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Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group

1. Name: Mauldin-Hall House (Artificial Stone Houses of Artesia Thematic Group)

2. Location: 501 South Roselawn Avenue

4. Owner: Bill R. Wallace
501 South Roselawn Avenue
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

7. Description: The Mauldin-Hall House is a one-and-a-half story, cross-gabled Queen Anne Style house built of artificial stone.

The house is L-shaped and has a porch with wooden Doric columns that curves around the north side and northwest corner. The gabled roof is now covered with asbestos shingles. The ends of the gables are sided with "fish scale" shingles cut in two patterns. Oval bull's-eye windows are set high in the gables, near the ridge of the roof. The roof, which flares at the eaves, contains two brick chimneys and a dormer on the east and west sides.

The "rock face" artificial stone walls of the house contain windows segmental arched with smooth-cast concrete lintels. The sills are also cast concrete. Most of the windows have new aluminum frames set in the original openings with cast stone lintels and sills on the ground floor level and wooden surrounds on the second level. The window frame replacements have not affected the integrity of the artificial stone structure. The house is painted yellow with white trim.

A small lean-to addition has been made to the east side of the house. It does not detract from the character of the house as it is not easily seen from the street. The house is in good condition. At the rear of the property is a small L-shaped cottage probably built soon after the construction of the main house. The walls are stucco rather than artificial stone. It is a non-contributing building.

8. Significance: The Mauldin-Hall House is significant as a good example of the vernacular residential types built of artificial stone in Artesia soon after the founding of the town.

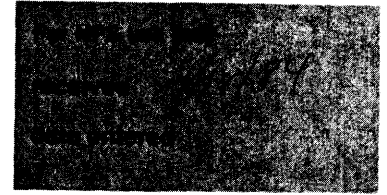
Among the artificial stone houses in Artesia, this house best manifests the Queen Anne Style, with generous, projecting gables, curving porch, and abundant use of shingle siding. All the surfaces of all the facades of the house are textured by the shingles and the "rock face" blocks, with an attractive result that is among the most successfully embellished early houses of Artesia.

The property on which the house stands is part of John R. Blair's addition to the townsite, laid out in 1904. The lot was first acquired by Herbert F. Davis and his wife, Carolina, in 1904. In 1909, they sold the property to A. W. Mauldin and his wife for \$200. A. W. Mauldin owned a restaurant in Artesia during the founding years of the town.

The Mauldins mortgaged the property for \$1000 and began construction of the house. During the same year, they leased the uncompleted dwelling to George C. Hall who agreed to complete the building "with lavatory and bath tub fully plumbed, plaster

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all rooms with white coat finish, complete porch, lay walks, build fence, also build rough storage building in rear not less than 10 feet wide, 8 feet high, and 16 feet deep with large door suitable for storage of an automobile...." The garage mentioned no longer stands. In 1910, Mauldin and his wife deeded the property to Hall and his wife, Belle.

According to local tradition, the artificial stone blocks used in construction of the house were made by building contractor Ira Daniels.

10. Geographical Data: The nominated property consists of Lots 7 and 9 in Block 6 of the Blair Addition. The property measures 140' deep on Roselawn Avenue, 60' on Missouri Street and 70' across the back of the property.

Quadrangle name: Artesia
Quadrangle scale: 7.5 minute

UTM References:

Zone 13 Easting 556250 Northing 3633260