

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Mayfield, Will, College Campus
other names/site number Mayfield-Smith Academy

2. Location

street & number 207 Mayfield Drive N/A not for publication
city or town Marble Hill N/A vicinity
state Missouri code MO county Bollinger code 017 zip code 63764

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

Mark A. Miles *Nov. 19, 2012*

Signature of certifying official/Title Mark A. Miles, Deputy SHPO

Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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

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

Date of Action

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Bollinger County, Missouri
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Education/College

Vacant/Not in Use
Recreation and Culture/Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals:
Classical Revival
Other: Four Room School

foundation: Limestone
walls: Brick

roof: Asphalt
other: _____

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8. Statement of Significance

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.)

Property is:

- 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.

Areas of Significance

Education

Period of Significance

1884 -1934

Significant Dates

1884

1909

1924

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Pendleton, L. Baylor

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ___ 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- ___ Other State agency
- ___ Federal agency
- ___ Local government
- ___ University
- ___ Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 1.27 acres

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

(Follow similar guidelines for entering the lat/long coordinates as describe on page 55, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* for entering UTM references. For properties less than 10 acres, enter the lat/long coordinates for a point corresponding to the center of the property. For properties of 10 or more acres, enter three or more points that correspond to the vertices of a polygon drawn on the map. The polygon should approximately encompass the area to be registered. Add additional points below, if necessary.)

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: 37.308440 | Longitude: -89.974656 | 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: | 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Verbal Boundary Description (On continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification (On continuation sheet)

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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

Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Will Mayfield Heritage Foundation (Attn: Jeanie Troy)

street & number 207 Mayfield Dr. telephone _____

city or town Marble Hill state MO zip code 63764

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Mayfield, Will, College Campus
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Summary:

The Will Mayfield College Campus is located at 207 Mayfield Drive in Marble Hill, Bollinger County, Missouri. The campus contains the last two classroom buildings associated with the historic college. One of the buildings, the Arts and Science Building, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. This two-story brick building with raised basement has Classical Revival details and was constructed in 1924-27 from plans by L. Baylor Pendleton. Immediately to the west is the building historically known as the Administration Building that was also used for classrooms, chapel and auditorium space. It was constructed in 1884 with significant additions designed by Pendleton in 1909 and 1924-25. The original section of this brick building is typical of two-story, four room educational buildings constructed for all levels of education in the late 19th and early 20th centuries having a projecting entrance foyer and central stair hall flanked by two classrooms per floor. The rear additions contain a large chapel/auditorium space with connecting dressing rooms for theatrical productions. The administration building has had some mid-to-late 20th century additions to accommodate its later functions as a residence and cafeteria for a neighboring extended care facility. These additions have not significantly impacted the historic character of the building or the larger Will Mayfield College Campus.

Setting:

The Will Mayfield College Campus sits on a high point at the northwest corner of the town of Marble Hill. It overlooks both the town and surrounding hills. There are scattered residential buildings to the east of the campus and woods and open pasture land further to the north. A wide grassy lawn with mature trees is located to the south, a portion of which is included in the boundary of the property. Just west of the Administration Building is a large residential care facility. The modern building was built on the original grounds of the Will Mayfield College, but is not historically associated with the school. It is connected by an enclosed walkway to the basement level of the Administration building, but is excluded from this nomination as it is currently on a separate parcel and under separate ownership.

Elaboration:

Arts and Science Building, **National Register listed on May 25, 2005.** (Photo 1 and 2)

Designed in 1924 by L. Baylor Pendleton, a St. Louis architect, the Classical Revival style building was completed and opened for classes in 1927. The building has a rectangular footprint and sits on a concrete foundation. The structure is reinforced concrete with a decorative brick facade and flat roof. The primary elevation is divided into five bays with the two end bays projecting slightly from the wall plane. The front entrances to the building are through these two bays. The entrances are highlighted by one-story classically influenced cast stone porticos and two-story round arched windows. All facades have centralized groupings of five double-hung windows with transoms on each floor to light classroom and library space. The

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interior retains its original layout and most of its historic finishes, notably its metal ceilings and plaster walls.¹

Administration Building (also known as Mayfield Hall and Memorial Hall), Contributing

The Administration Building was the first building purpose built for the college (earlier classes had been taught in a nearby church and public school). The original section dates to 1884 and in many respects it is typical of buildings constructed for all levels of education in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As a type, it is a two-story, four classroom school. Characteristic of the type, it has a projecting central entrance foyer that is an extension of the center hallway. To either side of the hall on both floors are large classrooms. The building is brick with a hipped roof and stone foundation. In 1909 a gable roof, 2-story addition was constructed to the north containing the chapel. The last historic addition was a slightly shorter 2-story addition containing a stage and dressing areas (1924-25). Small additions such as a two story rear porch and one-story utility building were built after the period of significance. These additions are relatively small, are located on secondary and tertiary facades, and do not cover any significant architectural feature.

The original (1884) section of the building is easily distinguishable at the south (primary) elevation (see photo 3). The entrance in the projecting 2-story central foyer, is reached by concrete stairs and stoop. The door is multi-light flanked on each side by five-light sidelights and topped by a multi-light transom. The segmental arched entrance opening is topped by a slightly projecting brick window hood. Similar window hoods are seen on all the fenestration in the original portion of the building. Above the entrance is a large round-arched opening containing paired 1/1 round arched windows. The opening has a projecting stone sill supported by corbeled brick brackets. To either side of the entrance, the façade is divided into three bays (each side) by brick pilasters. Windows on the first and second floor are identical. They are 2/2 wood sash set into segmental arched openings. The openings have decorative brick window hoods and stone sills supported by corbeled brick brackets.

The east elevation shows the multiple phases of construction (see photo 4). The south section is the original building. It is divided into three bays by brick pilasters and each bay contains windows identical to those on the south elevation. The center portion of this elevation is the 1909 two-story chapel addition with gable roof. The chapel section is much narrower than the original block, but also has tall brick pilasters that separate the addition into five bays (three exposed, two covered by a 1920s foyer addition). The first floor of each bay contains 2/2 wood windows with stone sills and simple segmental arch tops. The second floor contains ½ Gothic arched window openings. The window frames are original, though the colored glass panes were a c. 1950s alteration. In the crook of the "L" created by the original building and chapel addition is a secondary entrance foyer constructed in 1924. The foyer is one story with shed roof and has a centered Gothic arch entrance. Within the entrance are non-historic paired

¹ Description taken from, Tiffany Patterson, "Mayfield, Will, College Arts and Sciences Building, Marble Hill, Bollinger County, Missouri," National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, 2005, Section 7, p. 1.

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doors topped by a Gothic arch transom with elaborate tracery. To either side are ten-light Gothic arch casement windows with stone sills. To the north is the 1924-25 addition. It is wider than the chapel, though its gable roof is slightly lower than the central block. The basement level of this addition is exposed and contains two 1/1 modern windows. Above these are two 2/2 flat arch wood windows.

The west elevation is very similar to the east wall (see photos 5 and 6). The three major building phases can be seen, though all five of the chapel addition bays are exposed on this elevation. The grade changes on this side of the building, leaving much of the basement level exposed. A modern one-story flat roof addition extends the basement level on this elevation. There is also a non-historic enclosed walkway connecting the basement to the neighboring residential care facility (see photo 5).

The north elevation is primarily the rear of the 1924-25 addition (see photo 7). It has a steeply pitched gable roof. Near the peak of the gable is a large half round fanlight, below which is a band of three multi-line sash. Much of the raised basement and main floor are covered by a two-story hipped roof porch (c. 1950) that has been enclosed. The lower portion of the porch has tall brick posts and brick knee walls. The openings between posts have been infilled with vinyl siding and small 1/1 windows. The second floor appears to have been a sleeping porch. It has asbestos siding and bands of 1/1 windows.

The interior of the Administration Building retains its general layout from c. 1925 when the major building campaigns were complete. Interior finishes, notably in the original 1884 building, have been updated to reflect its later residential use rather than its historic educational function. The retention of basic layout and room massing, however, are sufficient to understand the building's original function. The interior of the chapel addition and 1924 modifications seem intact, though again, modern finishes have been added to some of the smaller rooms.

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Summary

The Will Mayfield College Campus, 207 Mayfield Dr., Marble Hill, Bollinger County, is locally significant under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A in the area of EDUCATION. Established in 1878 by Drs. William H. Mayfield and H.J. Smith, the private high school/preparatory school and junior college serviced Bollinger and surrounding counties. The school emphasized academic courses for high school students, religious education, and teacher training. The two buildings on campus include the earliest purpose-built college building (Administration Building) initially constructed in 1884. Attendance at the college peaked in the 1920s, encouraged by a building campaign that culminated in the construction of the Arts & Science Building (1924-27) and additions to the Administration Building (1909 and 1924-25). Architect L. Baylor Pendleton was responsible for the design of the Arts & Science Building and the 1920s additions to the original campus building. These buildings represent the full spectrum of the school's educational influence as a rural college. The period of significance is 1884 to 1934, the date of construction of the Administration Building through the year the school closed its doors.

History and Background

Note: The following history and context is paraphrased from the National Register Nomination for the Will Mayfield College Arts & Sciences Building, listed in the National Register in May 2005. Additional information not available in 2005 has also been included.

Originally known as the Mayfield-Smith Academy, the private high school and junior college owed its existence to William Henderson Mayfield. Mayfield was a native of Bollinger County who studied in both private and public institutions locally. He studied medicine under Dr. H.J. Smith in Smithville (now Sedgewickville). As an educated man, Mayfield was troubled by what he saw as the "low grade of educational interests of Southeast Missouri, and the great lack of moral and religious culture."² While still under the tutelage of Dr. Smith, Mayfield felt the call to open a subscription school and on February 10, 1878 prepared an article proposing a new school. The response was nearly immediate and in response to his article "in 30 minutes raised \$550."³ This would be the first of numerous philanthropic endeavors for Mayfield who would later be a significant force in improving healthcare in St. Louis as well as in China. He was the founder of the Missouri Baptist Sanatorium in St. Louis, now known as the Missouri Baptist Medical Center, and helped to fund two hospitals in China.

Mayfield's quest to establish a school was firmly supported by his mentor Dr. Smith. Smith was a "faithful worker for the school," giving both financially and sharing his commercial building in Smithville with the first 22 students to enroll in the Mayfield-Smith Academy.⁴ The academy also garnered support from student fees and the St. Francois Baptist Association. The school

²R.S. Duncan. *A History of the Baptists in Missouri*. St. Louis: Scammell & Co., Publishers, 1882, 895.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

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remained affiliated with the Baptists until it closed in 1934 and was noted as one of the major Baptist institutions of higher learning in Missouri.⁵

There is some discrepancy in the accounts of the early history of the school. One source notes that a school founded by Mayfield and Smith offered elementary level courses, but most sources, and the early writings of the people involved in the school, indicate that focus of the institution was on higher education. T.W. Tate, the first principal of the Mayfield-Smith Academy, advertised the school as "Smithfield High School" in a letter written to the *Jackson Cash Book* newspaper in 1879.⁶ The school offered "A" and "B" levels (possibly high school and college coursework) with additional charges for "language" students.⁷ The school's setting may have been attractive to parents of students, if not the students themselves, and was noted as having a "healthy location away from railroads, card and billiard tables, saloons... and other vile attractions."⁸ Whatever the attractions, Tate oversaw the instruction of 22 men and women during the first school session that opened on April 7, 1878.

Despite a relatively high first year of enrollment, the first years of the academy were rocky ones. Encouraged by the initial support and patronage of the St. Francis Baptist Association, Mayfield began to plan a move from Smith's commercial buildings into a dedicated home. Numerous setbacks ultimately put a stop to building construction in Smithville. The remote town may have been far from "vile attractions" but it was also far from a population center adequate to support the school and house students and was not on any major transportation route. These obstacles may have been overcome if not for two disasters. During construction of the dedicated school building, the kiln used for making bricks was blown over during a violent storm and later the school's foundation cracked during a hard freeze. Together these events led to significant financial problems for the academy.⁹

Instead of giving up on the enterprise, supporters of the school sought a fresh start in a new location. Several towns vied for the school including Jackson, Farmington and Marble Hill. After meetings held in Marquand in either 1879 or 1880, school officials settled on Marble Hill. Marble Hill was in many ways the "best of both worlds" for supporters of the academy. The town was the county seat, drawing visitors from a wide area. The town was remote enough to be far from "vile" influences, but also well connected to railroad lines through Lutesville, the neighboring town only ½ mile away. As an added incentive Drs. Tally and Pittman offered a \$1000 donation and land owner Moses Whybark donated several acres of land.¹⁰

Like the original sessions of the Mayfield-Smith Academy, classes opened in Marble Hill in buildings coopted for the purpose. Students attending on the opening of September 29, 1880 met at the local Baptist Church and purported to be a two-story frame building that once housed

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Mary L. Hahn and Blanch Reilly, eds. *Bollinger County, 1851-1976: A Bicentennial Commemorative*, Marceline, MO: Walsworth Publishing Co., 1977, 420-421.

⁷ Ibid., 421.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Ibid.

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the public school. The Board of Directors, largely made up of representatives from churches in the St. Francois Association, had grander visions for the school and made plans to construct a dedicated school building. A.J. Johnson, as the president and financial officer of the school, began soliciting funds for the school with some apparent success. A rather optimistic report of the school noted that an "Excellent school building in process of erection, [was] to be ready for occupancy by the close of the year 1882."¹¹ In reality the new building was not ready for use until 1885 (see figure 3). This original building was used throughout the school's history and is a contributing resource on the property.

As the school became more established its mission to provide higher education became more evident. Its goal was to provide "a preparatory department with freshman and sophomore courses of first class western colleges."¹² The schools course offerings drew a small but steadily growing stream of students with 83 enrolled in high school and college courses in 1885, 99 the following year and 118 in 1887.¹³ Course offerings included English, writing, math and science as well as bookkeeping, typing and music instruction. Advance courses in natural sciences, math (plane geometry and calculus) and language were also provided. Reflecting the patronage by area churches, religion courses for ministerial students were also taught. Tuition for students varied from \$2 to \$4 per month, depending on courses taken. Tuition increased as courses diversified and enrollment increased.¹⁴

The Mayfield-Smith Academy was a coeducational facility and was a popular school for Southeast Missouri women. To support its students, the school constructed Rosemont Hall (opened in 1896, see figure 4) to house just over 30 women students. Women attending the school were required to live in the dorm unless their parents lived locally.¹⁵ When the dorm became overcrowded, the school assisted female students in finding accommodations. Until 1920, male students were on their own in locating rooms. Providing room and board for students likely became a local cottage industry.

Tragedy struck founder William Mayfield's family in 1902 when his son, Will, died at the age of 20 of tuberculosis. In honor of the founder and his son, also a graduate of the academy, the governing board renamed the school "Will Mayfield College" in 1904. The name change did not alter the school's mission to offer high school and college courses to residents of Bollinger and surrounding counties. Will Mayfield's tragic death also made the school's "healthful" environment even more important. In its advertising, the school reminded potential students of

¹¹ Duncan, 896.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ *History of Southeast Missouri*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888,453.

¹⁴ Hahn, 421.

¹⁵ Like the initial campaign to build a school in Smithville, the construction of Rosemont Hall was not without its difficulties. The foundation for the dorm was completed in 1893, but the school apparently had difficulties paying for its completion. In 1897 the governing board considered selling the school to repay the contractors (Wills and Revelle) and ended up deeding a portion of the grounds to them to settle accounts. The following year, the school was able to buy back the land. Notes from Annual Meeting minutes of the St. Francois Baptist Association.

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the area's "pure, health-giving water and wholesome zephyrs."¹⁶ The 1927 school Bulletin also noted that "Malaria is very uncommon, typhoid fever is almost unknown."¹⁷

The year 1909 marked the beginning of a period of growth and stability for the college. The minutes of the St. Francis Baptist Association report that 1909 was the school's most prosperous year to date with 168 students enrolled. That year the school funded the construction of a new well, and using \$3000 seed money donated by Dr. Mayfield, contracted W. W. Taylor and Sons to build an addition to the Administration Building. The board reported that the new addition "Gives us three nice new rooms in addition to the old building which adds greatly to comfort as well as to the appearance of the school. We have also repaired and repainted the old college building and have furnished the same with new furniture." The Administration Building was a key component of instructional life at the school. The improvements to the building were completed in 1910 with the report that the "two-story brick [building had], with basement for Laboratory, a large Library and Study Hall and a Chapel with seating capacity of 300 . . . Our school has an up-to-date Laboratory which adds greatly to the convenience of the pupils."¹⁸

By the 1910s, Will Mayfield College had a good reputation, noted as "favorably-known, carefully conducted and enlightened."¹⁹ It had a ten acre campus with three buildings valued at \$25,000.²⁰ Two buildings were used for classrooms (College Hall and the Administration Building/Memorial Hall), and Rosemont Hall was the women's dorm. Enrollment in 1914 was 80 in the academic (high school) classes, 8 college students studying music, and 25 bible study students. These students were taught by five faculty members teaching math, science, history, English, languages, elocution, and music, and three members of the "Divinity and Pedagogical Lecture Department."²¹

Though the enrollment of the school averaged over 100 in the early part of the 1900s, attendance began to grow in the late 1910s. Encouraged by expanding enrollment, the board of directors began an intense building campaign. By 1920, the campus expanded to include a new frame gymnasium. The school also purchased a large home in Marble Hill (several blocks from campus), renamed Franklin Hall, to be used as a men's dormitory. The school also hired L. Baylor Pendleton of St. Louis to design an addition to the Administration Building and a modern new classroom building, the Arts & Science Building.

¹⁶ *Catalogue of Will Mayfield College for the year 1913-1914*. Marble Hill, MO: Will Mayfield College, 1913, 5.

¹⁷ *Will Mayfield Junior College Bulletin: Announcement of Summer Session*. Marble Hill, MO: Will Mayfield College, 1927, n.p.

¹⁸ "Timeline: Will Mayfield College Buildings" gleaned from minutes of the St. Francis Baptist Association Minutes. Document on file with the Will Mayfield Heritage Foundation, Marble Hill, Missouri.

¹⁹ Robert Sidney Douglas. *History of Southeast Missouri*. Originally published in New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1912. Reprinted: Cape Girardeau, MO: Ramfree Press, 1961, 572.

²⁰ Letter from A.F. Hendricks, college president, to Rev. J.E. Dillard of St. Louis. Oct. 10, 1914. Letter on file at the William Partee Center for Baptist Historical Studies, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

²¹ *Catalogue*.

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Little is known of the architect L. Baylor Pendleton, although he is credited with the design of several homes in St. Louis County, Missouri. His designs utilized styles popular during his career and examples of his work include Georgian Revival, Tudor, and craftsman homes as well as this Classical Revival style institutional building.²² By March of 1924, Pendleton had completed his initial plans for the "Will Mayfield Junior College" and the "Additions to Will Mayfield Junior College" and after revisions in May of that year, construction commenced.²³ The school's Board of Trustees contracted with Lunus Penzel of Jackson to complete the building and used V.C. Taylor as the heating and plumbing contractor.²⁴ Once completed, the building offered "greater facilities than have ever been available to students in Southeast Missouri."²⁵ The "splendid new fire-proof college building, modern from every standpoint" was available for occupancy by May 15, 1927.²⁶

The enrollment of the school surged after the completion of the building, with over 200 students attending. The new buildings coupled with additional tuition revenue and donations were a short-lived boon to the school. Severe setbacks in the late 1920s, however, were difficult to overcome and would eventually spell the financial ruin of the school. The celebrations surrounding the opening of the Arts & Science Building in May 1927 were followed that December by the destruction of Rosemont Hall by fire. Women were temporarily housed in the men's dorm, Franklin Hall, but lack of accommodations for women resulted in a decline in enrollment. Financially the loss was also a major blow as the building, valued at \$40,000, could not easily be replaced—notably in light of the debt of the recently completed classroom building.

Allegations that the schools endowment was spent without authorization, coupled with debt and loss led to the temporary closure of the school in 1930. It reopened briefly but the deepening of the Great Depression in the early 1930s caused enrollment to drop. The school closed its doors after commencement ceremonies in May 1934. To cover debts the ownership of the school transferred to a bonding company in St. Louis. Franklin Hall, located several blocks from the college campus, was sold as a private residence. The Patton School District purchased the frame gym and moved it out of town and it is unknown if the building still exists. The large campus (10 acres) was also parceled and portions sold. The school's two classroom buildings, the Administration Building and the Arts and Science Building, sat empty for several years until purchased in 1941 by Mrs. Lottie James Bollinger. Bollinger, who had briefly attended the college, planned to convert the buildings into a hospital. After the state regulatory board denied her application, Bollinger held onto the buildings and in the 1950s convinced El Nathan, a Christian retirement home originally established in Buffalo, NY, to move to the

²² Esley Hamilton. *The Historic Inventory of St. Louis County Buildings*. Clayton, MO: St. Louis County Government, <[http://www.stlouiseo.com/parks/Intro hislbld.html](http://www.stlouiseo.com/parks/Intro%20hislbld.html)>. Accessed December 2004.

²³ L. Baylor Pendleton, "Will Mayfield Junior College," 1924. Copies of final plans on file with the Bollinger County Natural History Museum, Marble Hill, MO.

²⁴ "Mayfield College to Have Science Hall." *Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*, June 4. 1927.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ More information on the Arts and Science Building can be found in "Will Mayfield College Arts and Science Building, Marble Hill, Bollinger County, Missouri." National Register of Historic Places Nomination, 2005.

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property. El Nathan initially used the Administration Building, but later constructed a modern building immediately west. For a time the organization used both buildings and constructed an enclosed walkway between their new facility and the basement level of the Administration Building. El Nathan owned the Arts & Science Building, but never utilized it as part of the larger residential care facility.

In 2001 the Will Mayfield Foundation and its offshoot, the Bollinger County Museum of Natural history, entered into an agreement with El Nathan to convert the Arts and Science Building into a museum. The first two floors of the building have been largely restored and HVAC and electrical systems have been updated throughout. The museum has opened and contains displays on local history and the natural history of the region. In 2010 El Nathan sold the Arts and Science Building and the Administration Building to the Will Mayfield Heritage Foundation. The foundation is repairing the Administration Building and plans to open it as a community center and arts facility.

The Administration Building, Arts and Science Building and the remaining 1.27 acre parcel represent the last extant resources on the original campus of Will Mayfield College. These buildings represent the early establishment and growth of the school, and its role as a rural institution of higher learning. Loss of associated land and buildings have impacted the integrity and setting of the larger campus, but these buildings continue to retain important features typical of education facilities. These buildings were also historically the two primary school buildings containing the important learning spaces including classrooms, libraries, laboratories and auditorium spaces.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is as shown on the attached scaled survey map (see figure 1).

Boundary Justification

Originally the Will Mayfield College Campus extended to approximately 10 acres. After the school closed in 1934, buildings and land were sold to settle school debts. The current boundary encompasses the remaining school buildings and land under a single ownership. The boundaries include the footprints of the buildings, surrounding grassy lawn, and an expanse of the school's historic front lawn.

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The following is true for all photographs:

Will Mayfield College Campus
Marble Hill, Bollinger County, Missouri
Photographer: Jeanie Troy
Date: Summer 2011
See figure 2 for photo angles.

Digital images on file at the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

1. Will Mayfield College Campus Buildings, looking north northwest.
2. Arts & Sciences Building, south elevation, looking north northwest.
3. Administration Building, south elevation, looking north.
4. Administration Building, south and east elevations, looking northwest.
5. Administration Building, west elevation, looking north.
6. Administration Building, west elevation, looking southeast.
7. Administration Building, north elevation, looking south.
8. Administration Building, central stair hall looking south.
9. Administration Building, first floor classroom, looking southwest.
10. Administration Building, interior of chapel entrance foyer, looking east.
11. Administration Building, chapel, looking north
12. Administration Building, chapel, looking south.

Figure Log

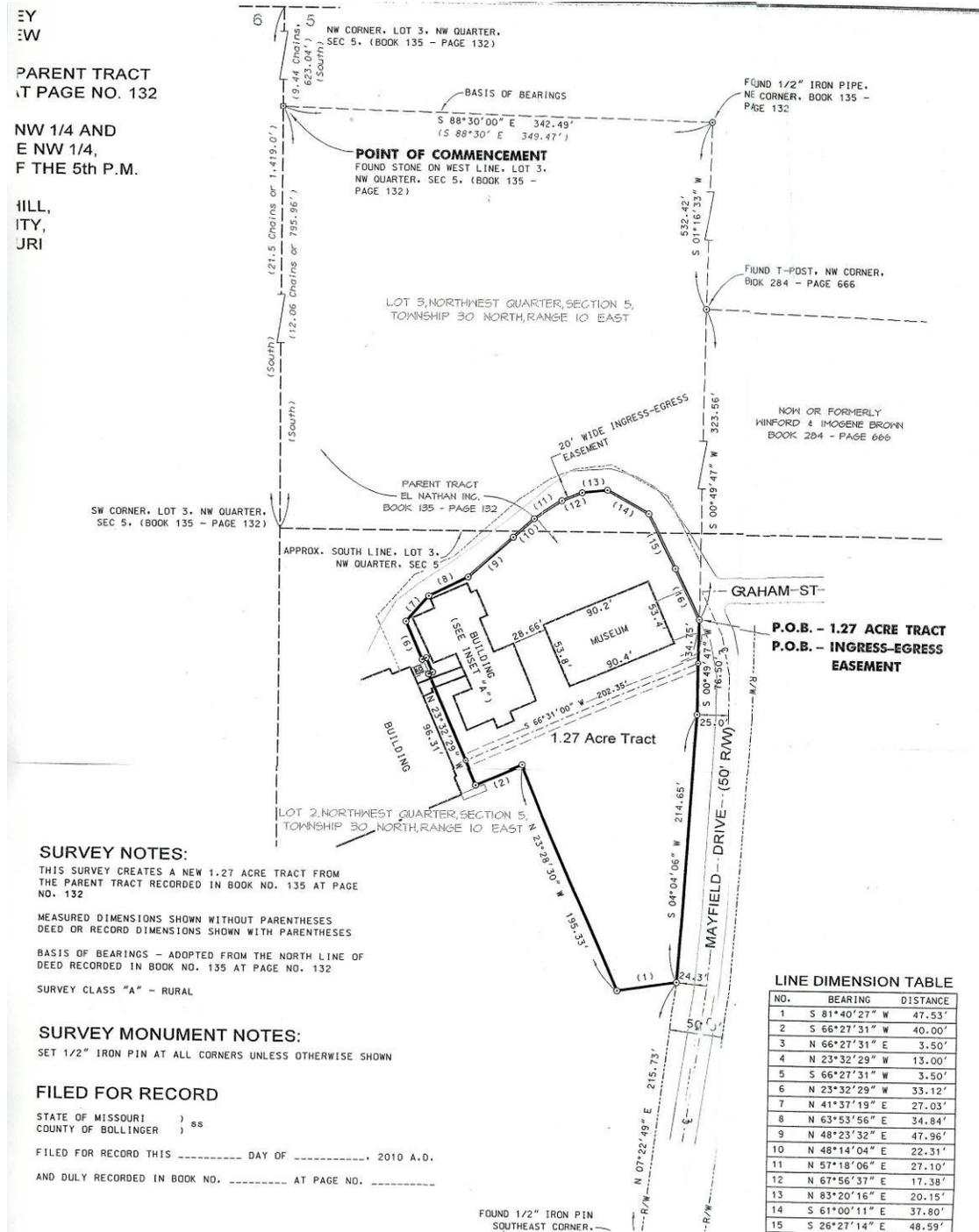
1. Boundary Map
2. Site Plan with photo angles
3. Historic Photo, Administration building with Rosemont Hall under construction in background, c. 1895.
4. Historic Photo, Rosemont Hall and the Administration Building in c. 1920.
5. Historic Photo, Administration Building and the Arts & Science Building, c. 1930.
6. Sketch first floor plan, Administration Building
7. Locational Map
8. Geographic Data Map

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Figure 1: Boundary Map from survey by Bowen Engineering and Surveying, April 9, 2010.

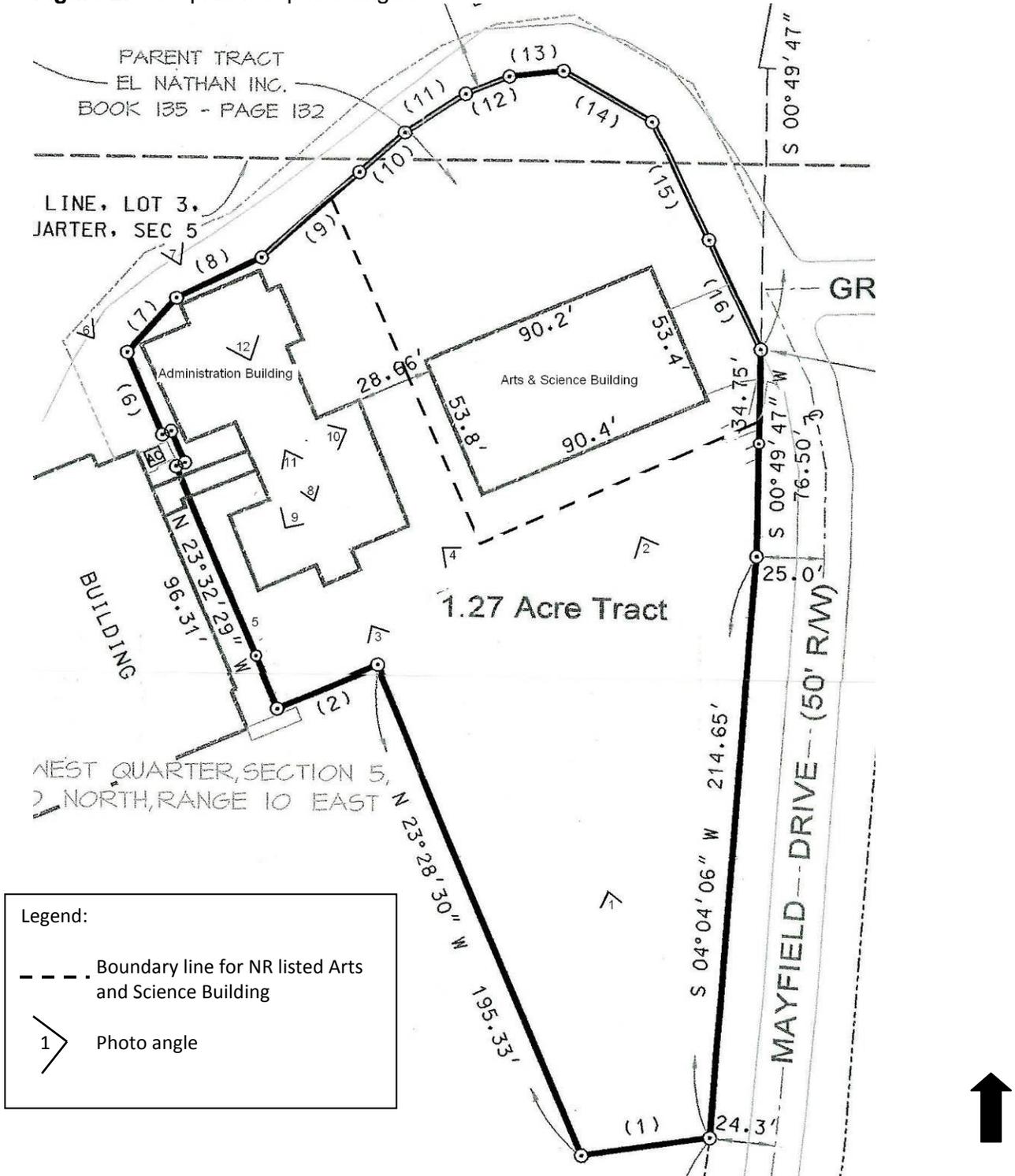


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Figure 2: Site plan with photo angles

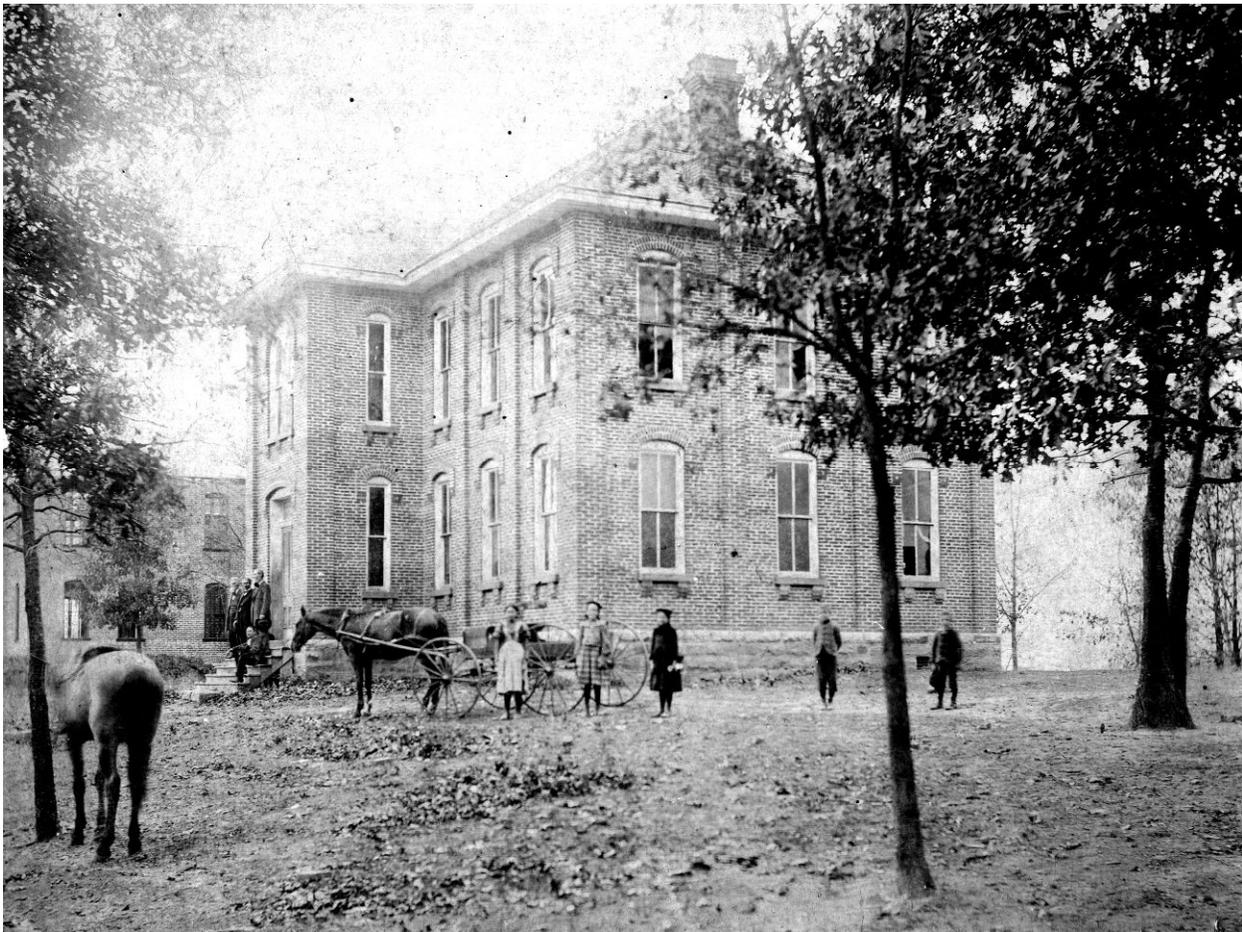


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Figure 3: Administration building with Rosemont Hall under construction in background, c. 1895.



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Figure 4: Rosemont Hall (left, 1896) and the Administration Building (right, 1884) in c. 1920.



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Figure 5: Administration Building and the Arts & Science Building, c. 1930

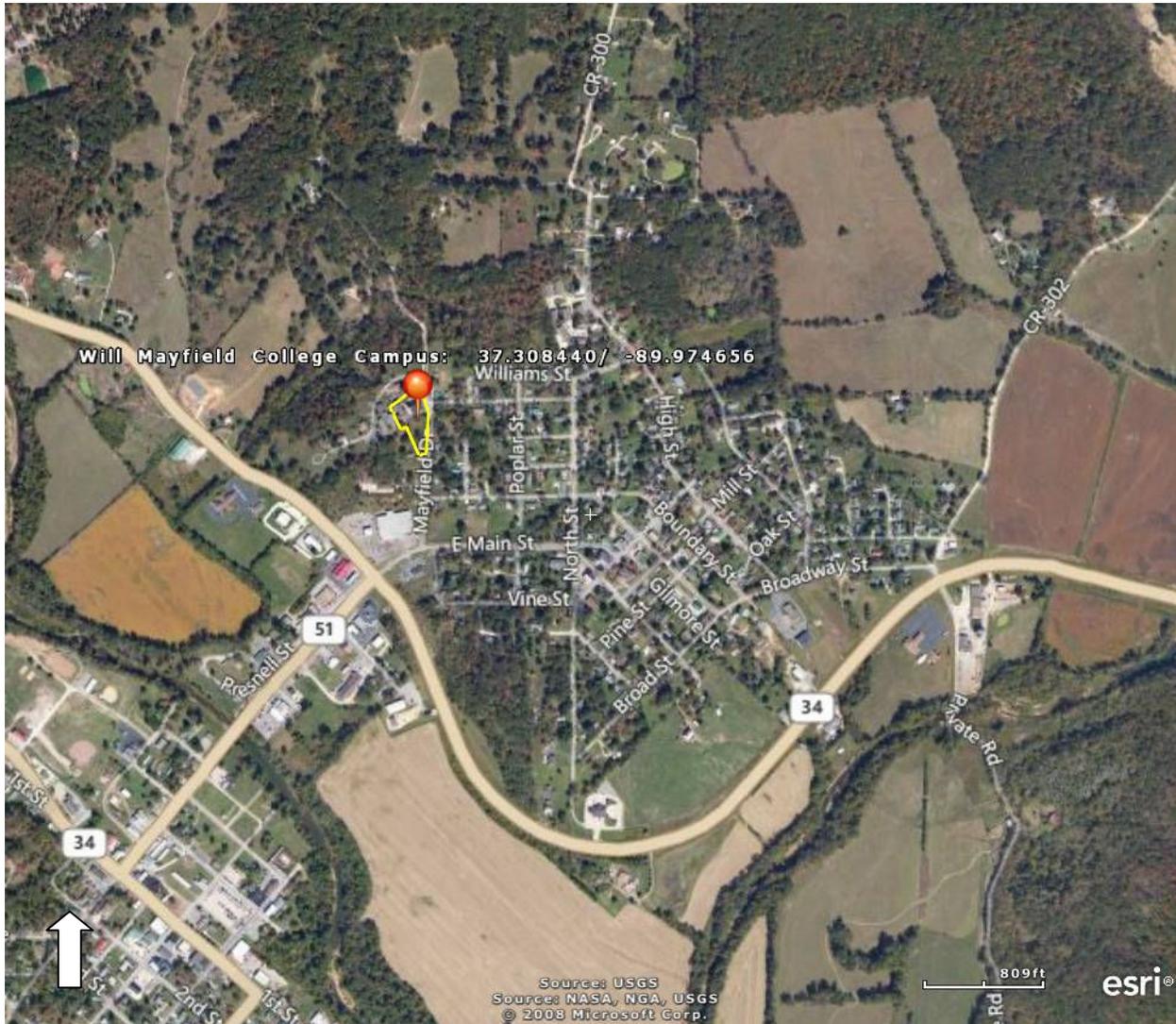


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Figure 7: Locational Map



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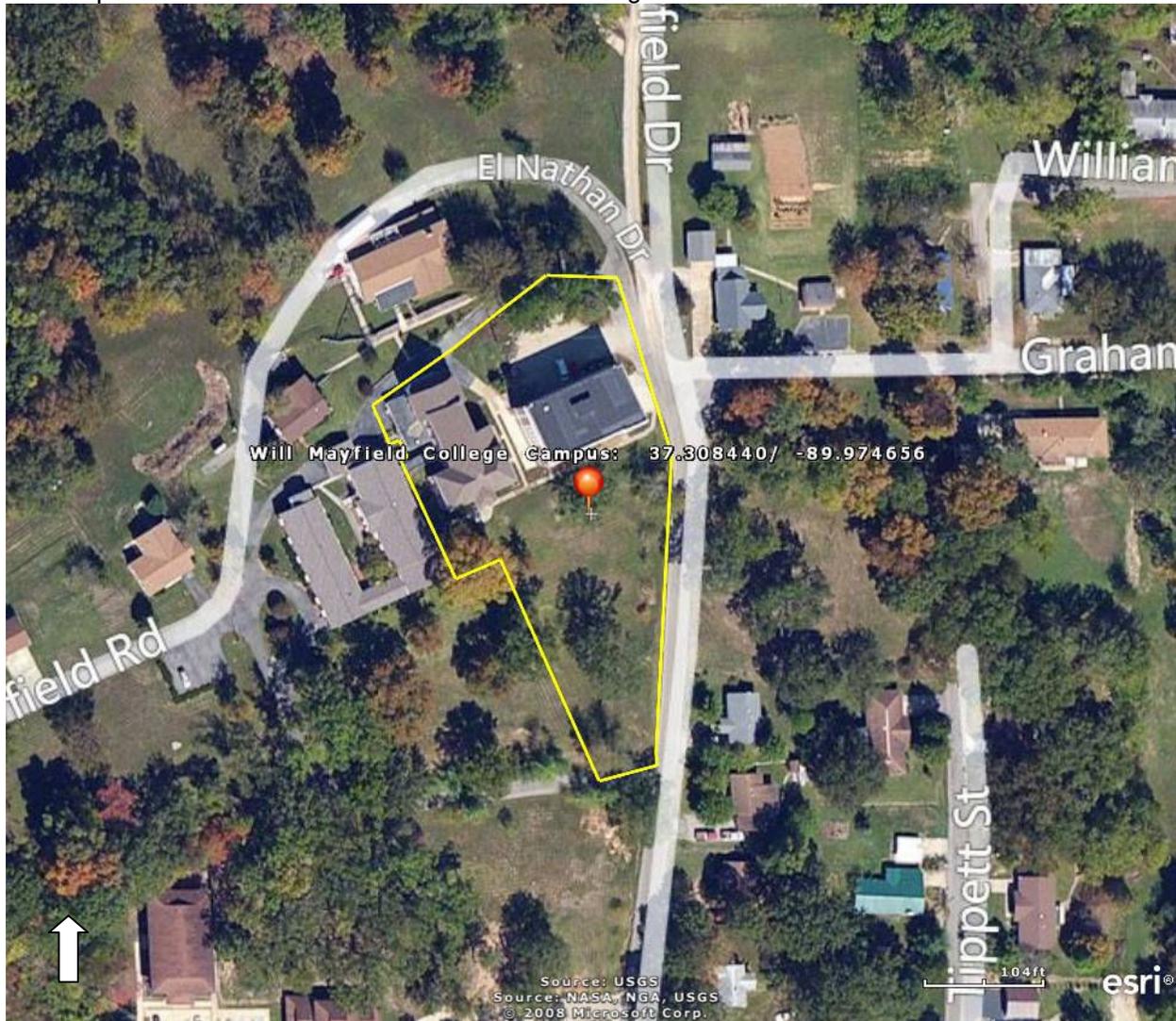
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Figure 8: Geographical Data

Will Mayfield College Campus

Marble Hill, Bollinger County, Missouri

Center point reference: Latitude: 37.308440 Longitude: -89.974656







COLLEGE





SITE OF
WILL MAYFIELD
COLLEGE
1870 — 1934
DEDICATED BY
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
OCTOBER 1, 1934















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