

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

I. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: _	Silas	Elemer	ntary	Schoo	b 1	
and/or Common	Name:	Silas	Munic	cipal	Complex	

2. LOCATION

Street & Number		Way			
City:Silas	, Alabama	The second second second			
State: Alabama	Coun	ty: Chocta	W	Zip: 36919	
Is the property lo	cated within the o	tity limits? XY	es No		
Latitude:			Longitude:		
Township: 9	Range: 3	Section: 7	USGS Quad Map:		
3. CLASSIFI	CATION				
Category:	Building(s)	District	Structure Site	Object	
Ownership:	Public	Private	Both		
Status:	X Occupied	Unoccupied	Work in progress		
Public Acquisiti	on: X In process	Being consid	lered		
Accessible:	No	Yes: restrict	ed XYes: unrestricted		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Town of Silas		
Address: 130 Indian Way	Post Office Box 147	
City:	State: Alabama	Zip: 36919
Telephone: 251-542-9505		and a state of the second state
Email:silas@millry.net		

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

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See Attachment

SKETCH NOT DRAWN TO SCALE MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE ATTIC SPACE APPROXIMATELY 11,300 53 ft.

SILAS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX Building (OLD SILAS ELEM. SCHOOL BLOG.)

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Construction date:	1936		So	urce:	Attic	c Picture				
Alteration date:	2009		So	urce:	Build	ing Pictures				
Architect/Builder:	Commu	nity Support	Co	ontractor:	Commu	nity				
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous) Excellent				maining hist gh, Medium,		High				
No. of stories:	0	ne								
Historic use of prope	erty: E	lementary Schoo	51							
Current use of prope	erty: S	ilas Municipal	Complex,	Silas	Librar	y, Silas Police				
Architectural style ca		ther	Architectura	l style sub-o	ategory:	Other				
Basic typology:	C	enter block/Wind	gs Basic shape:	s Basic shape: Center block/Wings						
Basic floor plan: Cen		enter Hall	er Hall Historic Construction material(s):							
Current exterior wall material(s): Bri		rick	Roof finish n	naterial(s):		Metal				
Main roof configuration	on:	gable on hip	Foundation r	material: C	e block					
Porch type:		Porte Cochere								
Window type and ma		Double Hung-Metal								
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Number and type of (if significant, fill out sep		gs: Two. gazebo/:	summer ho	ouse an	d Equip	pment shed.				

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Early 1900's center hall school building.

Description of Setting:

Picturesque front sloping down to present outdoor walking Trail.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory (archaeological component).

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

Built in 1936, Artistic Design prevalent in early 1900's. The first class held in this building was 1936-1937. Education was important to insure a better quality of life. Some students had to board with residents that lived within walking distance of the school. At this time there were very few automobiles and roads were almost impossible to travel.

The Silas elementary school built in 1936 by Choctaw County Board of Education and State Department of Education. The elementary school closed at the end of 1994 and used for a Junior High until 2002. The students then attended Choctaw County's new consolidated school On Highway 17 North of Silas.

The building has all of the original pine wood floors, beaded board walls and light fixture. The building was purchased to house the Silas Municipal offices in 2005 which was renovated in December 2009. Activities held in the building include Silas School Class reunions, Choctaw County Retired Teachers Associations, Choctaw County Historical Society, Choctaw County Board of Education Community Meetings, Friends of The Silas Library monthly meetings, Choctaw County Distinguished Young Women committee meetings.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

Property was donated to State of Alabma for a school site prior to 1940.

The Town of Silas Purchased the property from Choctaw County Board of Education July 26, 2005.

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: _____7.9 more or less

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: Town of SIlas	Shirley M. Perry Mayor	
Address: 130 Indian Way	Post Office Box 147	
City:Sials	State: ALabama	Zip: 36919
Telephone: 251-542-9505		
Email:silas@millry.net		

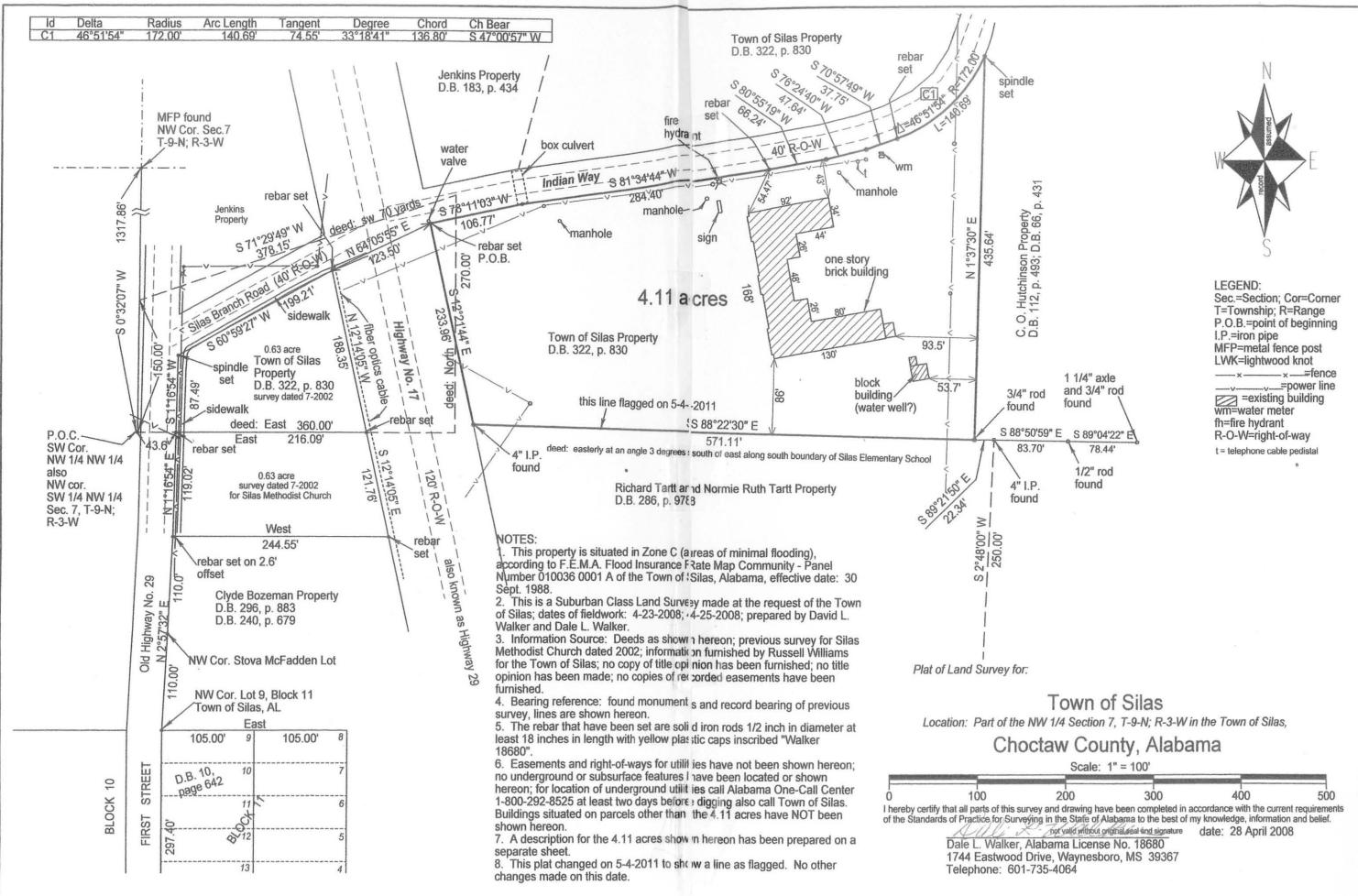
11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission Attn: Lee Anne 468 S. Perry Street Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900



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STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

THIS DEED is made this the 26th day of ______, 2005, by CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, acting herein by and through William R. Boggs, the Superintendent of Education of Choctaw County, Alabama; Isaac Johnson, Board Member and Chairman; Darry Phillips, Board Member; Ronald Hampton, Board Member; Gerald R. Gibson, Board Member; and, Wayne C. Taylor, Board Member, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "GRANTOR," in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and No/100 (\$100.00) Dollars and other good and valuable consideration, to it in hand paid by the TOWN OF SILAS, an Alabama municipal corporation, hereinafter called the "GRANTEE," the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

THE GRANTOR does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY to the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, SUBJECT TO the LIMITATIONS and EXCEPTION hereinbelow set forth, the following described real property, all lying and being situated in the TOWN OF SILAS, in CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA, to-wit:

SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST

Parcel One: "Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 9 North; Range 3 West in the Town of Silas, Choctaw County, Alabama; thence run East along said forty line for 43.6 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar situated on the cast right-of-way line of a 40 ft. road known as First Street, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of the land to be described; thence run East for 216.09 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar situated on the west right-ofway line of Highway No. 17; thence run North 12 degrees 14 minutes 05 seconds West along said highway right-of-way line for 188.35 feet to the south right-of-way line of a 40 ft. road; thence South 60 degrees 59 minutes 27 seconds West along said right-ofway line for 199.21 feet to a spindle set in asphalt and being situated on the east right-of-way line of First Street; thence run South 01 degree 16 minutes 54 seconds West along said right-ofway line for 87.49 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.63 acre, more or less."

The above-described parcel is intended to be that which has been assigned the following "Parcel Number" by the Choctaw County Office of Mapping & Appraisal Services: Parcel No. 15-33-03-07-02-03.001.

And,

<u>Parcel Two:</u> That certain parcel, being said to contain 11.1 acres, more or less, described as follows:

All that land, together with improvements situated thercon (said improvements including the buildings which housed the former "Southern Choctaw High School,") which lies in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the said Section 7, and which lies south of Choctaw County Highway No. 6 (sometimes known as the "Silas-to-Bladon Springs Road,") and east of Alabama State

JAMES D. EVANS LAW OFFICE 210 W. SMITH ST. BUTL ER, AL 36904 205-459-2428 Fax 205-459-2427

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Highway No. 17, and which lies north and west of a town street sometimes known as the "Silas-to-Branch Road," and sometimes known as "Indian Way," LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM the property presently assessed to "M.H. Jenkins" (which property is identified by the Office of Mapping & Appraisal Services as Parcel No. 07 in the said quarter-quarter Section,)

and, also,

all that land, together with improvements situated thereon (said improvements including the buildings which housed the former "Southern Choctaw Elementary School,") which lies in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the said Section 7, and which lies south of the said "Indian Way" and east of the said Alabama State Highway No. 17, and which lies west of, and adjoins, the parcel presently designated on the current Mapping & Appraisal map as Parcel No. 05, and as being owned by a "C.O. Hutchinson," and also being labeled as containing some 7.9 acres, more or less.

The above-described parcel is intended to be that which has been assigned the following "Parcel Number" by the Choctaw County Office of Mapping & Appraisal Services: Parcel No. 15-33-03-07-02-<u>06</u>.

The above described land is SUBJECT TO the following LIMITATIONS and EXCEPTION:

1. Ad valorem taxes and assessments for the current year and future years.

2. Any applicable zoning ordinances and other governmental regulations.

3. Easements; rights-of-way; reservations; exceptions; agreements; restrictions; setback

lines; coal, oil, gas and other mineral leases; access rights; and all other matters of record

including but not limited to those exceptions specifically set forth below.

4. Encroachments, overlaps, boundary line disputes, over-hangs, unrecorded easements,

deficiency in quantity of ground, or any matters not of record, which would be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the premises.

5. An EXCEPTION from this conveyance and the warranty of this conveyance of the

title to any and all of the oil, gas, hydrocarbons and minerals and mineral rights of whatsoever nature or kind, which are located in, on, under or which may be produced from the abovedescribed real property, which may be owned by parties other than Grantor.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the Grantee, in fee simple, forever.

AND THE GRANTOR DOES HEREBY COVENANT with the Grantee, except as above noted, that, at the time of the delivery of this Deed, the premises were free from all encumbrances made by it, and that it will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, through, or under it, but against none other..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor of the property described herein has caused this Deed to be signed and sealed on the date above written.

CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION William R. Boggs, Superintendent of Education NON 322 - 831

before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such Board Member, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{F}}^{th}$ day of \mathcal{Q}_{uly} , 2005. \mathcal{R}_{uly} , 2005. NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: August 2, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

I, <u>Assie</u> <u>B.</u> <u>Harris</u>, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Ronald Hampton, whose name as a Member of the Choctaw County Board of Education, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such Board Member, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the $\frac{\partial b^{tL}}{\partial t}$ day of _____ Rosie R. Harris NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: August 2, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

I, <u>Rosie</u> <u>R. Maris</u>, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Gerald R. Gibson, whose name as a Member of the Choctaw County Board of Education, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such Board Member, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 26 th day of

Rasie R. Harris NOTARY PUBLIC

, 2005.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: August 2, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

I. Rosie R. Mario, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Wayne C. Taylor, whose name as a Member of the Choctaw County Board of Education, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such Board Member, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the \mathcal{A}^{π} day of July, 20 Rapie R. Harris NOTARY PUBLIC , 2005.

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(SEAL) My Commission Expires: August 2, 2008

AND BY: Board Member and Chairman AND BY: Board Memb AND BY: Ronald Hampton, Board Member AND BY: son, Board AND BY: Taylor, Board ember

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

I, <u>Konic</u> <u>K</u>. <u>Harris</u>, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that William R. Boggs, whose name as Superintendent of Education of Choctaw County, Alabama, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such official (and having been duly so authorized to act for and on behalf of the Choctaw County Board of Education,) executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 26^{TL} day of . 2005.

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: Uugust 2, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

I, <u>Auie</u> <u>K</u>. <u>Mattio</u>, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Isaac Johnson, whose name as a Member and Chairman of the Choctaw County Board of Education, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to mc, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such Board Member and Chairman, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the $\frac{26^{th}}{26}$ day of

2005. Kasie K

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: (Maguat 2, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF CHOCTAW.

I, <u>Kasie K. Harris</u>, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Darry Phillips, whose name as a Member of the Choctaw County Board of Education, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged

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Grantce's Address:

Fown of Silas P.O. Box 147 Silas, AL 36919

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By preparation of this Deed, JAMES D. EVANS, Attorney at Law, makes no representation to Grantor or Grantee that good or merchantable title is conveyed hereby.

Endorsement as required by Alabama law:

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This Instrument Prepared by: JAMES D. EVANS, Attorney at Law 210 West Smith Street Butler, Alabama 36904 (205) 459-2428

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Superintendent Zack Rogers Choctaw County Board of Education Butler, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Complying with your request made in a resolution passed by your Board of Education, I am enclosing herewith a deed by the State of Alabama to Choctaw County granting a right-of-way for a public road over and across the Silas Elementary School Property, District No. 50, Choctaw County.

You will please deliver this deed to the proper authority.

Yours very truly.

A. H. Collins State Superintendent of Education

AHC: JIM

Enclosure

This form for Right-of-Way across school lots deeded to the State to secure aid in erection, repair, and equipment.

STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the State of Alabama under authority of law, for and in consideration of the sum of \$ 1.00 in hand paid by

cated and described as follows, to-wit: Silas Elementary (Name of School) (Description of School Lot):

> Beginning at the SW corner of NWA of NWA. Section 7. Township 9, Range 3, and running due Mast one hundred and twenty (120) yards, thence North ninety (90) yards, thence West sixty (60) yards, thence SW seventy (70) yards to Range Lines Three and Four, thence fifty (50) yards along said line to place of beginning, containing two (2) acres more or less.

said road as it is now located and staked out across said land being described as follows: (Description of right-of-way):

and as shown by the right of way map of Federal Aid Project No. 186 B (1), as recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Choctaw County.

Commencing at the SW corner of the NW4 of NW4 of Section 7, Township 9 North, Hange 3 West: thence 275.1 ft. east along the $\frac{1}{2}$ section line, which is the south line of school property, to the point of beginning; thence 285.4 ft. N 17° - 34! W to a point on the north line of school property; thence 122.8 ft. east along said north line; thence 161.5 ft. S 17° - 37' E to a point on the east line of school property; thence 119.4 ft. south along said east line to the SE corner of school property; thence 84.9 ft. west along south line of school property to the point of beginning.

Said strip of land lies in the NW2 of NW2 of Section 7. Township 9 N, Range 3 W and contains 0.75 acres, more_or less, and makes the right of way 120 ft. wide, 60 ft. on each side of center line of said Project from station $1307 \neq 47.6$ to station 1310 $\neq 33$. and conveys to said County the right and privilege of a perpetual use of said lands for such public purpose, which include all the rights and privileges necessary or convenient for the full enjoyment or use thereof for the purpose above described, including the right of ingress or egress to and from said strip and the right to cut and keep clear all trees and undergrowths and other obstruction on said strip and danger trees adjacent thereto when necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the State of Alabama has caused these presents to be executed by <u>A. H. Collins</u> as Superintendent of Education of this State.

This 25th day of October , 19 40.

STATE OF ALABAMA

By <u>*A. I. Collens*</u> Superinterdent of Education

APPROVED:

Irank M.

STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I. <u>Annen Bundley</u>, Notary Public in and for said State and County hereby certify that <u>A. H. Collins</u>, whose name as Superintendent of Education of the State of Alabama is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of said conveyance, he as such officer and with full authority executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of the State of Alabama.

Given under my hand this 1 /st day of November, 1940.

Agnes Bundley Notary Public

Prepared by June (Approved by

• RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED FOR PUBLIC ROAL

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STATE OF ALABAMA,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned,
and wifeof the
County and State aforesaid, in and for the consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid by
CHOCTAN COUNTY
further consideration of the benefit accruing to us and to the public from the construction or im-
provement of a public road through our lands, inCHOCTAYCounty, do hereby give,
grant, bargain, sell and convey unto CHOCTAN COUNTY, its successors or assigns, a
Right-of-way hereinafter described, over and across our said lands inQHQCTAN
County, Ala., for a public road; which right-of-way shall be60feet in width on
eachside of the center line of said road, as it is now located and staked out by the
State Highway Department or as much of our lands as is required to make afoot right-
of-way across our lands, said right-of-way herein conveyed being more particularly described as
follows, to-wit: - and as shown by the right of way map of Federal Aid Project No. 186 E

(1), as recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Choctaw County. Commencing at the SW corner of the NW¹/₂ of NW¹/₂ of Section 7, Tn 9 N, Rn 5 W; thence 275.1 ft. east along the ¹/₄ section line, which is the south line of school property, to the point of beginning; thence 285.4 ft. N 17° - 34¹ W to a point on the north line of school property; thence 122.8 ft. east along said north line; thence 161.5 ft. S 17°-37¹ E to a point on the east line of school property; thence 119.4 ft. south along said east line to the SE corner of school property; thence 84.9 ft. west along south line of school property to the point of beginning.

Said strip of land lies in the NW_{\pm}^{1} of NW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 7, Tn 9 N, Rn 3 W and contains 0.75 acres, more or less, and makes the right of way 120 ft. wide 60 ft. on each side of center line of said Project from station 1307+47.6 to station 1310+33.

To Have and To Hold by______CHOGTAW_____County, or its Assigns,

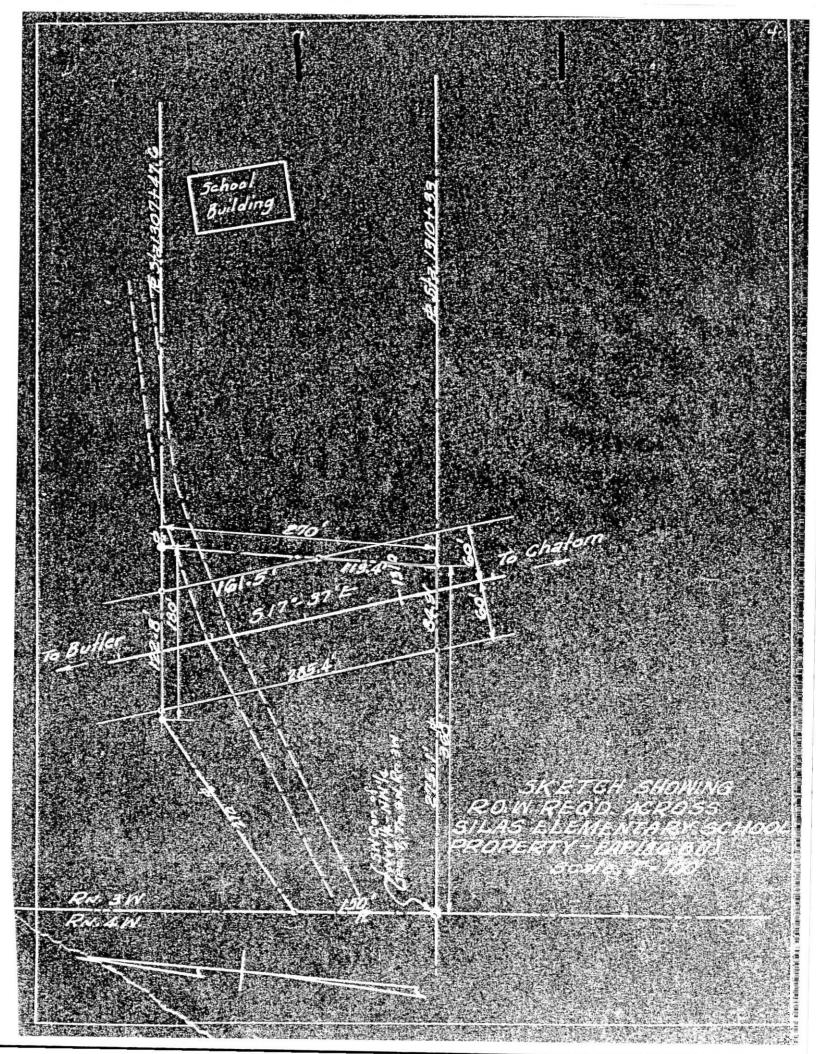
and for and in consideration of the benefit to our property by reason of the construction or improvement of said road, we hereby release the County aforesaid, and all of its employees and officers, and the State of Alabama and all of its employees and officers from all consequential damages, present or prospective, to our property, arising out of the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of said road, and that said road is a benefit to our property is hereby admitted and acknowledged. All agreements covering the moving, relocating and/or changing of the buildings and/or structures located wholly or partially on the above described right-of-way shall be in writing and approved by the State Highway Department before same shall be valid and binding on the said State Highway Department. The grantor hereby grants permission with right of ingress and egress to grantor's adjoining property at any time during construction period of project for purpose of moving grantor's buildings and/or structures from the above described right-of-way.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seal this the_____day of

Witness:
(Seal)
(Seal)
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL
STATE OF ALABAMA,County
I, in and for said
County, in said State hereby certify that
whose namesigned to the foregoing conveyance, and whoknown to me, ac-
knowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this conveyance, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.
Given under my hand this day of A.D. 19

(Official Title)

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COPY OF RESOLUTION OF CHOCTAW COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTING THAT A RIGHT OF WAY BE GRANTED FOR A PUBLIC ROAD

> BOARD OF EDUCATION CHOCTAW COUNTY

ZACK ROGERS, SUPERINTENDENT BUTLER, ALABAMA

Aug. 23, 1940

Supt. A. H. Collins Department of Education Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Dr. Collins:

The State Highway Department desires to construct a highway across three pieces of state school property in this county. They are as follows:

> Silas Elementary School Silas High School Cullomburg School

Deeds have been made by the State Highway Department of this property, and it will be necessary for them to be executed by your department. Proper maps are attached to the deeds. The Choctaw County Board of Education has no objection to your executing these deeds. They do not and will not destroy the value of the school property as such. Thanking you, we are,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Zack Rogers County Superintendent

(Signed) G. A. Rentz (Signed) Idrain Doggett (Signed) J. T. Allen (Signed) M. Slay (Signed) M. E. Ward

County Board of Education

DESCRIPTION OF SILAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PROPERTY IN CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALA.

Beginning at the SW corner of NW¹ of NW¹, Section 7. Township 9, Range 3, and running due East one hundred and twenty (120) yards, thence North minety (90) yards, thence West Sixty (60) yards, thence SW seventy (70) yards to range lines Three and Four, thence fifty (50) yards along said line to place of beginning, containing two (2) acres, more or less.

> - Deed dated July 1, 1912, recorded in Volume 14, page 268 of Choctaw County Court records.

Description given: July 26, 1940 ky.