are sited along Second Street on the west and south sides of the square. There are many vacant lots and a few new metal buildings on other lots on the north and east sides of the square.

The present Harris Palace Store building is one story, is horizontally massed, and is approximately 18 feet in height at the primary (north-facing) façade. The building's long axis is 128 feet deep (north to south) along Second Street, encompassing the entirety of Lot 18, Block 11, to the alley, and the width is 28 feet (east to west) along East Ripley Street. Its north façade faces East Ripley Street. The roof is flat, with a low parapet on east and west, and the roofing material is asphalt. The walls are load-bearing brick masonry reinforced in places by concrete plastering over deteriorating brick. The historic appearance of the building had assumed two phases. From the year of construction, circa 1904 to circa 1920, the building was two stories in height, horizontally massed, and 85 feet deep (see below, Alterations), with its long and short axes in the same relative position to East Ripley Street and Second Street. Sometime between 1913 and 1925, the building was modified by removing the second story and, presumably, using the materials to add onto the back of the first story, making it the building as it stands today. The Harris Palace Store has maintained a simple, modestly adorned Commercial Style typical of Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements architecture and continues its commercial function.

## Exterior

The Harris Palace Store is a typical early-twentieth-century one-part commercial block building.<sup>1</sup> Its main façade, on the north, is characterized by a storefront; an expanse of wall that carries display window areas flanking and a recessed entry. The upper portion of the wall (above a clerestory window area that spans the width of the storefront) carries a "ghost sign" of lettered advertising typical of that era. The façade is taller than one story in order to give an air of prominence to an otherwise unpretentious presentation. Also typical is the decorated cornice under the parapet. The parapet terminates at the edges of the façade where it connects with brick pillars that extend up past the parapet. The lower two-thirds of the brick pillars are plastered with grey painted concrete. Other brick decoration includes shallow-arched window headers in the west (secondary) façade, which has secondary entrance areas. Although the west elevation is minimally

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Longstreth, *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture* (Washington, D.C.: The Preservation Press, 1987), 54-55, 63.

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fenestrated, its blank wall between cornice and windows and entries also carries “ghost sign” advertising. At the top of the west wall are a decorated and pilastered cornice and a parapet.

In the north (primary) façade there are 3 bays. The center bay accommodates a recessed entry bay that is created by inwardly angled, fixed display windows flanking a double-door entry. The painted wood doors remain in their original wood casings and are 1x1 two-light, or “3/4 light” doors with a single panel at the foot. The window casings are the original wood, and the glazing is newer plate glass but replicates the original glazing. The angled display windows on either side of the doors rest on a brick knee wall plastered with concrete and painted dark gray. The knee wall continues along the face of the façade, parallel to the street, to the east and west of the entry bay to support larger display-window bays that flank the entry, which comprise the two outer bays. The openings in each of these flanking bays originally held full-width, fixed, plate glass, display windows that were removed at an unknown date, perhaps during a 1994 change in ownership. The openings were infilled with board and batten, into which are cut smaller window openings containing paired, two-over-two, aluminum, single-hung window units. They are protected by metal security bars on the exterior.

Spanning across the façade’s width, between the two end pillars, and between the storefront and the clerestory area, is an awning composed of a wooden framework covered with corrugated metal roofing. It shades the windows and entry and is suspended from the wall by guy wires. Also spanning the building width, between the two end pillars, and directly above the awning is an area containing board-and-batten siding. It conceals the openings for clerestory windows; their presence or absence is impossible to determine without removing the siding. Some of the clerestory was visible as late as 1994. Above the clerestory windows, the wall is reinforced with a steel beam, to which are attached the awning’s guy wires. Above that, the flat and slightly inset wall is comprised of original face brick. Between the clerestory and the top of the parapet remains a “ghost sign,” a strip of stenciled advertising that remains faintly visible on the brick wall. Its white block lettering denotes: “THE PALACE STORE/DRY-GOODS & GROCERIES.” Above the signage, the cornice comprises a span of decorative raised brickwork, set vertically like dentils in four rows, projecting upward and outward across the parapet, and the stenciled word “HARRIS” is now only faintly visible across the decoration.

The west façade, which is the second most important building face, gives access from Second Street. It presents in four bays organized by a parapet that steps down from north to south, and by inset sign boards. Each bay terminates in an outwardly projecting shallow pilaster at the parapet. Bays 1, 2, and 3 are original to the 1904 building; bay 4 is an addition dating to 1913-1925; exact year of construction unknown. The fenestration pattern presently appears to reflect that of the 1904 original core of the building and retains the openings added in the historic alteration.

From north to south, the first bay of the original 1904 building has 3 openings: a non-historic square opening set high in the wall for a louvered metal cooking ventilator, also non-historic; a small, non-historic, infilled square opening of unknown purpose is set low in the wall; and a historic arched opening for a window that is set about halfway up in the wall. The window has a

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wide surround, and slightly projecting sill, both plastered with concrete that is painted grey. The window has a non-historic metal awning that hides almost the entire opening. Below the parapet, the “ghost sign” in the sign board displays the word “HARRIS.”

To the south, in the second bay of the original 1904 building, is a single historic opening containing an arch-topped window identical in placement, material, and description as the neighboring window in the first bay. It also has a match metal awning of unknown date that covers most of the opening. Again, beneath the parapet is a “ghost sign” with the stenciled words: “GEN’L MDSE.”

Further south is the third bay of the original 1904 building, containing a single historic opening at grade for an entry. It is placed at the north end of the bay but is sited about mid-building. The opening is arched and contains an arch over a transom window over a doorway, but the door opening has been infilled with sheet metal. A wide door surround, flush with the wall and tapering to a right triangle at the top of the opening, has been plastered with concrete. The transom window has a matching metal awning that covers almost all of the opening. Again, beneath the parapet in this bay is a “ghost sign” with the stenciled word “WHOLESALE.”

At the south end of the west face is the fourth bay. It comprises the historic addition to the building dating to the period 1913-1925. It is constructed of the same red-orange face brick as the original 1904 material. The bay comprises two window openings flanking a door opening. The window opening to the north of the door is arched, and has a double row of rowlock bricks as a header, and contains a two-over-two, wood hung window that is presumed historic. A matching metal awning covers most of the upper sash of the window. The door opening also sits under a rowlock-header arch with transom window and contains a two-by-two light, three-panel wood door, also presumed historic. The window opening to the south of the door is also arched with the rowlock header and a two-over-two, wood hung window that is presumed historic. A matching metal awning covers most of the upper sash of the window. Both the windows and the doorway have metal security screens on the exterior. Again, beneath the parapet is a “ghost sign” with the stenciled words “AND RETAIL.” A characteristic of the addition is the brick pattern, which, like the other bays, is laid up in the original 1904 pattern of six stretchers and a header, but the header rows do not align with the header rows of the other bays and there is a visible joint where the two building phases meet. From ground to about three feet up in the wall, the brick in this elevation has been protected by a coat of dark gray concrete plaster that extends the depth of the building, creating a watertable. Placed outside the building, sitting on the ground, are two air conditioner condensers. Electrical connections are secured to the wall.

Presently, the south (rear) wall, also in utility brick, has one vehicle/loading door infilled with corrugated sheet metal on the west and a pedestrian door opening infilled with concrete blocks on the east. Viewed from the inside, the pedestrian door is seen to have a two-part wood-framed transom over a wood door casing still in place but filled with sheet metal. On the exterior, the bottom corners of the south wall are protected by a projecting concrete footing that appears to be original to the building. The south elevation’s openings are protected by a wood-framed sheet-metal-covered awning of unknown vintage. This elevation has no parapet.

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The east wall, constructed of orange-colored utility brick, is one continuous, unfenestrated expanse of material. It was presumably intended as a party wall for a one-story building erected in 1910 on the next lot east, which is no longer extant. A plain, undecorated parapet is stepped gradually downward seven times to the rear and has two upwardly projecting pilasters. Presently, the wall exhibits areas of deteriorating brick, with a joint-line that might indicate the point at which the alteration/addition began. Further, the brick bond in the addition varies in its stretcher-header series and has scattered black bricks. In the wall is a square area that appears to have had an opening at some point in time but is now filled with a regular brick bond of six stretchers and a header, as seen in the west and east walls. In random areas, concrete is plastered over deteriorating brick. "Dots" of plaster regularly appear from north to south in the wall at an appropriate roof height for supporting the non-extant adjoining building.

### **Interior**

The building's interior is divided into three rooms. The front (north) room is/was the store proper and is accessed from East Ripley Street. The space has a concrete floor. Each of the display windows retains its original display platform for "window dressing." The walls and ceiling are covered with corrugated metal siding. At the south end, a metal-covered wall has a central doorway accessing the second room. This room has concrete floors, brick walls, and a presumed original pressed metal ceiling. An entry opening and a window in the west wall are infilled and plastered over. A doorway in the south wall of this room accesses the third, southernmost, room, which is the addition. Entering this area, and viewing the wall between the two rooms, one sees that part of it is the building's original 1904 brick south or "rear" wall, is now reduced to about three feet on each side left in place in order to support the rest of the structure. The third room also has pressed metal ceiling material. The ceiling is missing in places, and the roof structure is visible. The room retains the historic, deteriorated, but functionally useable windows and door in the west wall. The walls are brick and the floor is concrete. The south wall of this third room has the infilled openings for a pedestrian door and a vehicle door. It is reasonable to suggest that the present appearance of the two rear rooms is the same as their historic appearance.

### **Alterations**

The building's 1904 historic appearance changed from its original as a two story block to a one-story block. From 1904 until alteration at an unknown date sometime between 1913 (year of a historic photo showing two stories) and 1925 (date of sale by Harris), the Harris Palace Store was a two-part commercial block, in the Commercial style. In 1904 the building was decorated much like it is today. It was a two-story parapeted building with a flat roof and wood-framed doors and windows in north, west, and south walls in both floors. In the second story of the north façade (from a circa 1911 photo) two tall, narrow, arched window openings contained large hung windows. A shallow wooden awning covered the width of the clerestory and sheltered the doorway. The first-story openings were as presently, although the display windows were fully filled with plate glass. The original 1904 two-story west façade (from 1911 photo) had numerous

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openings in its now non-extant second story. Its wall was marked by 9 projecting pilasters. Between each pilaster was a tall, narrow, arched window opening, 8 in number, but between the second and third pilasters was a second-story entryway accessed by an external stair against the wall. The stair and entry accessed the room or rooms inside. Just at the top of the windows, all the way across the side of the building, Harris painted the large block letters “THE HARRIS PALACE STORE”. Above the windows was a decorated cornice band with a ribbon of arched, projecting brickwork, and above that rose a level parapet. The 1904 south wall had one doorway that led to an open area and a separate small building or “warehouse” (per 1905/1911 fire insurance map) on the rear of the lot. The small building may have been incorporated into the addition during the 1913-1925 alteration. In its 1904 incarnation (from a 1906 photo) the Harris store’s east wall appears to have had no openings, as far as may be determined. Its only distinguishing feature was the block-lettered signage “HARRIS/THE PALACE STORE/DRY-GOODS & GROCERIES” painted just below the parapet. No reason is known for the alteration to one story. Judging from the general quality and condition of the brick, and factoring in local acknowledgment that substandard brick prevailed throughout the downtown area, it is reasonable to suggest that the upper floor of the building may have been structurally deficient [see Fig. 3]. When the building was altered, the façades assumed their present appearance.

Alterations to the post-circa 1925 one-story Harris Palace Store, which is the subject of this nomination, have included infilling two display windows in the north façade and the insertion of smaller hung windows. They also include the covering of the clerestory windows above the storefront. The west façade was punctured in two places for venting of some type, the two entries have now have awnings, one entry is blocked by sheet metal, and awnings and security screening has been added to windows. The south façade’s two entry openings have been infilled with sheet metal and concrete block. There have been no known alterations to the east façade, except for the loss of the neighboring building which has exposed the elevation. The non-historic alterations, for which a date of 1994 have been suggested (due to a change in ownership) do not overly impact the building’s integrity, as the core and the majority of exterior surfaces and fenestration pattern remain intact.

The assessment of the historic alteration date and its characteristics was made via comparisons of 1904 and 1904/corrected to 1911 fire insurance maps, as two stories; circa 1906, circa 1911, and 1913 (dated) photos, as two stories; 1925 deed of sale record at McClain County Clerk Office; and 1930 fire insurance map as showing the building as an expanded one story (See Figs. 1-5, Continuation Form, Sheets 8/1 through 8/5).

The Harris Palace Store projects the Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century-Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements’ simple, straightforward one-part Commercial Style that indicates its functions and its commercial significance throughout the period 1904-1930. The building maintains sufficient integrity in all seven aspects to enable listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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## 8. Statement of Significance



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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE  
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**Period of Significance**

1904-1930  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1904  
1913-1925  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**

Unknown  
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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Harris Palace Store, located at 214 East Ripley Street, in Byars, McClain County, Oklahoma, on the town's commercial square, is nominated for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its local significance in the area of Commerce in Byars for the period of significance 1904-1930. Erected in Byars's second year of existence, the "general merchandise" building represents the earliest development of small-town business entities during the last years of the Indian Territory era. The building is one of the town's three extant resources representing that early-day commercial activity and of the three, it pre-dates its peers by at least one year. In the period between 1913 and 1925 the Harris Palace Store was altered from a two-story Commercial Style building to a one-story building in the same architectural style and the footprint of the remaining first floor was expanded in size. The building retained its original retail commercial purpose and continued as such until at least 1930, after which no documents exists to suggest a commercial service to the community. Although the setting of a downtown commercial area around a public square has diminished considerably since the 1930s, the Harris Palace Store retains more than sufficient integrity in the other six aspects to enable its listing, and it retains the feeling and associations of a once-vital downtown commercial square.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Harris Palace Store building, located at 214 East Ripley Street, is significant at the local level under Criterion A, for its association with the history of Commerce in Byars, McClain County, Oklahoma. The period of significance is 1904-1930, an era that was also Byars's commercial heyday in the last years of the Chickasaw Nation and Indian Territory. The building is one of three remaining pre-statehood (pre-1907) Indian Territory-era commercial resources in the downtown business section. Although the building has been altered (date unknown but between late 1913 and 1925), it was one of the first brick commercial buildings, and one of the first buildings overall, erected in the small community of Byars, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, which was platted in April 1903.

**Commerce Significance:**

Railroad development in the immediate area may have stimulated establishment of Byars because the terrain was level and easy for construction. Plans for the Guthrie and Western Railway Company (GR&W) building a line southward from Shawnee may have prompted the platting of a bona fide townsite at the Byars location in 1903 during the Chickasaw Nation allotment process. The GR&W would pass beside the new townsite of Byars and reach Pauls Valley in 1904. Subsequently, the Canadian Valley and Western Railway's (CV&W) east-west line, also in the making in the early 1900s, may have also stimulated the placement of the townsite location.

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Located 25 miles southeast of Purcell (the present seat of McClain County), the new community was named for Katie Byars, a Chickasaw (and her husband, Nathan Byars, an intermarried white), who is said to have donated part of her allotment for a town square (this has not been verified). Byars received a designated post office in April 1903,<sup>2</sup> an indication that at least one business operated.

Byars's commercial community grew at a quick pace. Early enterprises included a grocery, a meat market, two drug stores, a furniture store, a jeweler, and two shoe-and-boot shops. The town had its complement of travel-oriented amenities, including two hotels and a wagon yard (where farmers could park their wagons, stable their teams, and camp out for the night). Two restaurants were available for travelers and farm families who came to town to do business with the cotton gin or purchase seed and supplies at the hardware and implements dealer or the lumberyard, or to borrow money at one of two banks in already in operation. In 1904-05 there were five "general merchandise" stores in Byars.<sup>3</sup> These included a commercial operation occupying the large, two-story brick building at 214 East Ripley Street, which is the subject of this nomination. As early as August 1905 a "Palace Store" began advertising in the *Byars Banner*. The names "J. A. Harris" and "R. Harris" as proprietors of the "Palace Store" soon became connected with the advertising.<sup>4</sup>

Byars's commercial life was centered on a large public square bounded by Second and Third Streets (to the west and east respectively) and East Ripley and East Main Streets (to the south and north, respectively). The square proper was a park, with the commercial buildings on the opposite sides of the four streets, facing the park. A June 1904 Clarkson Fire Insurance map shows more than 60 commercial buildings arranged around a large public square; most are on the west side with a few on the other sides. Only five of these first pre-1907 buildings were constructed of brick (with load-bearing masonry walls).<sup>5</sup> [See Fig. 1, Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, Byars, I.T., June 1904, Continuation Form, Sheet 8/1] Three were on the west side, one on the north, and one on the south. The rest were wood-frame buildings typical of the early years of a Western town. The five "bricks" included a two-story Commercial Style general store (now addressed at 214 East Ripley Street) on the square's southwest corner (Lot 18/Block 11). The largest and most substantial of the five pre-statehood brick buildings, at 28 by 85 feet it housed the Harris Palace Store, which

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<sup>2</sup> A. M. Gibson, *The Chickasaws* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1971), 307-09; Preston George, "Railroads of Oklahoma," Oklahoma Department of Transportation, January 1970-April 1978, 34, 38; ; Lisa Fisher and Amanda Terrill, "How Byars Got Its Name," in Joyce Rex, *McClain County History and Heritage*, Book 3 (Purcell, Okla.: McClain County Historical and Genealogical Society, 1986), 54-55. Byars did not receive an entry in *R. L. Polk's Oklahoma and Indian Territory Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1903*, an indication that no business houses may yet have been present.

<sup>3</sup> "Estimates of Relative Fire Hazard, Byars, Chickasaw Nation, Ind. Terr., Pop. 300, June 1904," Rating Booklet to accompany fire insurance map, John A. Kirschner Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City.

<sup>4</sup> *Byars Banner*, 2 June, 21 July, 28 July, 4 August, 11 August 1905, 2 January 1906.

<sup>5</sup> Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, Byars, I. T., June 1904. One was on the north side (Lot 1/Block 10), three on the west side (Lots 14, 15, 16,/Block 9), and one on the south side of the square (Lot 18/Block 11). All are pictured in pink, for brick, on the 1904 map. In 1905 another was built across Lots 15 and 16/Block 11 in 1905, and before 1906 two more were erected on Lots 5 and 6/Block 9. Only three of the pre-1907 bricks (those on Lot 18/ Block 11 and on Lots 5 and 6/Block 9) are extant.

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is the subject of this nomination. The building may have been erected by Nathan and Katie Byars or by James A. and Ruth Harris.<sup>6</sup> It was the largest and most imposing in town in 1904, with a lodge hall and the town's telephone exchange in the second story and Harris's dry-goods and general merchandise in the first story. Harris proudly erected a huge sign at the top of the parapet in the north elevation, "THE PALACE STORE" and stenciled his name and the nature of his commercial enterprise below the parapet on the east and south sides of the building in large block letters; on the west: THE HARRIS PALACE STORE, and on the east, HARRIS DRY GOODS & GROCERIES/PALACE STORE COUNTRY PRODUCE."<sup>7</sup> [See Fig. 2, Harris Palace Store and south/west sides of square, 1906, Continuation Sheet 8/2; and Fig. 3, Harris Palace Store, west elevation, dated to post-1910 fire, Continuation Sheet 8/3]

Another boost to the commercial economy came soon. Between 1906 and 1908 the CV&W Railway's successor, the Oklahoma Central Railway Company (later acquired by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in 1914), built 39.9 miles of line that extended to Purcell through Byars and Ada from Lehigh's coal fields.<sup>8</sup> Rail access, town building, and the allotment process in the Chickasaw Nation subsequently created prosperity in a once-sleepy ranching country.

In 1905 and for the next half-dozen years, Byars's prosperous merchants set about replacing their wood-frame buildings with brick and stone. In the context of small-town history, a brick building not only signaled a business owner's prosperity but also indicated a town's permanence and its safety from fire. The number of brick buildings grew to more than twenty, all but one or two ranged on the west side of the square, with scattered brick buildings, frame buildings, and vacant lots on the other three sides.<sup>9</sup> [Fig. 4, Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, Byars, I.T., 1905/corrected to 1911, Continuation Sheet 8/4]

Over the next decades Byars became an important regional nexus for agricultural service businesses that flourished through the 1900s, 1910s, and 1920s.<sup>10</sup> Despite setbacks due to fires, war, and agricultural depression, the town grew from roughly 300 in 1905 to 537 at 1907 statehood to 626 in 1920, the peak year. During the post-World War I agricultural depression the town

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<sup>6</sup> The Harrises acquired the lot and the building on March 30, 1906, from Nathan and Katie Byars. See Nathan Byars and Katie Byars to R. Harris, Warranty Deed, 30 March 1906, Register of Deeds, County Clerk Office, McClain County, Book 7, page 227. See also *Byars Banner*, 11 August 1905.

<sup>7</sup> Photo, 1906, in Rex, *McClain County History*, Book 1, 38. See also photo, 1911, Book 1, page, 62; this photo was erroneously dated 1906 in Rex, but is properly dated to 1911, according to known building occupancy by Richards Drugs on Ripley on November 25, 1910 and continuing through the autumn of 1911, after which Richards moved to the west side of the square. See also *Byars Banner*, 7 October 1910, 25 November 1910 and 10 August 1911.

<sup>8</sup> George, "Railroads," 30, 31, 37, 38.

<sup>9</sup> Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, Byars, I.T., 1905/corrected to 1911.

<sup>10</sup> Gibson, *Chickasaws*, 307-09; George, "Railroads" 30, 31, 34, 38; Augustus J. Veenendahl, "Oklahoma Central Railway," *The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture* (Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society, 2009), accessed online at [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org), 28 November 2018; Joy F. Thompson, "Byars," *The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, accessed online at [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org), 28 November 2018; George Shirk, *Oklahoma Place Names* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1974), 38.



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retained its viability in the 1920s because of an oil boom in the area. In 1930 the population numbered around 500 residents, still a respectable number to support commerce. State gazetteers indicate at least 36 businesses in 1909-10, 40 in 1911, 28 in 1913, and 33 in 1918.<sup>11</sup> They comprised the usual complement of service providers and regularly included from four to six “general merchandise and grocery” businesses. Commerce was also stimulated by the automobile-based tourism of the 1920s and 1930s, centering on a nearby lake that had been created by the construction of the Santa Fe Railway line. Now called Byars Lake, it continues to be a factor in keeping the town alive.

James A. and Ruth Harris continued to operate their general merchandise/dry goods/grocery business in the Harris Palace Store premises from mid-1905 through February 1926. During much of that time the second story of the building accommodated both a lodge hall and the local telephone exchange. At some point between August 1913 and December 1925, within a twelve-year period, the Harrises altered the Harris Palace Store building.<sup>12</sup> They removed its upper story and used the bricks to extend the one-story to a full-lot depth, about 128 feet, and incorporated the site of a smaller building that had existed at the alley. Judging from the general quality and condition of the brick, and factoring in local acknowledgment that substandard brick prevailed throughout the downtown area, it is reasonable to conclude that the upper floor of the Harris building may have been in jeopardy of collapse.<sup>13</sup> After the alteration, the Harrises continued to operate the enterprise in the now one-story building, and once again they stenciled their customary “identity” advertising signs in large block letters on the north and west elevations, just below the new parapet. These are still visible and indicate, in the north elevation, “HARRIS” AND “THE PALACE STORE/DRY-GOODS & GROCERIES” and in the west elevation, “HARRIS/ GEN’L MDSE/ WHOLESALE/ AND RETAIL.”<sup>14</sup> They did not mark the east elevation this time. In late February 1926, the Harrises sold their building to another local retailer, E. R. Harrison, and moved to Texas.<sup>15</sup>

After the Harrises departed, unknown persons continued to operate a store in the building at least until 1930, after which its story fades into obscurity. The year 1930 has been selected as the end of the period of significance because no further evidence has been found to suggest the nature of the building’s service to the Byars community after that date. E. R. Harrison, himself a prominent merchant with a retail/wholesale store in competition with Harris, may have used the Harris building for storage, sold the Palace Store building in 1954. Over the next decades it changed hands numerous times. In the 1970s and 1980s a local rancher reportedly stored feed in it. The

<sup>11</sup> R. L. Polk’s *Oklahoma State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, 1909-10, 1911, 1913, 1918 (Detroit, Mich.: R. L. Polk Co., 1909-1918); *Daily Oklahoman*, 23 May 1927; Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Byars, Oklahoma, January 1930;

<sup>12</sup> Photo dated July 25-26, 1913, showing Palace Store as two story; J. A. Harris et ux to E. R. Harrison, Warranty Deed, 22 February 1926, Register of Deeds, County Clerk Office, McClain County, Book SF2, page 600.

<sup>13</sup> Compare Clarkson Fire Insurance Map of 1905/1911 with Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1930. The 1930 Sanborn Map indicates that the full extent of Lot 18, Block 11 is occupied by a one-story building from street to alley; the Telephone Exchange has been moved half a block to the east into a small building.

<sup>14</sup> Personal observation by D. Everett, 14 February 2019; a photo from 1994 shows the north elevation’s signage more clearly visible than in 2019; see Fig. 9.

<sup>15</sup> Harris et ux to Harrison, Warranty Deed, 22 February 1926.

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building was reoccupied for commercial pursuits in the early 1990s as Byars Quick Stop, later as Gigi's, and in 2015 as River Bank General Store, which remains in 2019.<sup>16</sup>

### **Additional Developmental Context:**

As with most small towns in their developmental years, Byars was plagued by fires in the commercial section; the town's leaders were not able to set up a public waterworks system until the late 1930s.<sup>17</sup> On November 5, 1910, a huge conflagration destroyed almost the entire block of buildings on the west side of the square, along Second Street.<sup>18</sup> The buildings on lots 9 through 11, mid-block, were wood-frame; the buildings at the north end on lots 16 through 18 were also wood. Fire eliminated all of them. In between the two sets of frame buildings were small brick buildings on lots 12 through 15; the proximity to the flames and heat severely damaged them, perhaps beyond repair. Only two west-side brick buildings escaped damage; those were the two the south end on lots 5 and 6, addressed at 108 and 109 Second Street, respectively. Historic photos dated 1906, 1909, 1911, and 1913 confirm the types of buildings on the west side before and after the 1910 fire, and a 1917 photo shows the west side as having been rebuilt with brick buildings, even on some lots that had already had them. Brick and mortar are not immune to the deleterious effect of fire, intense heat, and water.<sup>19</sup> [See again Fig. 2, Harris Store and South/West sides of square, 1906, Continuation Form, Sheet 8/2; see also Fig. 6, Byars square, west side, 1909, Continuation Form, Sheet 8/6; Fig. 7, Byars square, west and north sides, 1913, Continuation Form, Sheet 8/7; Fig. 8, Byars square, west and north sides, 1917, Continuation Form, Sheet 8/8] In the 1920s the buildings on the north side along East Main Street, burned.<sup>20</sup> Only half of them were replaced. By 1930, only 26 buildings existed around the square, most on the west side, a few on the north and south, and none on the east side. In the early 1930s the west side burned again.<sup>21</sup> The constant destruction and replacement, and the consequent attrition, left many lots vacant and buildings unusable or in an imperiled condition.

As of February 2019 Byars has only nine pre-1930 brick commercial buildings on the square, only three of which were constructed during the Indian Territory era, and one of which is the Harris

<sup>16</sup> Bo Cail, Mayor of Byars, in-person and telephone interviews by D. Everett, 14 and 25 February 2019; Jim Etter, "Town of Byars Fights Downhill Pull," *Daily Oklahoman*, 7 November 1994.

<sup>17</sup> Ramon Martin, "Scraps from the Rag Bag," *Daily Ardmoreite* (Ardmore, Okla.), 16 June 1935; Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1930.

<sup>18</sup> *Daily Oklahoman*, 6 November 1910; *Byars Banner*, 11 November 1910.

<sup>19</sup> This conclusion was reached by a process of correlating the fire insurance maps of 1904, 1905/corr. 1911, and 1930 (lot numbers and construction type) with historic streetscape photos dated to 1906, 1909, circa 1910, 1913, and 1917, and with newspaper reports of those years, coupled with observation of buildings extant in 2019. A total of 9 early-twentieth-century buildings are extant around the square in Byars; 6 post-date the fire of 1911. See Rex, *McClain County History*, Book 1/p. 38, Book 2/p. 43, Book 3/p. 63; 1909 and 1917 photos provided by Ashlee Burnett, Byars, Oklahoma.

<sup>20</sup> Odella Hanks Haynes, "Life in Byars," from the *Purcell Register*, 16 March 1989, reprinted in Rex, *McClain County History*, Book 3, 62; Martin, "Scraps." Other fires on the square are documented to October 26 and November 29 1917.

<sup>21</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Byars, Oklahoma, 1930; Haynes, "Life in Byars," 62.

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Palace Store. The square, now largely unoccupied, also has a half-dozen metal buildings on the north and east sides and two new brick buildings on the south side. The 9 that survived a century of fire, the vicissitudes of economics, and out-migration are: 214 East Ripley Street, 218 East Ripley Street, 108 Second Street, 109 Second Street, 112-113 Second Street, 114 Second Street, 119 Second Street, 120 Second Street, and an unaddressed building at approximately 215 East Main Street.

More importantly, because of fire's destruction of the west side, the 1904 Harris Palace Store building, at 214 East Ripley Street, achieved the distinction of being one of only 3 pre-statehood (pre-1907) Indian Territory commercial buildings that remain to illustrate the town's founding and its earliest commercial history. The second-oldest buildings in town, those at 108 and 109 Second Street, on Lots 5 and 6 of Block 9 were erected at some point between 1905 and 1906.<sup>22</sup> At 108 Second Street, on the corner, is a small, two-story building that was formerly a bank. Half a lot deep, it has missing windows and doors and boarded window and door openings and badly deteriorating brick. Next door, the building on Lot 6, a one-story half-lot-deep commercial space, is also brick; it has a partially collapsed roof, its openings are boarded, and its unsupported walls are in imminent danger of collapse. The other six buildings appear to have been erected after statehood.<sup>23</sup>

The Harris Palace Store is in fair-to-poor condition but still functional. There have been few exterior alterations post-1930 other than reduction in size/replacement of two display windows in the north wall, blocking of three openings in the west wall and two in the south wall, addition of removable window awnings in the west wall, and thin-coat plastering of the brick along the north and west walls from the ground to watertable height, about three feet above grade, to deter spalling. [Fig. 9, 1994 photo, D. McDaniel photo, Continuation Sheet 8/8] The original first-story fenestration pattern remains intact, signage remains visible, and the building retains sufficient integrity to enable listing.

As one of three remaining pre-statehood (pre-1907) Indian Territory/Chickasaw Nation commercial resources in Byars and as the only one with intact physical and functional integrity, the 1904 Harris Palace Store building, at 214 East Ripley Street, has maintained its historical location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and as much association as can be made within a setting repeatedly reduced by fires, nature's elements, and neglect. The setting, on a square in the center of town, has been modified by attrition, but still within sight of the Harris Palace Store are buildings that are its contemporaries. The small constellation of commercial buildings still reflects the original concept of town platting with a commercial center and public square that was established by the community at its 1903 beginning. Retaining much of its integrity in all aspects, from its original incarnation through its alteration, Harris Palace Store at 214 East Ripley Street is well able to transmit information about Byars's pre-statehood, territorial-era commercial history,

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<sup>22</sup> They do not appear on the 1904 Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, but they are partly visible in the photo dated to 1906.

<sup>23</sup> See note 18, above.

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and is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A, for its local significance in the history of Commerce for Byars, McClain County, Oklahoma, during the period of significance 1904-1930.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

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  - Other
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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acres of Property** Less than 1 (one) acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

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(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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**Or**

**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property's boundary includes all of Lot 18 in Block 11 of Byars City.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These are the property's legally recorded boundaries, as found in the records of the McClain County Tax Assessor and the McClain County Clerk Office, Register of Deeds, Book 7, page 227.

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

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County: McClain State: Oklahoma

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Date Photographed: 14 February 2019

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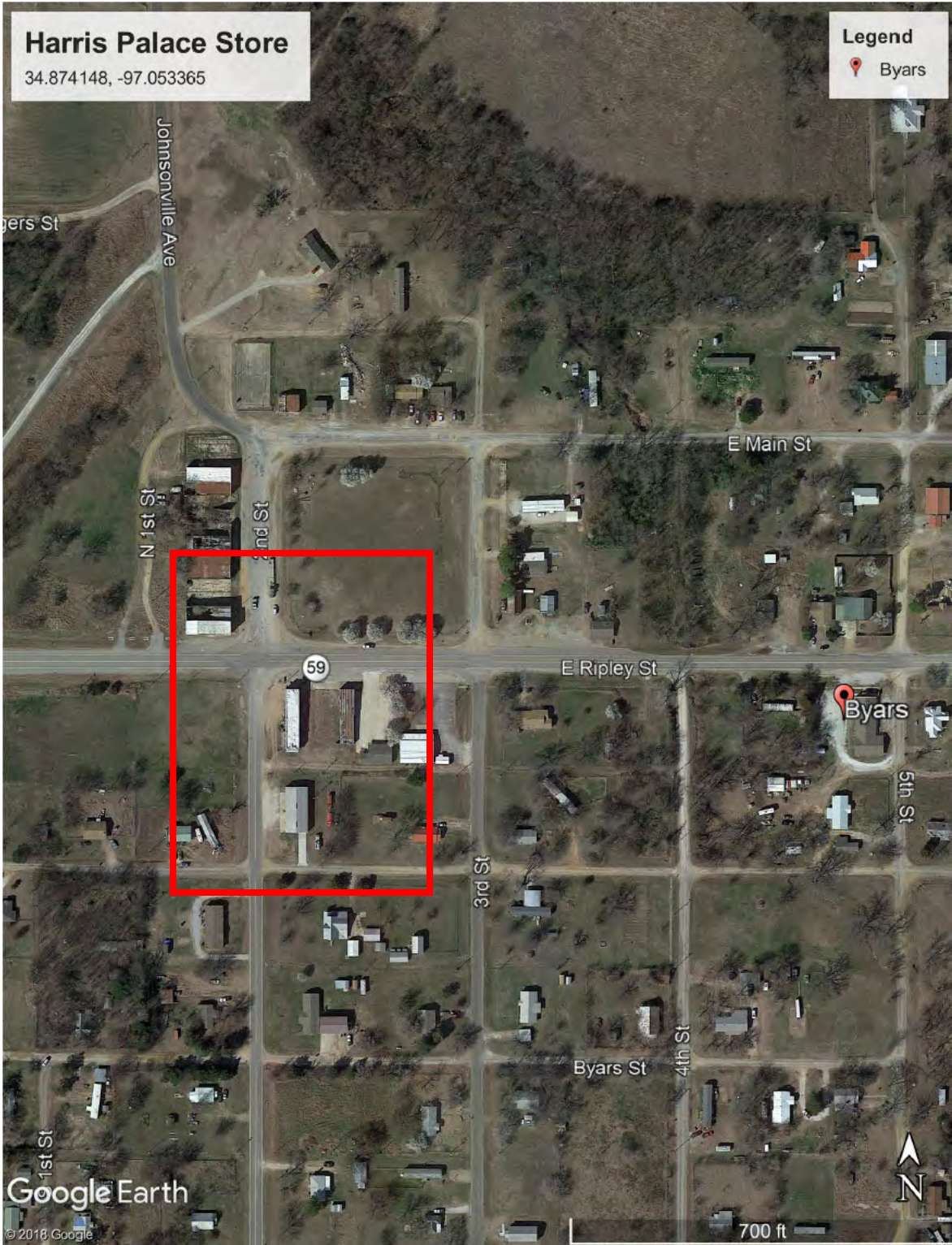
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5 of 5	Interior of middle room with original finishes	East

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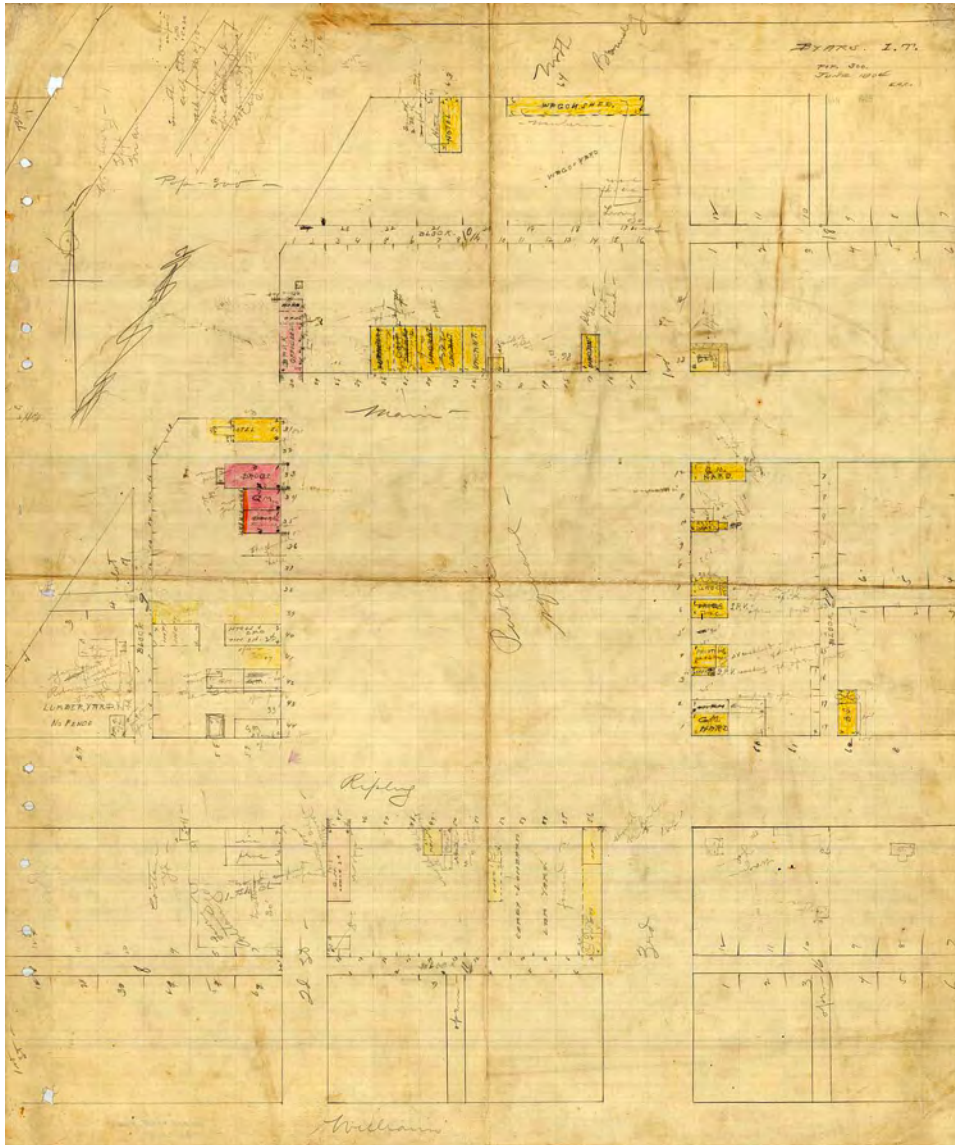


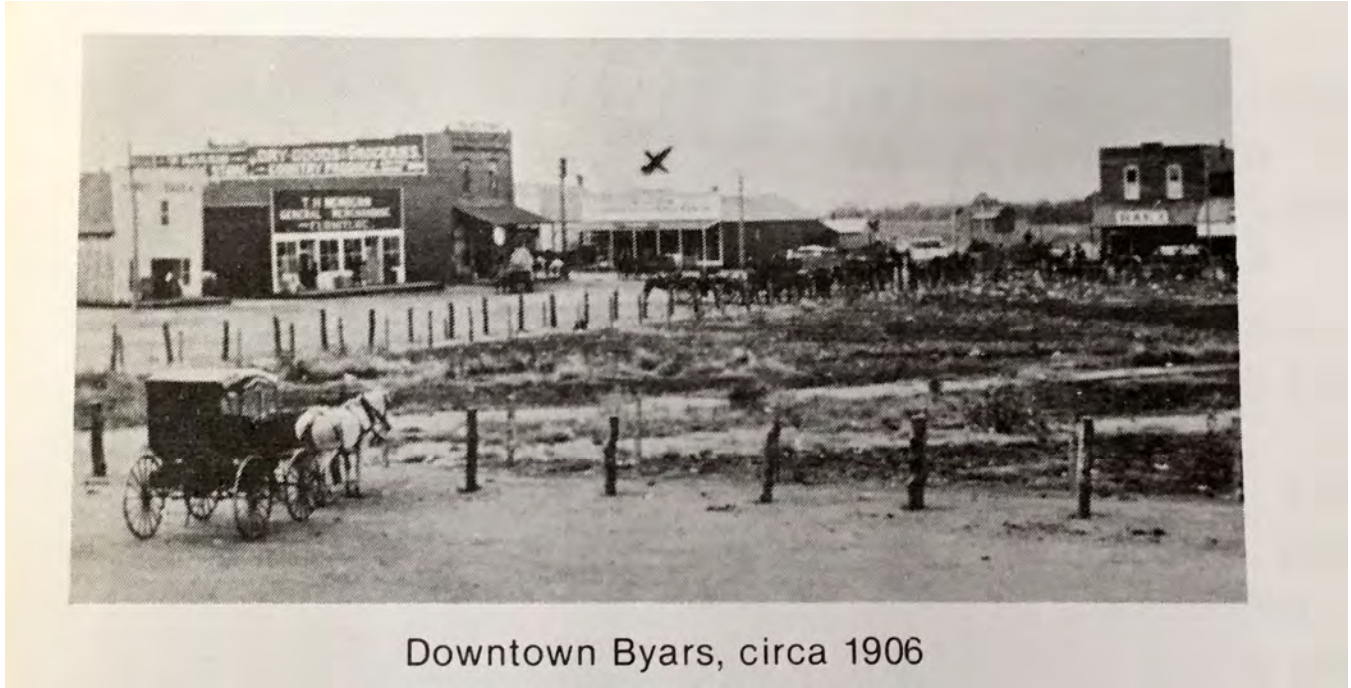
Fig. 1. Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, Byars, I.T., June 1904.

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Downtown Byars, circa 1906

Fig. 2. Harris Palace Store and South/West sides of square, 1906.



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Fig. 3. Harris Palace Store, west elevation, dated to post-1910 fire.

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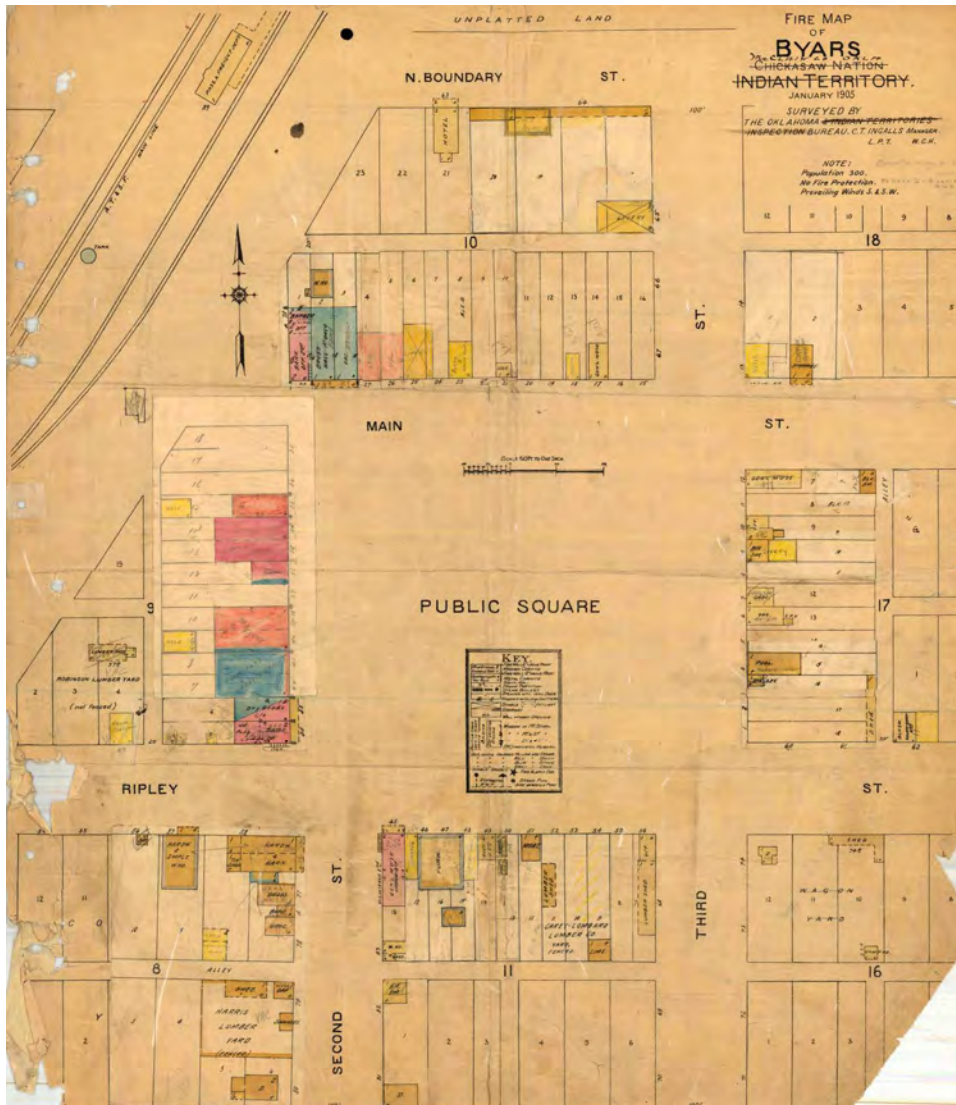


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Fig. 5. Harris Palace Store (far right), two story, 25-26 July 1913.

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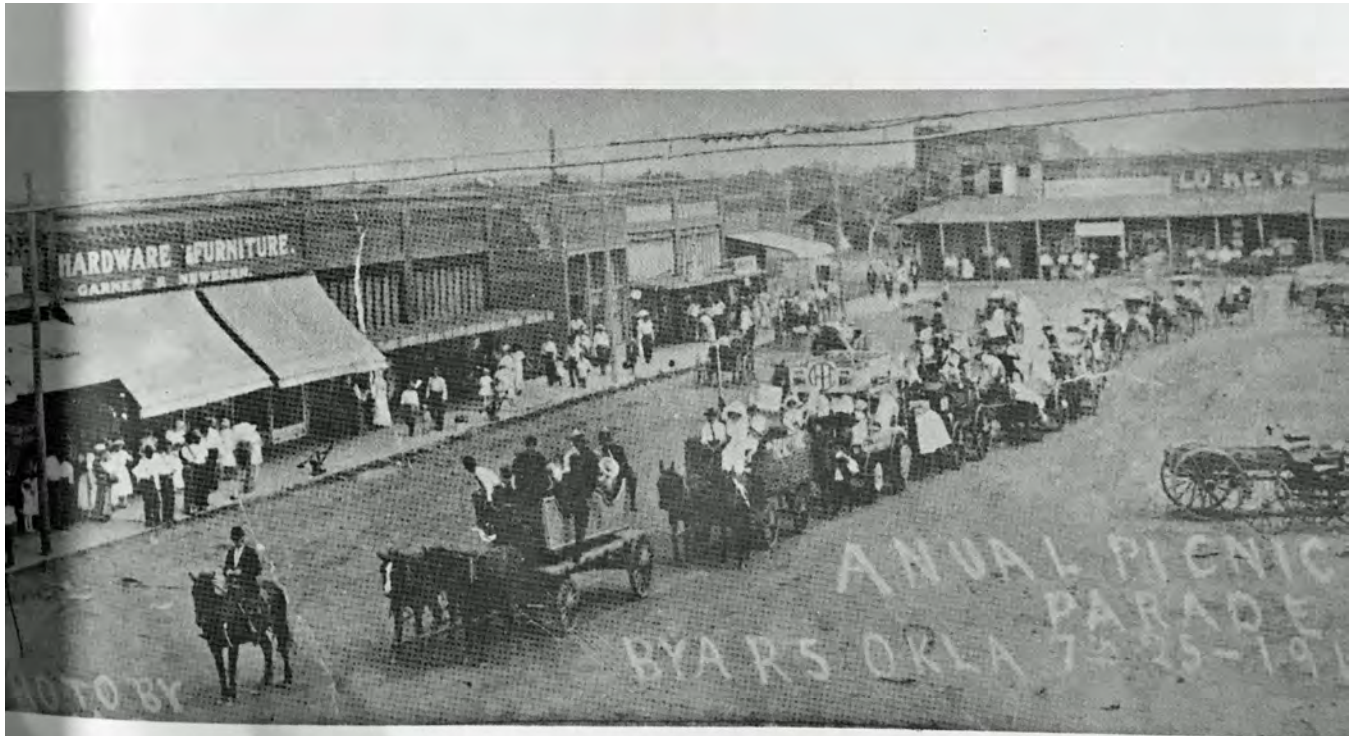
Fig. 6. Byars square, West side, 1909.

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Fig. 7. Byars square, west and north sides, 1913.



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Fig. 8. Byars square, west and north sides, 1917.



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Fig. 9. Store at Byars, Oct. 1994. *Daily Oklahoman*, Doug McDaniel photo.

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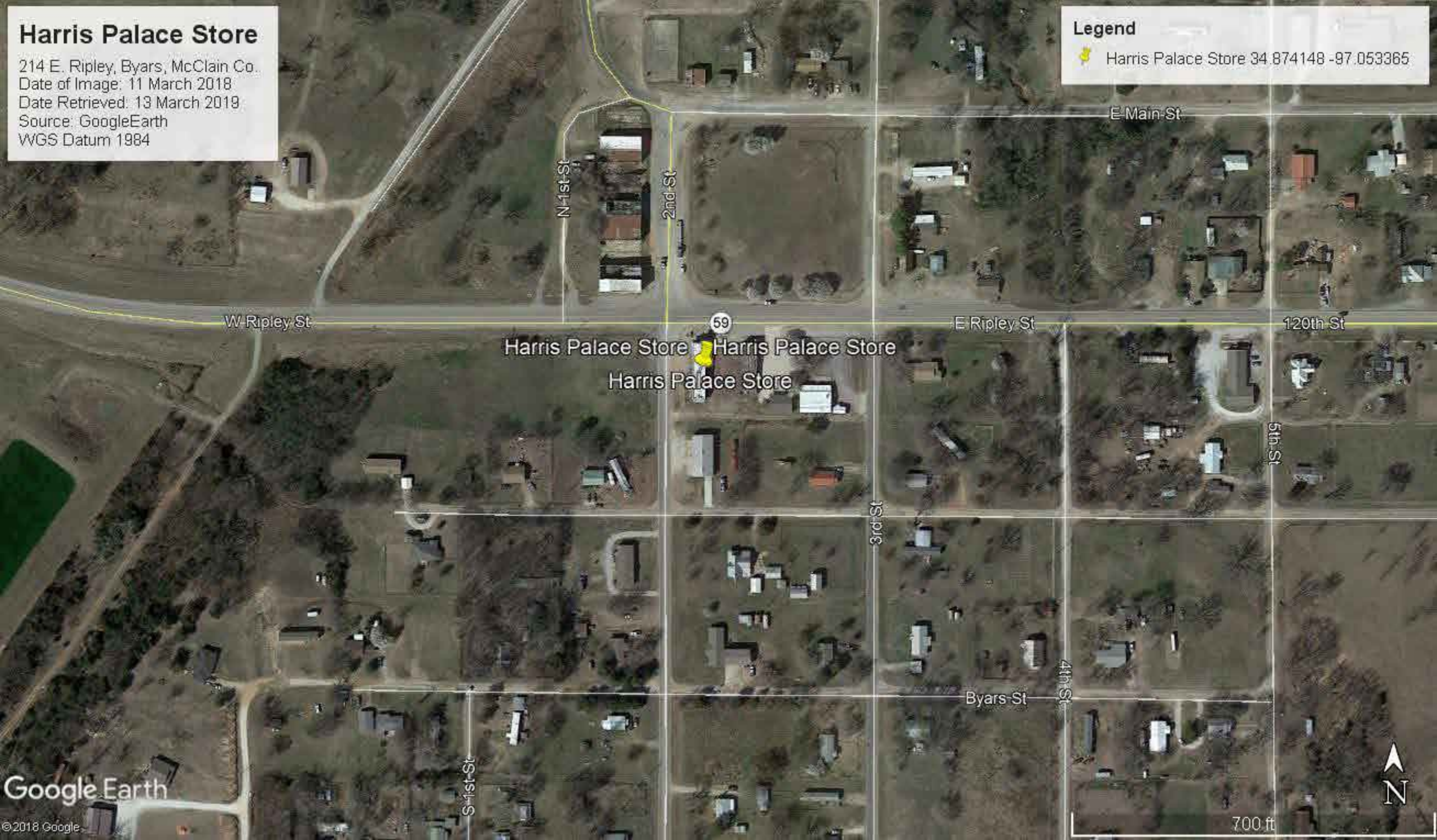


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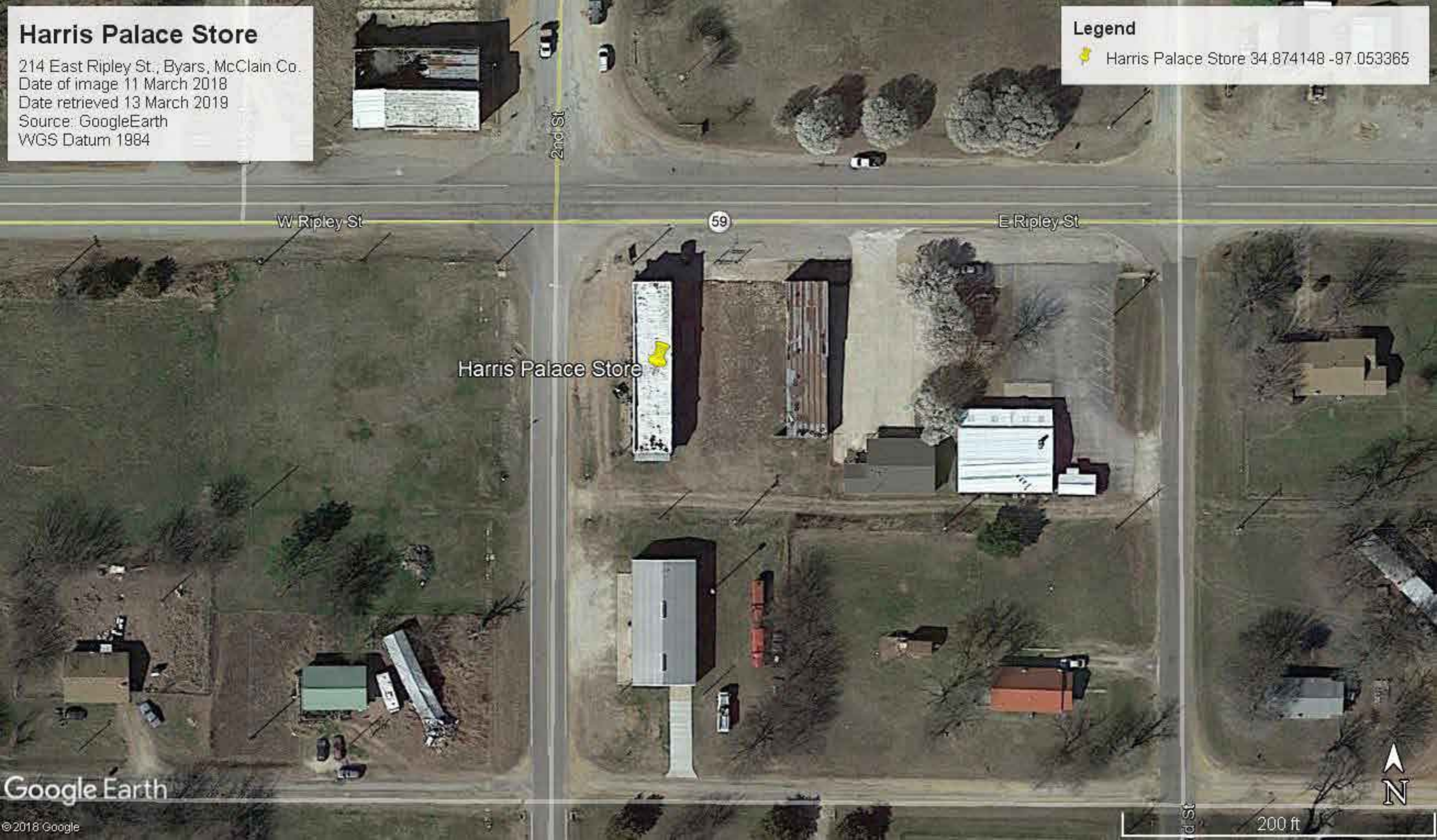




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Requested Action: Nomination  
Property Name: Harris Palace Store  
Multiple Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
State & County: OKLAHOMA, McClain

Date Received: 8/6/2019      Date of Pending List: 8/28/2019      Date of 16th Day: 9/12/2019      Date of 45th Day: 9/20/2019      Date of Weekly List: \_\_\_\_\_

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Accept       Return       Reject      9/19/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: The Harris Palace Store is locally significant under National Register Criterion A (Commerce). Erected between 1903 and 1904 as a two-story commercial building, the structure was reduced to a single story by 1925 and continued to operate as a major local mercantile establishment up through 1930. Although deteriorated with an altered storefront, the building still retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as one of the earliest and most substantial commercial buildings built in the small agricultural trade community of Byars. Once featuring more than 60 commercial buildings set around the central town square, the community subsequently lost much of its early twentieth century character and the Harris Palace Store is among the best extant resources to convey the community's early pre-statehood, Indian Territory-era development and subsequent commercial success.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept NR Criterion A

Reviewer: Paul Lusignan      Discipline: Historian  
Telephone: (202)354-2229      Date: 09/19/2019

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments ; No      see attached SLR ; No





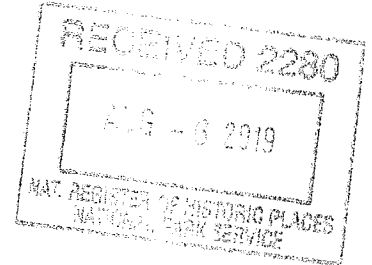
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August 5, 2019

Joy Beasley  
Keeper and Chief National Register and  
National Historic Landmark Programs  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 7228  
Washington D.C. 20240



Dear Ms. Beasley:

We are pleased to transmit three National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Harris Palace Store, 214 East Ripley Street, Byars, McClain County  
Oklahoma City Schools Administration Building, 400 North Walnut, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 2301 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County

A fourth nomination is being sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for processing.

All members of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board) were present for the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. Therefore, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property participated in the recommendation's formulation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there any further questions regarding the nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynda Ozan".

Lynda Ozan  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

\*Enclosures

# The Palace Store Sale

WILL CONTINUE TO

**SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1906.**

## To My Customers and Friends---Greeting:

We will extend Our COST SALE to Jan. 20, 1906, in order to clean up all of our season goods of 1905 buying. Remember we are closing out to farmers only, and not to merchants. We feel that we are due this special sale to our old and new customers, who have been so loyal to us and have paid us so nicely during the hard times and short crops, and we have put on our special sale in order that you might share some of our profits, to which you are entitled.

Now, a few words to the point: The year 1905 is soon to be a thing of past, and I must say that, with only a few exceptions, this year's business has been one of pleasure to me, though it will pass into the annals of history as the most discouraging year the farmer ever witnessed.

I want to thank all who have loyally stood by the side of Justice and who come to our rescue in time of need, paid their obligations and gave us their business.

Sometimes our competitors howl and say ugly things about Our Special Sale, but we observe that people who buy goods know where their money will secure the most and best. It is well for all of us to do likewise. My success is due to mastering the art of buying.

A farmer receives less money for his labor than any other class---hardly sixty cents a day. Why, then, should he hesitate to avail himself of the opportunity to save a small part of his earnings by trading where he receives the most and best. For instance, our competitors sell lantern globes at 15 and 20 cents; we sell them for 5 cents!

Come and bring your family for a day's outing and trading. Make our Store your home while here.

**We Handle Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Saddles and Harness.**

Thanking you for your trade and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very truly,

**R. HARRIS.**

**A RECENT RULING.**

Under a recent department ruling, due to influence exercised by C. P. Haggard of Byars, I. T., white women marrying Mississippi Choctaws or white women marrying Choctaws citizens at

**THE SANTA FE TIME TABLE.**  
**PASSENGER.**

South Bound	due at 9.50 p. m.
North	" " " 8.25 p. m.
<b>MIXED TRAIN.</b>	
North Bound	due at 8.30 a. m.
South	" " " 7.25 p. m.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

The following letters remain unclaimed in the post office at Byars Jan. 1 1906. If not called for in thirty days they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C.:



Byars Banner, 11 August 1905

J. G. SILER,

Dealer In

# General Merchandise

Dry Goods, Groceries,

Gents Furnishings

Millinery

Shoes

Farm Implements

West side Square,

Byars, Ind. Ter.

## City Meat Market,

T. S. STRICKLAND Prop.

Will Keep on Hand a Choice Assortment of

# BEEF AND PORK.

Which will be sold reasonable prices.

In old City Drug Store building, East side Square, Byars, I. T.

## Blank Notes, Mortgages and

Rental Contracts at the Banner Office,

## Indianola Business College.

where she went to visit her daughter

All the latest magazines at the City Drug Store.

L. E. Hawkins and daughter, Mrs. McGuffy, of Prague, Okla., passed through Byars Monday en route to McGee, where they will spend several days visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. Hoggard and Lincoln are putting the finishing touches on the Lokey building this week, and they say the building will be completed and ready for occupancy by the first of next week.

Dr. R.F. Lees, from northern Alabama is here prospecting with a view to locating in this country. He is visiting his old friend Mr. J.M. Mitchel of Johnson, The doctor says he is very favorably impressed with this country.

The Lokey building is fast nearing completion and as soon as it is completed. J.G. Siler will move his large stock of drygoods and groceries into it, the present building now occupied by Mr. Siler is much too small for his large stock of goods.

J. A. Harris the popular merchant of the Palace Store made a business trip to Pncell and Lexington first of the week. He says that the corn crop in that part of the country is the best he has seen for several years.

Dr. Burfield the congenial proprietor of the Hotel Williams tells us that over one hundred people registered at the hotel during the picnic. The doctor is still making improvements in the way of accommodations at the hotel, and is building up a very flattering business.

Owing to the illness of Harrison our assistant editor 'devil' Mr Leslie Rogers is unable to get out this issue of the for which he has our thanks.

Highest prices paid for potatoes, cabbage, beans, totes, and watermelons at Newberns

J. A. Slusher one of the Union enthusiasts, residing 5 mile west of town was being the picnic. Mr. Slusher one of the hack men who dated the people with conv to and from the picnic. He a good business and but little

Messrs B. P. Johnson, Shumaker, W. T. Wilson, Spivey and W. T. Cheek prospectors living near Wane here the latter part of prospecting with a view to and the gentlemen say that can rent suitable places to move to this country this

E. M. Scott and family from home City, spent several during the picnic. Mr. Scott electrician of of considerable experience and is the man to operate the gasoline engine on the lake during the picnic also puts in electric light and repairs electric and engines.

Mr. Scott is the man the Byars Rod and have ever employed that fully understood the engine could operate it under all

The picnic Friday and will be long remembered by friends and fellow towns Lokey, Charles and W. they having taken advantage of the occasion to hold a union. The following is

The ... is,



MARCH 1st 1910

# The PALACE Store

Greeting to Our Many Friends and Customers:

We are now through taking our annual inventory and desire to thank you for your liberal patronage in 1909. The year 1909 was one of the most prosperous for everyone in many years, if not since the civil war. Everything grown on the farm has been unusually high, while everything in merchandise has been very cheap, with few exceptions; that is, taking into consideration the value of raw material and other products of home and export consumption. The past year has brought our business up with a 22 per cent increase in sales over any year since we have been engaged in the mercantile business, which is indeed gratifying to the management of our business. During the year 1909 our loyal friends and customers have contributed us a fair share of their appreciated business, for which we thank you and ask your hearty cooperation during 1910, for your kind words and worthy patronage, all of which it takes to make our business a success.

It will ever be our efforts to at all times keep in touch with all produce buyers in order to pay you the highest price for your farm produce. We have the largest and best selected stock of general merchandise to select from that we have ever carried, in fact, the largest stock in McClain county, Okla. Everything is brand new and bought before the advance caused by high prices of cotton and hogs. Call and see us, make our store your headquarters while in town. You are always welcome, whether you buy our goods or not. If you are not a customer we want you for one. Come in and let's be sociable together and talk over what's to all of our interests mutually in a general way. We are receiving a car of Flour that's cheap. Call and get our prices. We are carrying a full line of Field Seeds and everything to eat or wear.

Yours for a prosperous year 1910 for all of us. Very truly,

*J.C.C.*  
*Corsets* **R. & J. A. HARRIS**





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of hundreds of enthusiastic letters  
ved in every mail.

You Have Investigated the Lomba

to any reliable party on 10 days' free tr  
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**R. S. DOSTER**  
Contractor and builder  
work in town or country Pr  
reasonable. Byars

**J. C. COWGE**  
Blacksmith and Woodw  
Expert Horseshoing  
East Side Square Byars

**Notice to Land Ow**  
If you have a good Far  
100 or more acres,  
good improvements, to  
for another year, cash or  
rent, address.  
Box 127, Byars,

**A HAMILTON PI**  
Standing of the Conte  
this week are as follows  
Mrs Addie Wolf-yars  
Miss Myrtle Porter  
Miss Ida Smith Byars  
Miss Verda Oliver  
Ethel Burch Rosedale  
Miss Boulah Lopez  
" Lillie  
" Ola

OFFICE DEM REP

Governor... <b>Byars Banner</b> , 11 November 1910.	
District Judge.....1,266.....633	
Local Option: for..... 938...against1,205	
Woman Suffrage:..... 786...against1,202	

Town Trustee...120..54	54
Town Clerk...112..55	55
Town Treasurer 112..59	59
Justice Peace... 100..71	55
Constable.....107..58	61

**SCHOOL NOTES**

The following pupils receive  
Perfect Attendance Certificate  
for the month ending Oct 25-10

**First Grade.**  
Toy Clark Syble Felton  
Agnes Harvey Orié Small  
Iva McDowell Amos Davis  
Tom Bogie Horace Crain El-  
mer Walls Effie Leverett.

**Second Grade**  
Susie Edmond Wilma Keith  
Julia Smith Sammy Anders  
Gler Chitwood Glen Powell  
Ray Bostick.

**Third Grade**  
Raymond Martin Rwrn  
Powell Ayree Derrick Rita  
McDowell Dooley Clark  
Gladys Wagner Bernice Small  
Willie Davis B ster Wolf  
Eldon Meadows.

**Fourth Grade**  
Duke Bostick Minnie Lee  
Butler Etta Bogie Claudus  
McDaniel Vera Lokey Irene  
Powell Marvin Butler.

**Fifth Grade**  
Nellie Nichols Mabel Chit-  
wood, Hagdon Russel Sylvia  
Catran, Gladys Lokey Lelia  
Crain, Eisie Felton Fay Wil-  
son Tandy Clark Ray McDo-  
well Eulys Smith Claude  
Brents Winnie Ree.

**Sixth Grade**  
Nora Chitwood, Annie Edg-  
mond,

**Seventh Grade**  
Cecil Brents Arthur Edg-  
mond Roy Grider Eveah Rip-  
pee, Viola Tucker Eunice Bu-  
er Alta Oliver Gertrude  
Newbern Lula Armstrong

**Eight Grade**  
Tessie Rippee Verda Oliver,  
Myrle Derrick Zora Page  
Lazel Richards,

**NOTICE**

Elder Ira Wamack, a christian  
preacher of Chism, will preach  
to the nynts congregation at the  
Methodist church Sunday Nov.  
Everybody

**BIG FIRE**

**Starting in the Williams  
Hotel Early Saturday  
Morning Destroyed one  
Half of the Business  
Portion of Town**

Fire broke out in the Williams  
Hotel Saturday morning about  
4 o'clock and swept everything  
on the west side of the square ex-  
cept two building at the south-  
west corner, one owned by Sch-  
oefner and occupied by W. Tuck-  
er & Son, and the S. Richards  
building occupied by Smith &  
Oliver,

A brisk north wind drove the  
flames along with force and rap-  
idity that it was impos-ible to  
stop them until all the frame and  
brick buildings in the row  
were wiped out, and it was only  
with the greatest effort that the  
flames were prevented from cross-  
ing Ripley Street spreading over  
the next block south.

Following is a list of the  
losers:

- S. L. Williams, hotel building  
\$2,000, insurance \$1,000
- G. W. Carns, hotel furniture,  
\$15.00, insurance \$1,000
- Farmers Land and Loan Co.,  
\$1,000, insurance \$500
- T. E. Rippee, barber, loss  
\$1,000 insurance, \$400
- Dr. McDaniel office fixtures  
and instruments.

Albert Smith, building \$3,000  
insurance \$1,000

Richards Drug Co. stock \$  
insurance,

City Meat Market and Restau-  
rant, \$1,000 Insurance \$500

P. Turk, building \$3,000, in-  
surance \$1,000

Byars State Bank building and  
fixtures \$2,500 insurance

Levi Carder, Postoffice fixtu-  
res and building \$1,500 no in-  
surance.

Amos Davis, stock, loss \$500  
fully covered.

Harrison Bros, building \$2000  
insurance \$1000, stock \$3,500,  
insurance \$1,500

Dr. Clark's office fixtures in-  
struments.

Byars Mercantile Co. stock  
\$5000 partly insured.  
O. J. Brents, Drug Store loss  
insurance \$  
Smith & Oliver, removed da-  
mage \$500 fully covered.

You need the Banner and the  
Kansas City Star, both \$1 a year

**Democracy Win.**



HON. LEE CRUCE

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His Rep'd a  
GOVERNMENT C

Society, for the purpose of govern-  
good and the bad. If the good men dor  
affairs of government, we have good la-  
verse is true if the bad element prevail  
we will have just as good government,  
good government as we demand—no b-  
est voters of the State perform their  
votes on election day, our State gove-  
goes to the polls and casts an honest  
worth more to the State and commi-  
who stay at home and spend their tim  
officials. I have no patience with  
envelopes himself in a cloak of sel-  
gloof from political contests. If he  
incumbent upon him to take part  
purer and cleaner by unclean voters  
diligently asserting itself, will give  
LEE CRUCE.



Chas. Lokey was on the sick day.

Keith was on the sick list first week.

Wampler returned Friday from City and other Northern

Ill Martin's Ice Cream and here for Socials and Parties. Drug Co.

Dip kills lice and cures Man-ck, at Richards Drug Co.

Severance, contractor on the building received a telegram Monday morning informing him \$12500 school building that was finishing at Dustin, Okla., burned Tuesday night. Mr. e believes the fire was of in-origiz. He left on the north passenger Wednesday to in-

Ill Van Noy was visiting in Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Rakestraw visit- straw's parents, Mr. and with, at Paoli Sunday.

ing Cal Baird of Purcell day en route to Miner- on legal business.

Journal: "Hur- igan sweet girl grad- calico gowns made

Thursday morning to visit relatives.

G. K. Bell left for Thursday to visit re-

and Balling Ware at

Mowing Machine, prac- at a bargain and on reas- T. H. Newbern

ional features of the pheno- mena observed have been the frequent high winds. Before the disappearance of winter Oklahoma experienced several windstorms in which the velo-

destroyed a number of build- ings and a woman was picked up by the wind and drowned in a pond. Baltimore experi- enced a gale with a wind velo- city 75 miles per hour. Chicago

count of the appearance of two comet and the crossing of their light rays and those of the sun. One of these comets is in Orion and the other in Pisces. One of these heavenly

M. E. South- Sunday in eve- and 7:30 p. m. Sunday Sch- a. m. Prayer M- night. Rev.

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Byars Lod- meets S- ca. full mo- after. Visit S. RICHARD

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C.

Byars Co- the World- nights in- ereigns in-

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Byars Banner, 26 June 1909

# The Palace Store.

## Trade with a Merchant Who Carries the Goods.

### A Few Items That We Carry In Our Dry Goods Line.

#### IT WILL PAY YOU TO READ THIS OVER CAREFULLY

Satin Chiffon	India Linon,	Belt Pins,	Collars,	Men's Lisle Gloves,
Heatherblooms,	Seirg,	Ties.	Comforts,	" Undressed Kid Gloves,
Panama	Mohair	Blankets.	Towels,	" Moco Kid Gloves,
Santoy,	Poplin,	Counterpanes,	Cotton Thread,	Midget Play Suits,
Lawn,	Linen,	Table linen	Silk "	Ladies' Ready Made Skirts,
Saten,	Percalles,	Slippers,	Pearl Buttons,	" Ribbed Vests,
Calico,	Ginghams,	Boots,	Oil Cloth,	" Shirt Walsts,
Embroidery.	Ribbon,	Shoes,	Supporters,	Childrens Ribbed Vests,
Hose,	Parasols,	Overshoes,	Hooks and Eyes,	Ladies Kid Gloves, Ladies Silk gloves
Bleached Muslin.	Unbleached Muslin,	slipper Strings,	Straw Hats,	Ladies Handkerchiefs,
Duck,	Belts.	Shoe "	Corset Covers,	Mens Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs,
Carpet, warp,	Trunks,	Souri Silk;	Suit Cases,	Embroidery Hoops.
Men's Underwear,	Men's Overall,s	T.ffaeta Silk,	Fancy Collars.	Silk and Satin Buttons,
" Pants,	" Suits.	Emobroidery,	Silk Thread,	Fancy Collar and Cuff Buttons,
Boy's Underware	Boy's Overalls,	Moequito Bars	Mens Pongee shirts	Muslin Petticoats,
Boy's Par te,	Boy's Shirts,	Men's Percalle Shirts,	Laces Window Curtains,	Heatherbloom Petticoats.
" Percalle Shirts	" Suits,	Sofa Pillows,	Pillow Cords,	John B. Stetson Hats,
" Pongee Shirts	White Caps,	Ladies' Undressed Kid Gloves,	Little Folks Suspenders,	Fancy Hat Pins, San Silk Threa?.
Purses,	Combs,			
Hairpins,	Linen Thread,			

# R. HARRIS, - BYARS, OKLA





FURNITURE

IMPERIAL HOTEL

IMPERIAL HOTEL

FOR EVAL

FIVEE

BYARS O/D



**West and north sides, Byars square, 1917  
(courtesy Ashlee Burnett)**



BEFORE THE FIRE 1909



GENERAL STORE

RESTAURANT

RICHARDS DRUG CO.

ICE CREAM SODA WATER

DRUG STORE

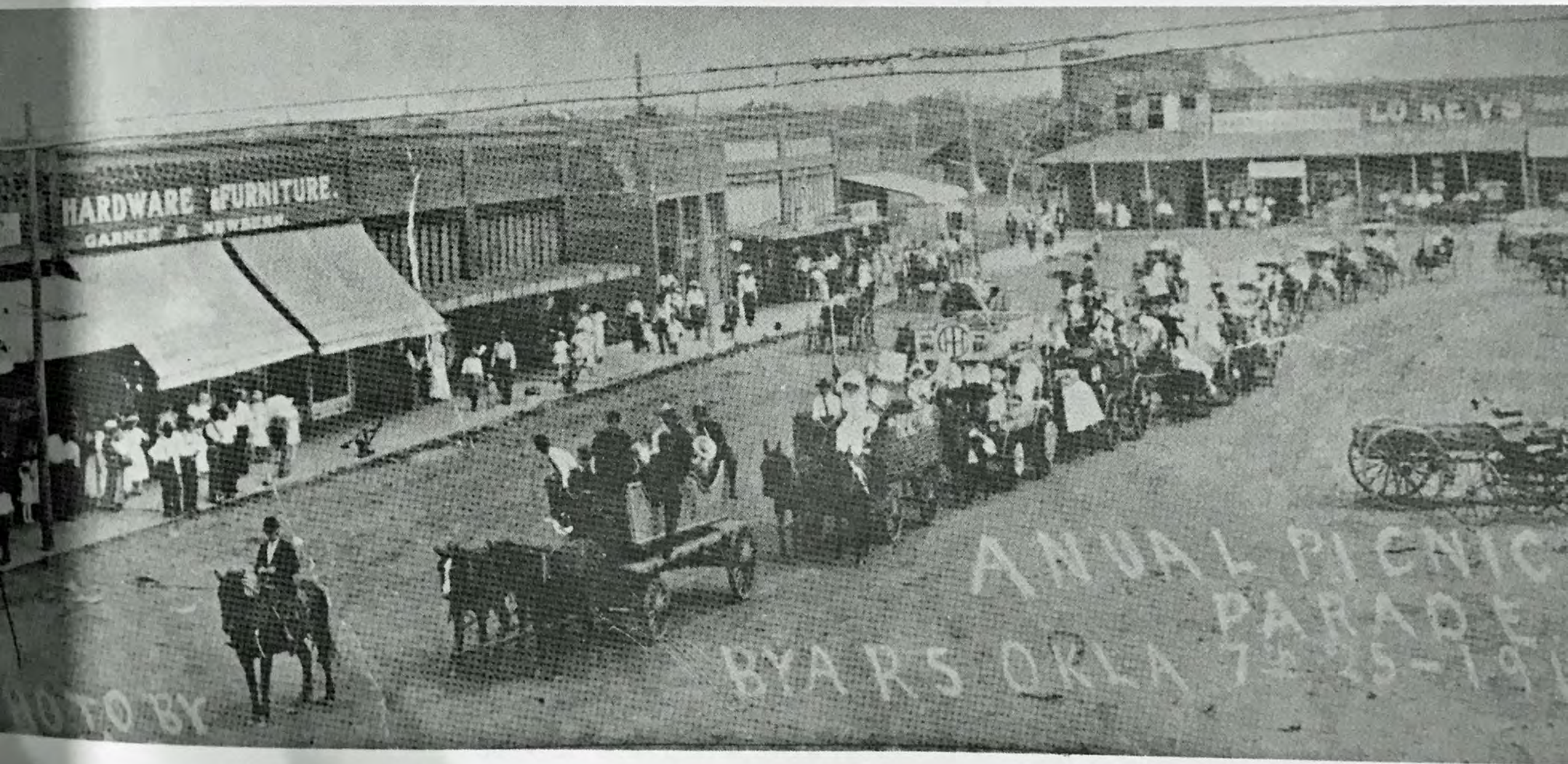


OKLA. BEFORE THE FIRE 1909

**West side of square, looking SW, 1909 (courtesy Ashlee Burnett)**



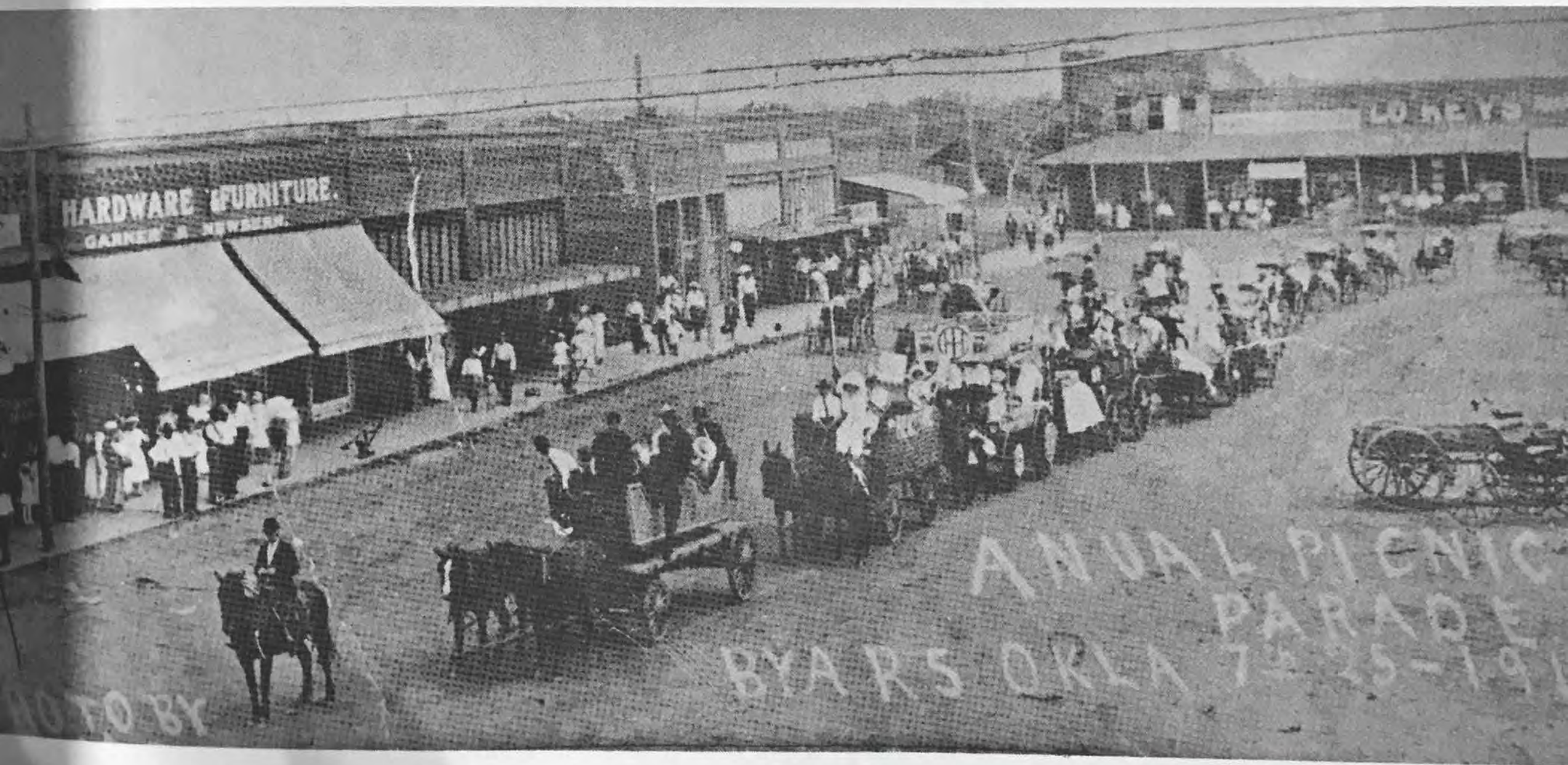




Annual Picnic and Parade - 7-25-1913



Byars square, West side (left) and North side of square, 1913.  
(Photo, Rex, McClain County History & Heritage)



Annual Picnic and Parade - 7-25-1913



FIRE MAP OF BYARS CHICKASAW NATION INDIAN TERRITORY.

JANUARY 1905

SURVEYED BY THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN TERRITORIES INSPECTION BUREAU. C.T. INGALLS MANAGER. L.P.T. W.C.H.

NOTE: Population 300. No Fire Protection. Prevailing Winds S. & S.W.

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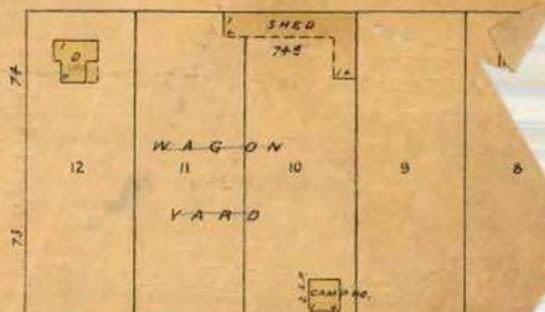
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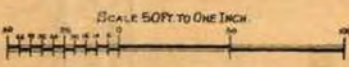
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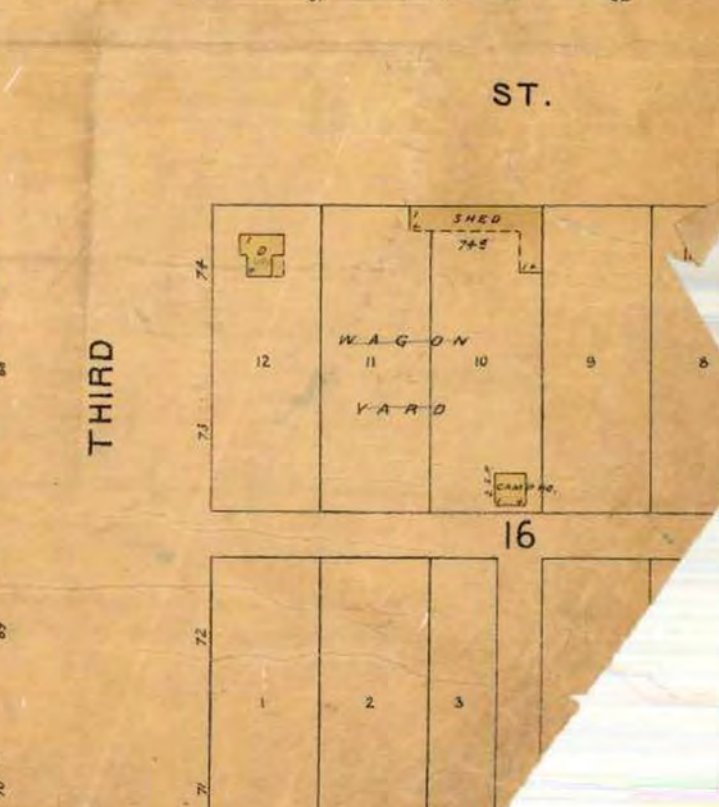
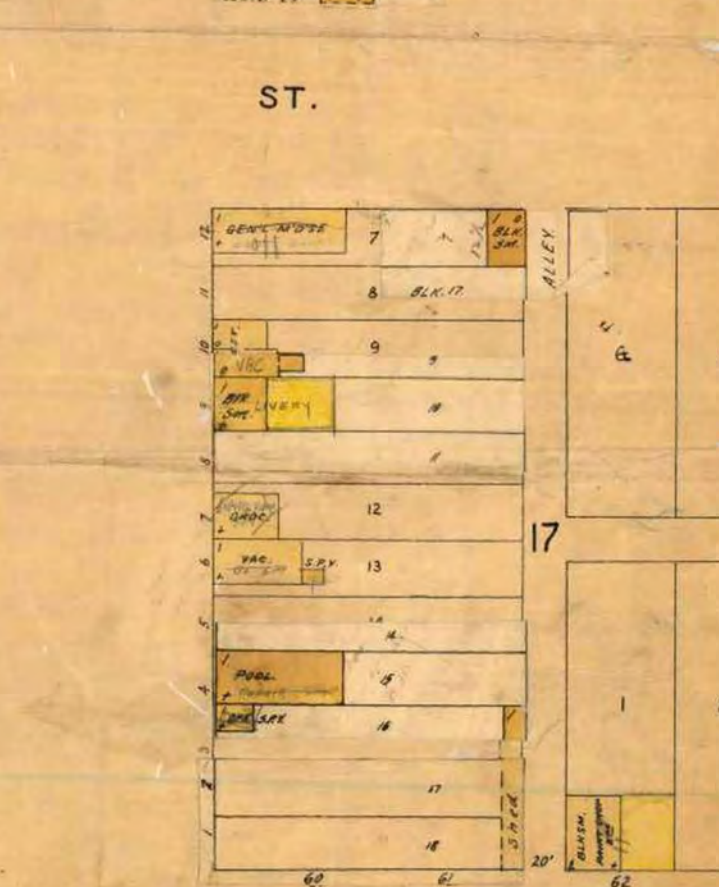
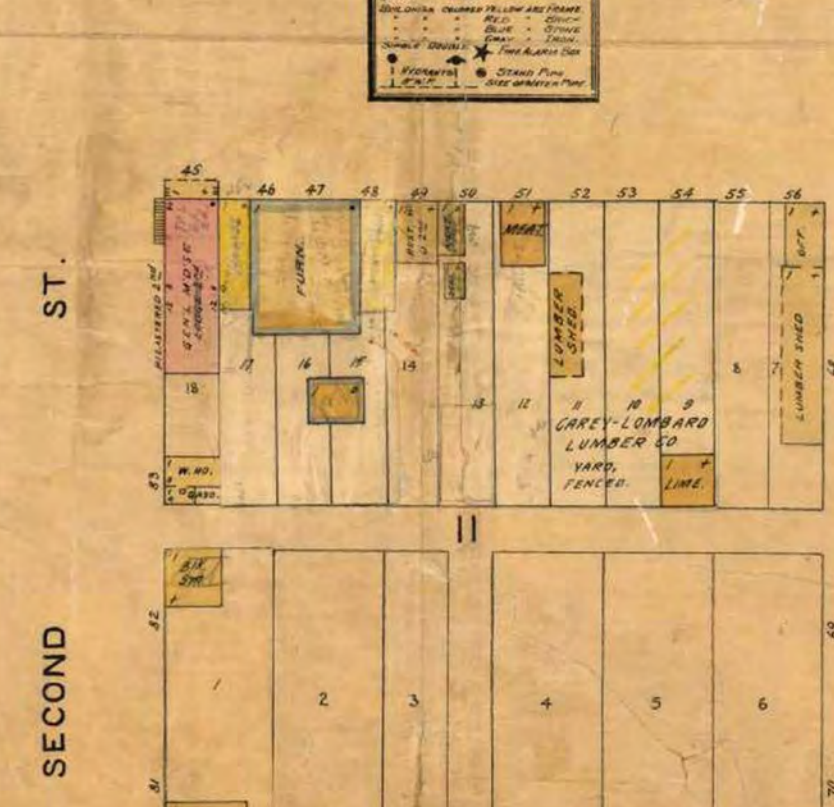
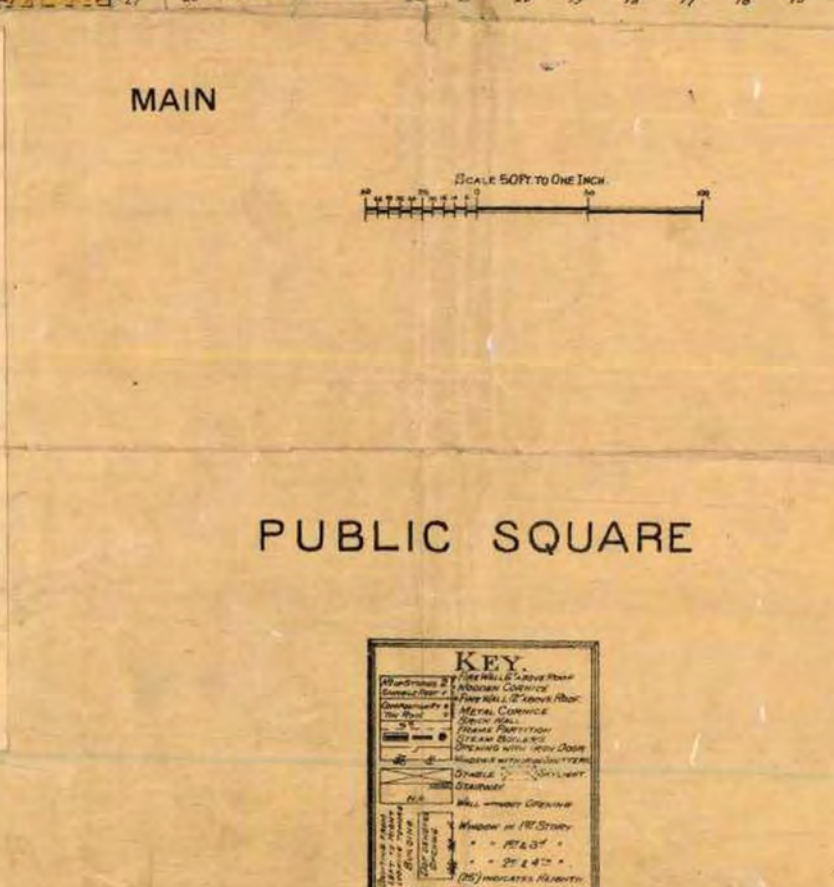
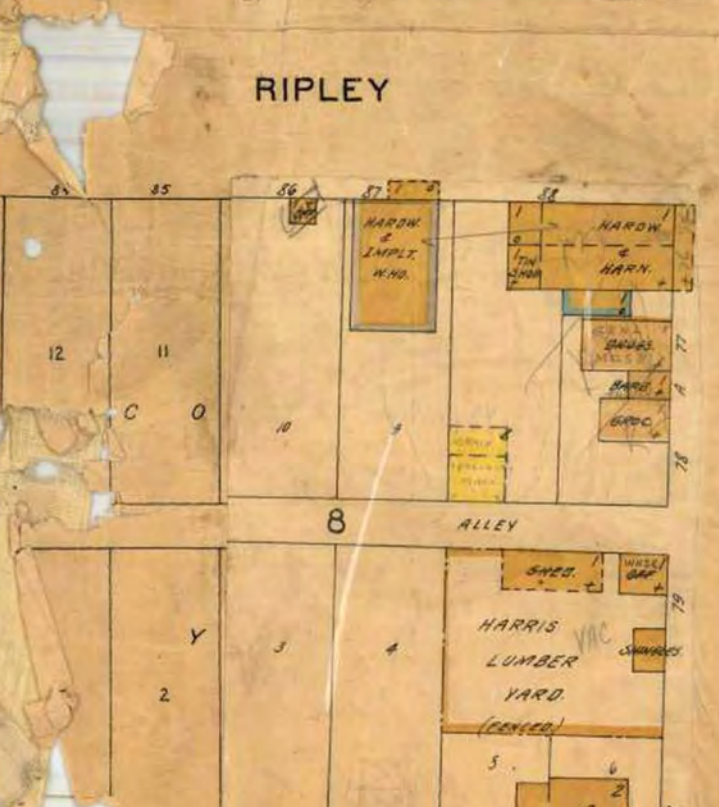
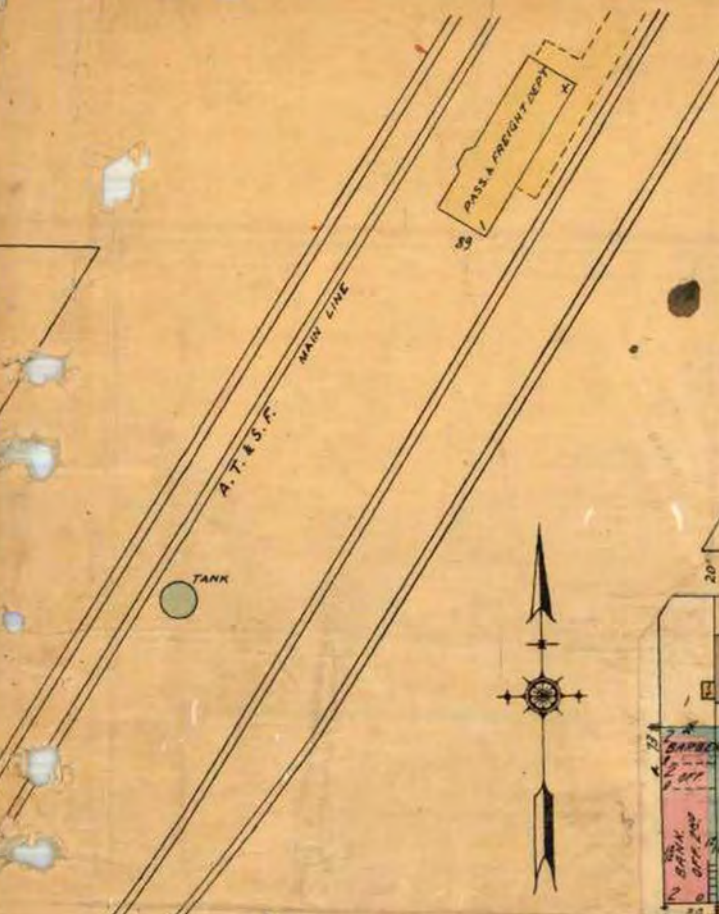
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FIRE MAP OF BYARS, McCLELLIN & ORLIE, CHICKASAW NATION INDIAN TERRITORY.

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Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, dated 1905/corrected to 1911, Ripley Street on south side of square, Harris Palace on west corner of block, Lot 18, Block 11.

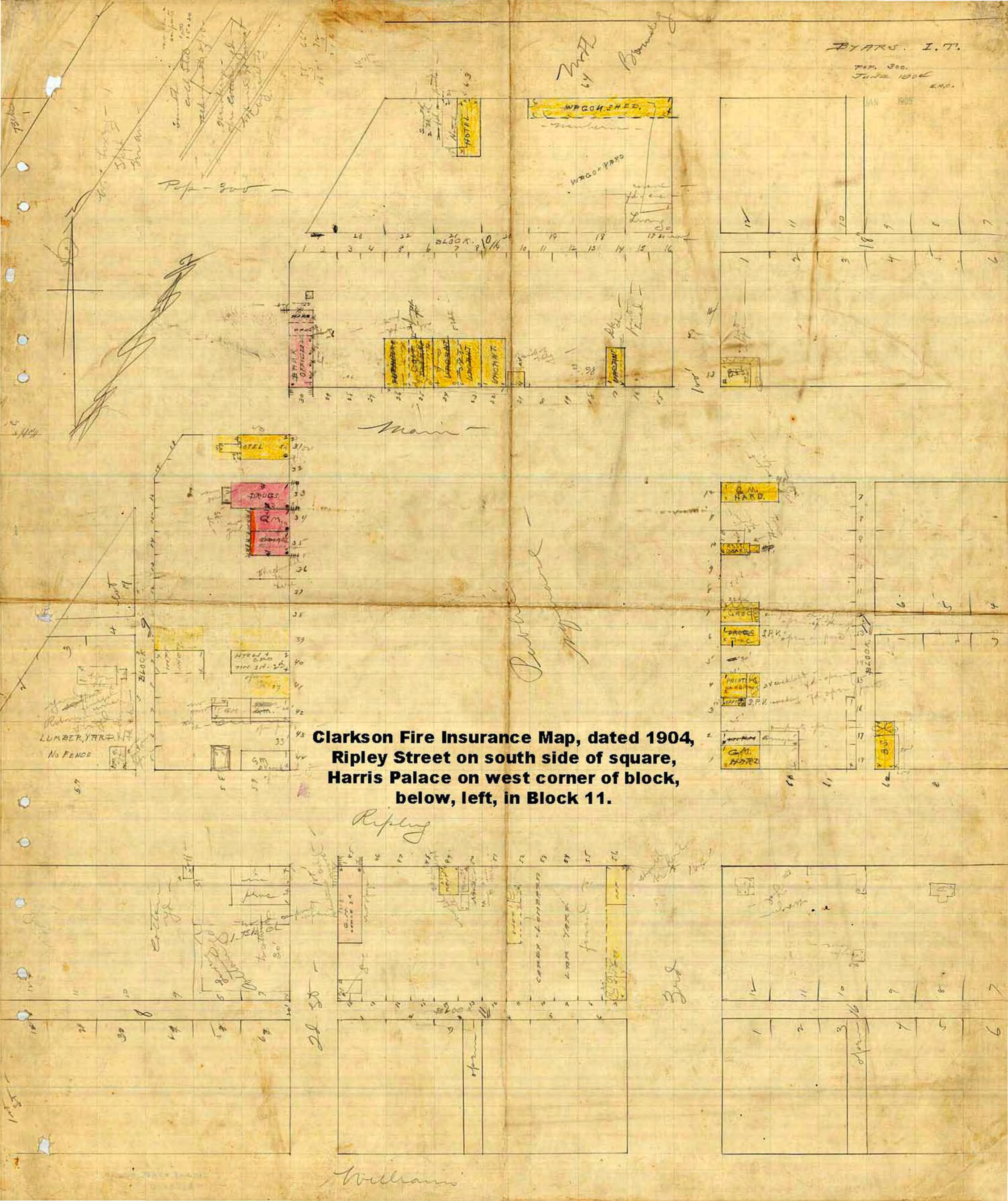
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**Clarkson Fire Insurance Map, dated 1904,  
Ripley Street on south side of square,  
Harris Palace on west corner of block,  
below, left, in Block 11.**





Downtown Byars, circa 1906



Downtown Ripley Street view, looking SW, circa 1906. Harris's 2-story Palace Store is on the corner, vacant lot to its left (east), and Newbern's Store (built 1905) is to east of vacancy. Photo, Rex, McClain County History & Heritage.



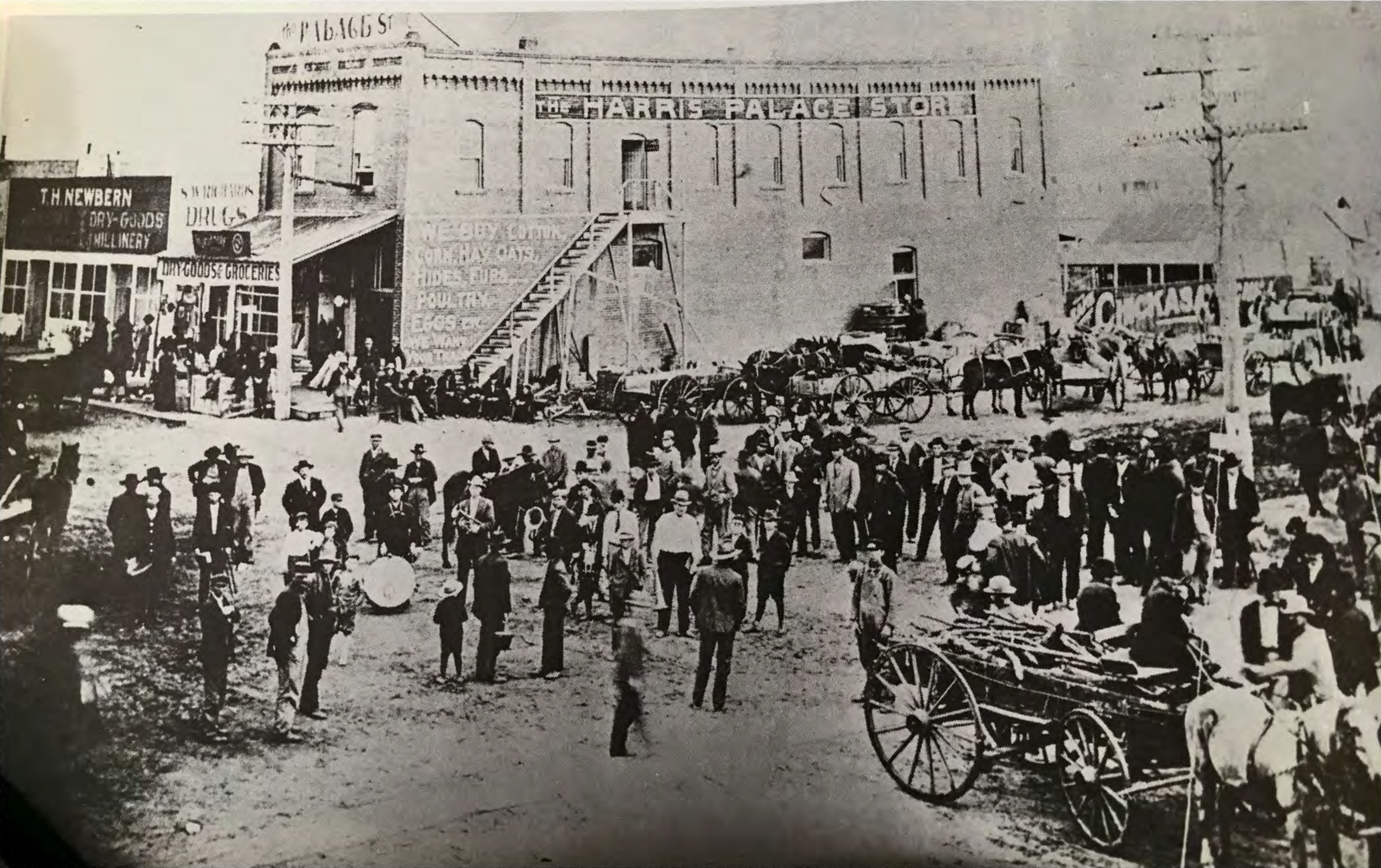
Downtown Byars, circa 1906





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THE PALACE ST

THE HARRIS PALACE STORE

T.H. NEWBERN  
DRY-GOODS  
& MILLINERY

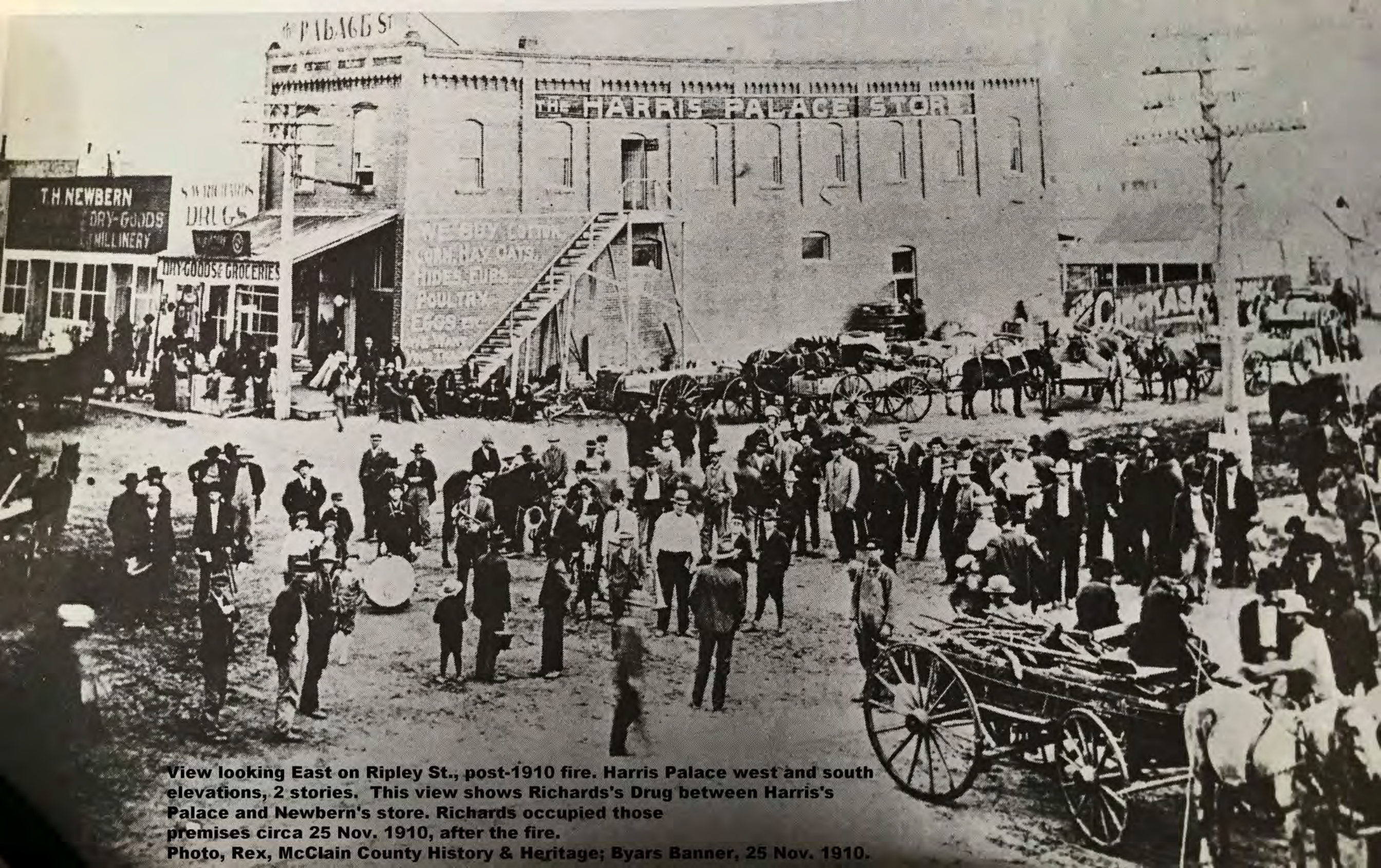
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FISHES, FURS,  
POULTRY,  
EGGS, etc.

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**View looking East on Ripley St., post-1910 fire. Harris Palace west and south elevations, 2 stories. This view shows Richards's Drug between Harris's Palace and Newbern's store. Richards occupied those premises circa 25 Nov. 1910, after the fire. Photo, Rex, McClain County History & Heritage; Byars Banner, 25 Nov. 1910.**



# Haynes Interview, fires p 62 Rex, McClain County History & Heritage, p. 62

lived in is still there after about 50 years. He worked for my dad, Jim Foster, for 20 years. He worked for my dad, Jim Foster, for 20 years. He worked for my dad, Jim Foster, for 20 years.

Dr. Massey. They had three new cars at that time. Mr. Forehand ran a garage and sold new Ford cars. Mr. Edgmon was the west route carrier and Buler Powell sold Chevrolet. We had no paved roads. The mail carriers had horse drawn carriers.

One of the roads were graded by using horse drawn graders. then turned west at Newbern Corner. A road went to the lake was no overpass. Main Street is located in front of the lake road went East on Main Street for one mile by Omar Penner on the east side of the lake. They raised a lot of cotton around Byars.

The farmers brought chickens and eggs to town to sell. buy dry goods off the bolt. New hats, shoes, stockings and notions were also available. We had two doctors, Dr. Cochran and Dr. Sanders. There were judges, Mr. Lokey and Mr. Bell. Two banks were located in Byars were owned by S.C. Newbern and Wallace White.

About every family had a milk cow. My dad, Mr. Hanks, lease lake pasture on the west side. He drove the townspeople's cows pasture on horseback in the morning and delivered them in the evening. They kept them in lots at night.

There were no milk deliveries and what bread we got was not the fresh meat we got was butchered by farmers. Some would not the meat up, put it on clean sheets, and peddle it out by a wagon had one butcher in town, Mr. Roy Clark. He butchered his own and it in his store. Some butchered their own hogs and processed them the winter. They would cook the fat pieces and processed them in a kettle in the yard and store the lard to cook with for most of year.....

There were three churches. The Methodist and the Baptist church were located on East Ripley Street which is now the highway. The Church of Christ was on 3rd Street. The Methodist church has since been burned down. The other two still stand in the same location today.

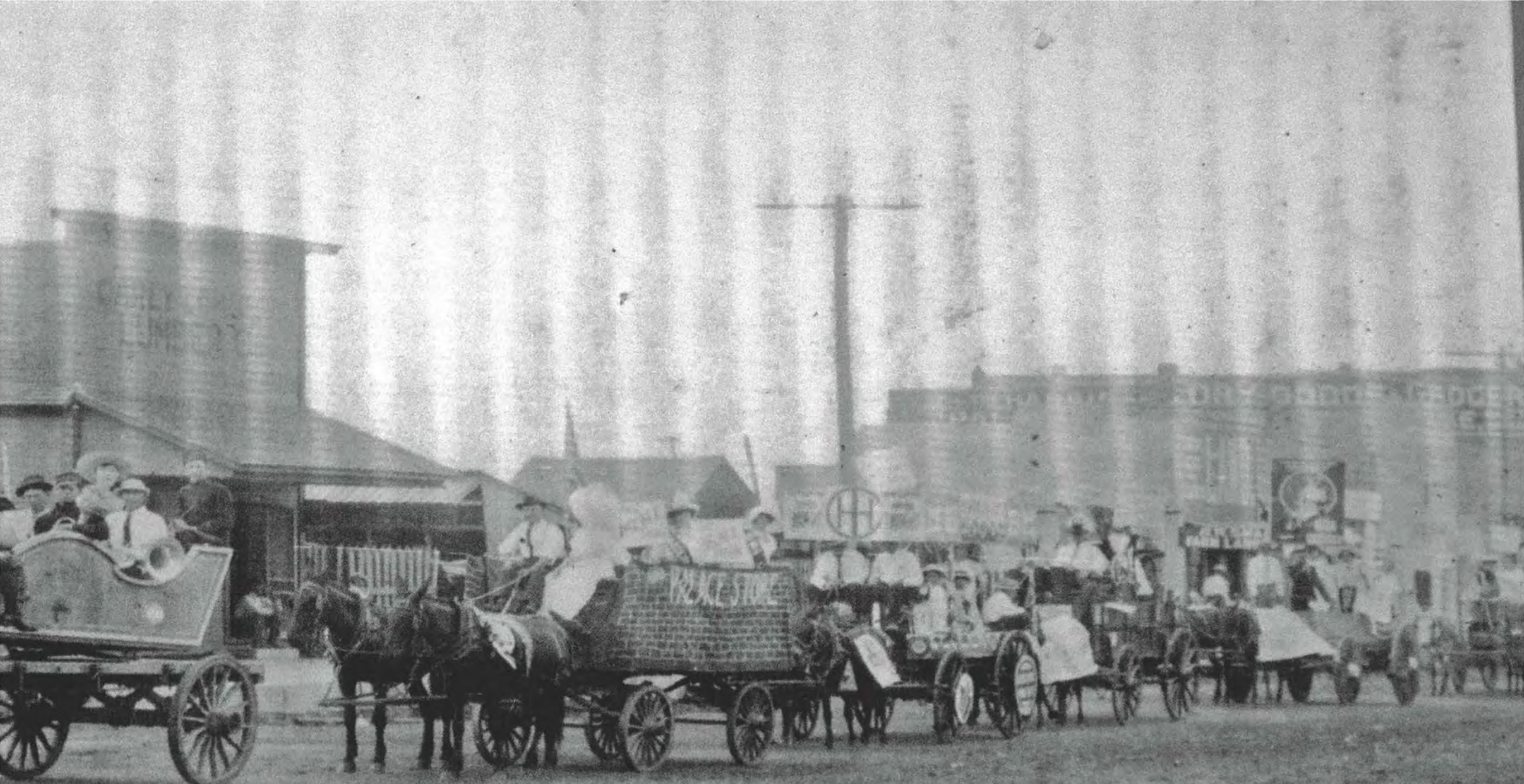
The town was burned twice that I remember. The north side in late 1920's. The bank on the west end was a two story building owned by St. Clair Newbern. Judge Lokey's office was in the two story. In early 1930's, the west side burned. The town men carried the things of Mr. Mabe's store and put them out in the street. The report was he didn't miss a thing being taken that night. Mr. Frank Garner furniture store was north of Mabe's store. Garner came down, unlocked his door and got his papers out, locked the store back and said, "her go, boys".



BYARS







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Postmaster.  
P, General Store.

Beckham county. Name  
Elk City.

AD. Population, 100. On  
S. F. R. R., in Rogers  
miles northeast of Clare-  
county seat, and 6 from  
nearest banking point.  
& Co. Telephone con-  
W. Stewart, postmaster.

Lumber and Supply Co.  
E, blacksmith.  
live stock.  
grain and hay dealer.  
F, live stock.  
J W, R R and Express  
Dry Goods.  
G H, general store.  
hay dealer.  
hay dealer.

Population, 150. In  
township, Custer county, 16  
west of Arapaho, the coun-  
d 14 from Foss, its ship-  
Has a private bank and  
wspaper, the Herald. Tele-  
ection. Mail, daily. E. A.  
postmaster.

B, billiards.  
general store.  
Co.  
ware and Impt Co.  
HERALD, E A Olmstead

STATE BANK (Cap \$10,-  
Frizzell Pres, George J  
hier.  
iel, hotel.  
T, physician.  
M, drugs.  
George L, blacksmith.  
J V, mill.  
Hall, lumber.  
F blacksmith.

**BYARS.** Population, 1,000. On the  
A., T. & S. Fe and O. C. Rys., in Byars  
township, McClain county, 25 miles  
southeast of Purcell, the county seat.  
Has Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and  
Methodist Protestant churches, 2 banks  
and a weekly newspaper, the Banner.  
Tel., W. U. Exp., Am. and W., F. &  
Co. Telephone connection. Levi Car-  
der, postmaster.

American Trust Co, bankers.  
Blair H S, publ'r Byars Banner.  
Breuts J G, drugs.  
Byars Banner, H S Blair publ'r.  
Byars Gin Co.  
Byars State Bank (capital \$13,750), W  
J Thompson pres, B B Boylan cashr.  
Carey-Lombard Lumber Co.  
Clark W S, physician.  
Cowgar & Cowgar, blacksmiths.  
First National Bank (cap \$25,000), W  
H Eddelman pres, B E Broselton  
cashr.  
Fisher J B, grocer.  
Fisher S R, furniture.  
Flynt J E & Co, general store.  
Harris R, general store.  
Harrison & Crane, grocers.  
Hotel Williams, A Y Roller mngr.  
Hunter C H, R R, exp and tel agt.  
Johnson G L, physician.  
Jones —, restaurant.  
Mossey L K, dentist.  
Newbern T H, general store.  
Parks G W, barber.  
Richards S & Son, drugs.  
Robinson E E, lumber.  
Rudell W G, livery.  
Saunders Rev G S (M E South).  
Small & Newbern, real estate.  
Strickland T S, meats.  
Turk P, dry goods.  
Van Noy & Finley, barbers.  
Verdrey D P, R R, tel and exp agt.  
West Union Telephone Co.  
Wilkinson W A, grocer.  
Williams C P, billiards.  
Williams D, restaurant.  
Williams M D, restaurant.

**BYRD.** A discontinued postoffice in  
Send mail to Healy.



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Deer Creek Mutual Telephone Co.  
Dupre R L, drayman.  
Evans T E, physicians.  
Fisher J J, blacksmith.  
Frizzell J T, physician.  
Grant L B Lumber Co.  
Griffith A M, drugs.  
Guaranty State Bank (capital \$10,000),  
L B Grant pres, R E Farris cashier.  
Hall & Heft Lumber Co.  
Hampton G A, hotel.  
Heft R E, mayor.  
Hodges & Stephens, produce.  
McFarland George L, blacksmith.  
Marvin & Wall, real estate.  
Mayhew Mercantile Co.  
Mitchell Charles E, hardware.  
Murphree Joe, livery.  
Murphy F R, hardware.  
Neu Harry, livery.  
**OLMSTEAD E A, Publ'r Butler Herald.**  
Parker Mercantile Co.  
Ruwe Drug Co.  
Shelby Petty, barber.  
Shelton W T, hotel.  
Smith & Pierce, barbers.  
Smith & Taylor, harness.  
Stout L R, real estate.  
Strong R B, R R and express agent.  
Taylor Bros, blacksmiths.  
Twining R E, billiards.  
Wachholtz F W, general store.  
Wade Wm, restaurant.  
Walker F T & Co, general store.  
Walker & Huddlestun, publrs Butler  
News.  
Washita Lumber Co.  
Whitacre F S, physician.  
Wray & Edwards, billiards.

**BYARS.** Population, 800. On the  
A., T. & S. Fe and O. C. Rys., in Byars  
township, McClain county, 25 miles  
southeast of Purcell, the county seat.  
Has Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and  
Methodist Protestant churches, 2 banks  
and a weekly newspaper, the Banner.  
Tel., W. U. Exp., Am. and W., F. &  
Co. Telephone connection.

**ANDREWS KARL, Agent Western &  
Southern Fire Ins Co.**

Brents Mrs T E, drugs.  
Browning A C, general store.  
Burkett W S, billiards.  
Byars Banner, J M Nichols publ'r.  
Byars State Bank (capital \$10,000), W  
H Eddelman pres, B E Braselton  
cashier.

Carey-Lombard Lumber Co.  
Clark W S, physician.  
Cowgar J C, blacksmith.  
Crabtree J H, general store.  
Davidson J T, grocer.  
Davis A, grocer.  
Finley J S, blacksmith.

First National Bank (capital \$25,000),  
W H Eddelman pres, Karl Andrew  
cashier.  
Fisher J B, grocer.  
Foster Bros, cotton gin.  
Garner & Newbern, furniture.  
Harris R & Co, general store.  
Harrison Bros, grocers.  
Hunter C H, R R, exp and tel agent.  
Johnson G L, physician.  
Jones A G, physician.  
Keith Hardware Co.  
Miller A, shoemaker.  
Newbern T H, general store.  
Nichols J M, publ'r Banner.  
Parks G W, barber.  
Parsons Bros, jewelers.  
Richards Drug Co.  
Robinson E E, lumber.  
Saunders Rev G S (M E South).  
Small James, physician.  
Small & Newbern, real estate.  
Smith A, livery.  
Smith & Oliver, grocers.  
Strickland & Pike, meats.  
Tucker & Son, general store.  
Van Noy & Finley, barbers.  
Verdrey D P, R R, tel and exp agent.  
Williams M D, restaurant.

**BYRON.** Population, 500. An in-  
corporated city on the K. C., M. & O.  
Ry., in Byron township, Alfalfa coun-  
ty, 11 miles northeast of Cherokee,  
the county seat. Has Christian and  
Methodist Episcopal churches, a bank  
and a weekly newspaper, the Byron  
Republican. Tel., W. U. Exp., Am.  
Telephone connection. Julius D. How-  
ard, postmaster.

Atkinson & Lembke, live stock.  
Boone Bros, livery.  
Brown W F, general store.  
Byron Alfalfa Milling Co.  
Byron Republican, H S Wilson publ'r.  
Byron State Bank (capital \$5,000),  
A Blanchard pres, J L Blanchard  
cashier.

Byron Telephone Co.  
Cluster Mrs A J, restaurant.  
Dunn & Thomas, general store.  
Fouraker J D, real estate.  
Gaurne J M, physician.  
Gray T W, general store.  
Hawley T J, justice of the peace.  
Herold Bros, hardware.  
Herold B R, mayor.  
Hicks T J, photographer.  
Hollenbeck C E, real estate.  
**HOWARD JULIUS D, Postmaster.**  
Johnston C A, jeweler.  
Johnston C A & Co, drugs.  
Kent Rural Telephone Co.  
Kuhns W, blacksmith.  
Lembke & Robertson, meats.



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214 Walker F T & Co, general store.  
Washita Lumber Co.  
Whitacre F S, physician

**BYARS.** Population, 500. On the A., T. & S. Fe and O. C. Rys., in Byars township, McClain county, 25 miles southeast of Purcell, the county seat. Has Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches, a bank and a weekly newspaper. Tel. W. U. Exp. W., E. & Co. Telephone connection.

Andrews Karl, insurance agent.  
Bowman & Russell, tailors.  
Browning C M, general store.  
Byars Banner, J M Nichols publ.  
Byars State Bank (capital \$10,000), W H Eddelman pres, Karl Andrews cashr.

Carey-Lombard Lumber Co.  
Catron C B, grocer.  
Clark W S, physician.  
Davis A, grocer.  
Fisher Bros, undertakers.  
Foster Bros, cotton gin.  
Garner & Newburn, furn and hdwre.  
Harris J C, harnessmaker.  
Harris & Co, general store.  
Harrison Bros, hardware and grocers.  
Hendon G A, grocer.  
Johnson G L, physician.  
Keith V B, general store.  
Mabes T N, general store.  
Miller Alex, shoes.  
Newbern T H, general store.  
Richards S W, drugs.  
Rogers Joseph O, physician.  
Small James, physician.  
Small & Co, hardware.  
Smith Bros, drugs.  
Thompson Bros, meats.  
Tucker W & Son, general store.

**BYRON.** Population, 500. An incorporated city on the K. C. M. & O.

Byron Promoter, W A Keller publ.  
Byron Telephone Co.  
Byron State Bank (capital \$5,000), L Blanchard pres, N Titus cashr.  
Cluster A J Mrs, restaurant.  
Fouraker J D, real estate.  
Gaurne J M, physician.  
Hunt Edgar, r r, exp and tel.  
Johnston C A, jeweler.  
Johnston C A & Co, drugs.  
Keller W A, publ Byron Promoter.  
Kent Rural Telephone Co.  
Lembke & Son, meats.  
McDowel E R, hardware.  
Muncie G W, poultry breeder.  
Napoleon H W, photographer.  
Opera House, I J Wilcoxen mng.  
**PARR ROBERT F, Postmaster.**  
Pioneer & Byron Telephone Co.  
Quinby A P, hotel.  
Rush Wm, livery.  
Smith Bros, furniture.  
Vaughan C O, lumber.  
Wickey Samuel, contractor.  
Wilcoxen Lillie Mrs, millinery.

**CABANISS.** Population, 50. Cabaniss township, Pittsburg ca 16 miles west of McAlester, the seat, and 7 from Stuart, the banking and shipping point. Average price of improved farm land in vicinity, \$30 per acre. John H postmaster.

**HOWELL & SON, General Store**

**CACHE.** Population, 400. On St. L. & S. F. R. R., in Quanah ship, Comanche county, 14 miles of Lawton, the county seat. Christian and Methodist church bank and a weekly newspaper Register. Average price of improved farm land in vicinity, \$20 per unimproved, \$10. Tel. W. U. H. C. Telephone connection.



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McDonald, physician  
Genevieve R. poultry breeder  
T M, Postmaster, Soft Drinks,  
ectioner and Government Land  
Agent  
es Samuel E. cotton gin  
es & Townsend, genl store  
& Brown, grocers

### BURROW

urrow township, Pontotoc county,  
es southeast of Ada, the judicial  
nd 6 from Clarita, the banking  
pping point. Rural delivery from  
e.

### BURTON

discontinued postoffice in Hughes  
Rural delivery from Stuart.

### BUSHYHEAD

ation, 150. On the St. L. & S. F.  
in Rogers county, 13½ miles  
st of Claremore, the judicial seat,  
from Chelsea, the nearest bank-  
nt. Tel., W. U. Exp., W. F. &  
F. Culley, postmaster.

ead Lumber and Supply Co.,  
er, hardware and implements  
ll P C, livery  
Y B F, Postmaster and Drugs  
J E, wagonmaker  
W G, genl store  
Wm. grain and hay  
& Goodman, hay  
C E, genl store

### BUTLER

ation, 1,000. An incorporated  
the C. & O. W. Ry., in Washita  
p, Custer county, 16 miles north-  
Arapaho, the judicial seat, and  
n Oklahoma City. Has Baptist,  
n and Methodist churches, a  
weekly newspaper, the Herald;  
otton gin and 2 grain elevators.  
of improved land in vicinity  
rom \$30 to \$40 per acre; unim-  
\$20 to \$30. Telephone connec-  
xp., Am. S. D. Grandstaff, post-

Walker, genl store  
nt L. D. county commissioner  
& Brown, hdwe and farm implts  
urniture & Undertaking Co  
erald (weekly), E A Olmstead  
eed & Produce Co  
R STATE BANK (Capital and  
\$, \$21,000), Geo J Ames Pres,  
izzell Vice-Pres, F M McBurney  
R E McBurney Asst Cashier  
Cotton Oil Co, cotton gin

Commercial Hotel, R F Grow prop  
Crook J R, grocer  
Deer Creek Mutual Telephone Co  
Farmers Union Exchange, grain eleva-  
tor  
Frizzell J T, physician  
Grandstaff S D, postmaster  
Griffith A M, drugs  
Hinton Milling Co, grain elevator  
Hunter Brokerage Co, genl store  
Jones Samuel, express  
McBurney F M, cash Butler State Bank  
and sheep breeder  
Moeller George, drugs  
Murphy F R, hardware  
Olmstead E A, publ'r Butler Herald  
Shelley W W, automobiles  
Sherbourne J H, grocer  
Simpson J D, dry goods  
Steinpfad Ralph A, garage  
Templin A W, r r and exp agent  
Walker F T, genl store  
Webb E J, grain elevator  
West A L Lumber Co

### BUTNER

A discontinued postoffice in Seminole  
county. Wewoka is the banking town.  
Rural delivery from same.

Higgs Henry, genl store  
Keesee Bros, genl store  
Keesee & Son, genl store

### BYARS

Population, 600. An incorporated  
town on the A. T. & S. F. Ry., in Byars  
township, McClain county, 25 miles  
southeast of Purcell, the judicial seat,  
and 72 from Oklahoma City. Has a bank,  
Baptist and Methodist churches, thea-  
tre and a cotton gin. Average price of  
improved land in vicinity, \$50 per acre.  
Tel., W. U. Telephone connection. Exp.,  
W. F. & Co. Edwin R. Harrison, post-  
master.

Bowman E M, cash Byars State Bank  
Byars Loan and Realty Co, real estate  
Byars Mercantile Co, J A Small mgr,  
genl store  
Byars State Bank (cap \$10,000), S C  
Newbern pres, E M Bowman cash  
Carey-Lombard Lumber Co  
Catron C B, grocer  
City Cafe  
Empire Theatre  
Foster Bros, cotton gin  
Garner J O, genl store  
Garner & Newbern, furn and hdwe  
Harris J C, harnessmaker  
Harris Lokey, genl store  
Harrison Bros, hdwe and grocers  
HARRISON EDWIN R, Postmaster and  
Agent for Ford Automobiles

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**WILLSEY & COMPANY, General Agents**  
**Automobile Insurance Co.,**  
 OF HARTFORD, CONN.  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**



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Johnston H. r r. exp and tel agt  
 Johnston's Garage

Keith V B. ins and real estate  
 McDaniel Wm B. physician

Mabes T N. genl store

Madsen Harry. livery

Massey L. K. dentist

Miller Alexander. shoes

Norton A. genl store

Pelter L. dry goods

Porter J W. automobiles

Porter & Newbern. automobiles

Rexall Drug Store

Richards S W. drugs

Rogers A W. tinsmith and plumber

Thomas M E. blacksmith

Tucker W & Son. genl store

Wilcoxson J T. grocer

Swingle W A. county commissioner  
**THOMPSON W F.** Postmaster  
 Cream Station

Vaughan C O Lumber Co

Wickey Samuel, contractor

**CABANISS**

Population, 35. In Cabaniss township, Pittsburg county, 16 miles west of McAlester, the judicial seat, and 7 miles from Stuart, the nearest banking point and shipping station. Has a public school and two religious organizations. Average price of improved land in vicinity \$30 per acre. Telephone connection. F. J. Crosswell, postmaster

**CROSSWELL F J.** General Store

**CACHE**

Population, 400. An incorporated town on the St. L. & S. F. R. R. in Quanah township, Comanche county, 12 miles west of Lawton, the judicial seat, and 105 from Oklahoma City. Has a bank, Christian and Methodist churches, a public school, hotel and cotton gin. Average price of improved land in vicinity, \$25 per acre, unimproved land \$10. Tel. W. U. Telephone connection. Exp. W. F. & Co. R. E. Thomas postmaster.

Allen E W. r r and exp agt  
 Antram Lumber Co. lumber and exp  
 Bank of Cache (cap \$10,000) E. E. Shiley pres, F. M. Shipley cash

Cache Drug & Book Co.

Cache Telephone Co. F. W. Barnett pres

Chickaska Gin Co. cotton gin

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Chingan A J. produce

Cox G E. Mercantile Co.

Cox & Paschall, genl store

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Harris G A. grocer

Hill J B. r r contr

Holliday J E. flour and feed

Howenstine John. coal and cotton gin

raiser

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breeder

Jones C P. cattle buyer

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Perisho J Allen. physician

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Allen J M. live stock

Blackburn G. cash Byron State Bank

Byron Alfalfa Milling Co.

Byron Promoter (weekly), W. A. Keller publ

Byron State Bank (cap \$5,000), J. L. Blanchard pres, G. Blackburn cash

Byron Telephone Co.

De Napoleon Theatre, W. F. Thompson mgr

El Cora Edward, genl store

Foraker J D. real estate and loans

Hopp Mrs. restaurant

Howard J D Co. hardware and implts

Johnston C A. jeweler

Johnston C A & Co. drugs

Keller W A, publ Byron Promoter

Kent Rural Telephone Co.

Lembke & Son. meats

Lynet Mrs. millinery

Maine L. restaurant

Manzur T. r r. exp and tel agt

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