

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Jones General Store and Esso Station

other names/site number (PI0026)

### 2. Location

street & number Hwy 84 West

not for publication

city or town Langley

vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county Pike

code 109

Zip code

71952

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant

nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Carolyn H. Slatu  
Signature of certifying official/Title

4-27-08  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet

determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet

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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Jones General Store and Esso Station  
Name of Property

Pike County, Arkansas  
County and State

**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

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

| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1            |                 | buildings  |
|              |                 | sites      |
|              |                 | structures |
|              |                 | objects    |
| 1            | 0               | Total      |

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

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Architecture, 1910-1965

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: department store (gas station)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STONE

roof ASPHALT

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet.

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.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Transportation

Period of Significance

1939

Significant Dates

1939

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Early History of Pike County, Arkansas: First One Hundred Years. Pike County Heritage Club, (Murfreesboro) 155.

Interview with Johnny Jones Jr., 1999.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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|   | Zone      | Easting       | Northing       |   | Zone  | Easting | Northing |
| 2 | _____     | _____         | _____          | 4 | _____ | _____   | _____    |
|   |           |               |                |   |       |         |          |

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the southeastern edge of State Highway 84 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southeastern elevation of the Jones General Store and Esso Station and located approximately 25 feet to the southeast thereof, proceed southwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southwestern elevation of the building; thence proceed northwesterly for a distance of approximately 100 feet along said line to a point formed by the intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northwestern elevation of the building; thence proceed northeasterly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southeastern edge of State Highway 84; thence proceed southeasterly along said line a distance of approximately 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

This boundary contains all the property related to the Jones General Store and Esso Station that retains its historic integrity

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### Summary

The 1939 Jones General Store and Esso Station is located on State Highway 84 in the town of Langley in Pike County. Now vacant, the building served as an Esso gas station (later changing to Exxon) and as a local general store. In the 1980s the building was converted into an apartment. Fortunately, the only changes to the building were the removal of the pumps and the replacement of some of the original windows.

### Elaboration

The building's rectangular plan is one story tall with an original rear projection. The continuous foundation is made of cast-concrete, and the hipped-roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

A car porch supported by three large fieldstone columns is dominates the front (northeastern) elevation. These square columns have simple concrete capitals. Protected from the elements by the car porch are two symmetrically placed doors separated by a pair of two-over-two, double-hung windows and flanked by pairs of windows. The windows have concrete lintels and sills, and the doors have matching concrete lintels. The remaining elevations have no fenestration, and a two-light door with a concrete lintel punctures the rear (southwestern) elevation. A round mill stone is imbedded in near the eastern corner of the (northeastern) elevation.

Despite the minor changes to the building it is the best example of a fieldstone-clad combination gas station and general store in the Langley vicinity of Pike County. The building is in good condition.

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## Summary

The Jones General Store and Esso Station is being nominated under Criterion C for as the best example of a fieldstone gas station in the Langley vicinity. Constructed in 1939, the store was open until the 1980s, when it was converted into a single apartment. It is also being nominated under Criterion A for its association with the development of Arkansas highway culture, which is documented extensively in the associated Historic Context multiple property context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture 1910-1965." The Jones General Store and Esso Station is being submitted under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965."

## Elaboration

Langley was a small mining town and developed because of the mining activity in the nearby mountains. In 1884 Langley boasted a population of 60. The first post office was established sometime around 1884, with W. M. Jones as the first postmaster. At this time the town consisted of a gristmill, a cotton gin, a church, a district school, and a general store. The history of Langley goes on to state: "The original 'grist mill rock' has been preserved by using it in the walls of our general store owned by Johnny Jones, a grandson of W.M. Jones."

## Significance

Despite the minor changes to the building, the Jones General Store and Gas Station is the best example of a fieldstone-clad combination gas station and general store in the Langley vicinity of Pike County. The inclusion of the gristmill stone into the fieldstone veneer makes this vernacular fieldstone building especially significant to the local people, because it ties the 1939 building to the town's earlier history. The building is being nominated under Criteria A and C with local significance as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

Jones General Store  
and Esso Station  
Pike Co., Arkansas  
UTM Reference:  
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