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## **ABSTRACT**

The State Line Arch is represented by a structural high that trends through the study area in a loose alignment with the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line. Evidence of the arch extending further to the north includes a structural high and stratigraphic variation at an outcrop on Highway 59 near Evansville Mountain in Crawford County, Arkansas. The exact timing of the formation of the arch remains undetermined, but upper Devonian thinning at the top of the arch indicates the structure is pre-Mississippian. The reason for the development of the arch is poorly understood, but evidence linking Mississippian-aged Waulsortian mounds to Precambrian Spavinaw granite structures of northeastern Oklahoma and southwestern Missouri suggests Precambrian basement structures may extend into the study area. The structural nature of the arch provided an environment favorable to carbonate build-up during deposition of the Mississippian interval. A previously unidentified limestone unit measuring 175 feet thick likely represents the transgressive phase of a transgressive-regressive sequence responsible for the deposition of the Mayes Group of northeastern Oklahoma. Growth on the downthrown side of the Muldrow-Mulberry Fault system may indicate earlier movement than previous studies have suggested on the east-west trending normal faults of the Arkoma Basin. A possible roll-over anticline structure may exist to the south of the Muldrow-Mulberry fault system.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The State Line Arch is an ill-defined geologic structure that trends north to south along the Arkansas-Oklahoma boundary. The earliest known mention of the State-Line Arch occurred in a 1963 paper entitled "*Buried Structures of the Boston Mountains*" by James Quinn (Quinn, 1963). In a later University of Arkansas Master's thesis entitled "*Stratigraphy and Structural Geology of the Natural Dam and Evansville Quadrangles, Northwestern Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma*" Cheston Cooper (Cooper, 2001) constructed a geologic structure map that provides evidence that the State Line Arch exists.

This thesis will utilize well log data from an area near Quinn's proposed State-line Arch (Figure 1) to consider the following:

- 1) The existence of the arch
- 2) Geologic timing of the arch formation and related activity
- 3) Effects of the arch on Devonian through Pennsylvanian stratigraphic intervals
- 4) Potential gas reservoirs in stratigraphic pinchouts



Figure 1. Location of State Line Arch (modified from Quinn, 1963)

# **BACKGROUND**

According to Quinn (1963)**,** two south plunging synclines began to form after the deposition of the Boone Formation with the westernmost lying just east of the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line. A linear stable area designated by Quinn as the State Line Arch is located between the westernmost syncline and the McAlester basin (McAlester Basin will be referred to as the Arkoma basin in this thesis) of Oklahoma (Figure 1). Quinn (1963), without any supporting evidence, suggested that a series of four or more NE trending anticlines lying across

the westernmost syncline seem to have formed during Morrowan time and have produced considerable differentiation (shales in troughs, limes on ridges) in the extensively developed Morrowan sediments. Later, additional distortion of the original westernmost syncline occurred due to further east-west trending folding and faulting (Quinn, 1963).

 In Section 2, T. 12 N., R. 33 W., near Evansville Mountain, following Highway 59 to the south in Crawford County, Arkansas, the Cane Hill Member of the Hale Formation pinches out and the Prairie Grove Member of the Hale Formation lies atop the Pitkin Formation (Figure 2) at the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian unconformity (Cooper, 2001). Also, the Boone Formation is present at the surface much further south than the typical Boone exposure (Figure 3).



Figure 2. Mississippian-Pennsylvanian Unconformity (Cooper, 2001)



Figure 3. Geologic Map, Highway 59 outcrop with red arrows indicating location of Cane Hill pinchout, black arrow pointing north (modified from Cooper, 2001)

# **PURPOSE OF STUDY**

This study will focus on an area surrounding Quinn's original proposal of the State Line Arch's location and in a southward trend with the Highway 59 outcrop. The area includes Townships 10 N.-13 N. and Ranges 24 E.-27 E. in east central Oklahoma; along with Townships 10 N.-11 N., Ranges 30 W.-33 W., and Townships 8 N.-9 N. Range 32 W. in west central Arkansas (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Study Area with well symbols inside yellow project outline

Electric log data is available for 443 wells in the study area. GeoPLUS Petra®, a geologic analysis software program, was utilized to correlate the tops of stratigraphic intervals. From the correlated tops, interval isopach maps were produced to show potential interval thinning on the

flanks of the arch. Interval thinning could potentially indicate the timing of the development of the arch along with stratigraphic pinchouts that are of interest due to their gas-trapping capabilities. Structure maps were produced from the correlated tops to identify the location and structural nature of the arch.

Intervals that were correlated, isopached and mapped include the Mississippian Kinderhookian, Osagean, Meramecian, and Chesterian Series (Kinderhookian, Osagean, Meramecian grouped together and labeled "lower Mississippian") in addition to the Pennsylvanian Morrowan and Lower Atokan Series (Figures 5, 6, and 7). The lower Mississippian, Chesterian, Morrowan, and Lower Atokan Intervals were correlated using analysis of electric logs within the study area. The lower Mississippian interval is identified from the top of the Chattanooga Shale to the unconformity located at the base of the Hindsville limestone (Figure 5). The Chesterian interval is identified from the base of the Hindsville limestone to the top of the Pitkin Limestone (Figure 5). The Morrowan interval is identified as the interval from the top of the Pitkin Limestone to the top of the Kessler Limestone (Figure 5). The Lower Atokan interval is identified as the interval from the top of the Kessler Limestone to the top of the Sells Sand (no formal name has been assigned to this interval, but the name "Sells" has been applied by the petroleum industry) (Figure 5).



Figure 5. Middle Carboniferous Lithostratigraphy of Northwestern Arkansas and Northeastern Oklahoma (Manger 2008)

#### **LOG ANALYSIS**

Log analysis was performed to distinguish lithologies and to identify the markers of the intervals that were correlated. The gamma ray log was used to distinguish shale intervals from limestone or sandstone intervals. Photoelectric (PE) logs and combinations of neutron-porosity and density-porosity logs were used to make the distinction between limestones and sandstones. The conductivity log was used in conjunction with the gamma log primarily for pattern recognition in the lower Atokan sands.

The gamma ray log measures the natural radioactivity of rock formations by recording the number of gamma rays emitted by the formation along with the energy of each, and processes the information into curves representative of the amounts of Thorium (Th), Potassium (K), and Uranium (U) present in the formation (Asquith and Krygkowski, 2009). Shales naturally contain a higher concentration of radioactive materials than limestones or sandstones, therefore correlative shale intervals can be identified by higher values on the gamma ray curve.

The PE log (low energy gamma rays measured in barns/electron) was useful for distinguishing quartz (sandstone) and calcite (limestone) dominated lithologies. A PE curve value of ~2 barns/electron indicates quartz dominated (sandstone) lithology, while a PE value of ~5 barns/electron is consistent with calcite (limestone) lithology. When the PE curve was not available, various combinations neutron-porosity logs and density porosity logs were used to determine lithology.

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Figure 6. Type Log – Pennsylvanian



Figure 7. Type Log Mississippian



## **GEOLOGIC SETTING**

The Arkoma Basin is a structurally complex, peripheral foreland basin (Zachry and Sutherland, 1984) located in northern Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma. North to south, the basin ranges from 20 to 50 miles in width. It is bounded by the Ozark Uplift to the north and to the northwest by the Cherokee Platform. The southern boundary of the basin is defined by the Choctaw Fault, which also forms the northern boundary of the Ouachita Mountains (Sutherland and Manger, 1979). East to west, the basin measures 250 miles. The basin is bounded to the west by the Arbuckle Uplift and is buried to the east beneath the Mesozoic cover of the Mississippi River Embayment, where the nature of the basin becomes obscure (Branan, 1968).



Figure 8. Geological Provinces of Arkansas and Oklahoma with study area shaded green (modified from Zachry and Sutherland 1984).

## **BASEMENT FEATURES**

Northeastern Oklahoma is underlain by one of a number of granite-rhyolite complexes that characterize the buried basement of the southern continental interior of the United States (Denison, 1981). The closest of these exposures is the Precambrian Spavinaw Granite Group which protrudes through the overlying Ordovician Cotter Dolomite in five small hills in Mayes County, Oklahoma and in drill holes along a broad pre-Paleozoic arch extending from southwestern Missouri to Central Oklahoma (Figure 9). Isotopic dating has placed the Spavinaw granite from 1,239-1,315 million years old and the geologic origins of the feature are unknown (Denison 1981).

Two Precambrian rift zones affect the architecture of the southern midcontinent basement; the Central North American Rift System to the west, and the Reelfoot Rift to the east (Figure 10). A series of alternating basement horsts and grabens with subparallel northwesterly strikes connect the two rift systems at right angles (Kisvarsanyi, 2008). These relationships suggest the horst and graben features were formed from transform faults (see Chesapeake and Bolivar Mansfield faults) that were formed during rifting (Figure 10). These northwest-southeast trending faults later became reactivated during the Ouachita Orogen's east-to-west structural tectonic translation (Ingram, 2009).



Figure 9. Basement Map of Precambrian Surface in Northeastern Oklahoma, note Spavinaw Granite features as structural highs in Mayes and Delaware Counties (Modified from Denison, 1981)



Figure 10. Map showing Central North American (CNARS), Missouri Gravity Low (MGL), Reelfoot Rift Systems and other basement structures of the midcontinent (Kisvarsanyi, 2008).

# **OZARK DOME**

The Ozark Dome dominates the geology of the southern mid-continent as a broad, asymmetrical, cratonic uplift cored by Precambrian granite and rhyolite that is exposed in the St. Francois Mountains region of southeastern Missouri (Manger, 2008). Dips are steeper on the north and east sides of the dome in Missouri, and gentler (less than 1 degree) on the southern flank of the dome in northwestern Arkansas and northeastern Oklahoma (Chinn and Konig, 1973). A series of parallel, northeast-southwest trending normal faults are the only major structural features of the Ozark Dome.



Figure 11. Map showing location of Ozark Dome Plateaus (modified from Manger, Zachry and Garrigan, 1988)

Three broad plateau surfaces are developed away from the center of the dome in the St. Francois Mountains (Figure 11). Of the three, the Salem Plateau is the oldest (capped by lower Ordovician strata), topographically lowest, and the most geographically extensive. The intermediate Springfield Plateau is capped by lower Mississippian strata. The youngest and topographically highest, Boston Mountain Plateau, is capped by lower Atokan strata.

## **OUACHITA ASSOCIATED TECTONICS**

A major episode of rifting resulted in the opening of a proto-Atlantic ocean basin during the latest Precambrian or early Paleozoic (Figure 12A) (Houseknecht, 1986). Following the initial rifting event, the southern margin of North America evolved into a passive margin that persisted throughout the early and middle Paleozoic (Figure 12B). It is along this passive margin, where pre-Devonian shelf carbonates and Devonian-Mississippian marine shales and transported ramp carbonates were deposited.

The ocean basin began to close (Figure 12C) during the Devonian or Mississippian when the oceanic lithosphere was subducted beneath an island arc or continental plate (commonly called Llanoria) (Houseknecht, 1986). Within this convergent tectonic setting, the incipient Ouachita orogenic belt began to form as an accretionary prism along the southern margin of the subduction zone. The exact timing for this event is undetermined. Age dating of Ouachita rocks reveals a widespread metamorphic event during the Devonian (Denison et al., 1977; Denison, 1982) and could be subduction related. By the Mississippian, subduction was clearly underway, as indicated by detritus suggestive of an orogenic provenance (Morris, 1974) and locally abundant volcanic debris (both tuffs and volcaniclastic sandstones) in the Stanley Shale. Throughout the Mississippian and into the earliest Atokan, the shelf along the southern margin of North America remained a site of slow deposition of shallow marine and non-marine environments, while the deep, remnant ocean basin (Dickinson, 1974) became a site for rapid deposition of eastern-derived (where collision orogenesis had already resulted in uplift along Ouachita trend (Thomas, 1985)) flysch.



Figure 12. Tectonic History of the Arkoma Basin (Houseknecht, 1986)

A. late Precambrian to earliest Cambrian B. late Cambrian to earliest Mississippian C. early Mississippian to earliest Atokan D. early-middle Atokan E. late Atokan to Desmoinesian

The remnant ocean basin had become consumed by subduction and the northward advancing subduction complex was being obducted onto the rifted continental margin of North America by early Atokan time (Figure 12D) (Houseknecht, 1986). The southern margin of the North American continental crust was being subjected to flexural bending as a result of attenuated continental crust being drawn into the subduction zone and because of vertical loading by the overriding accretionary prism (Dickinson, 1974). This flexural bending led to widespread normal faulting in the foreland basin. The normal faults generally strike east-west (parallel to the Ouachita fold trend), are mostly downthrown to the south, and offset both the crystalline basement and all overlying sedimentary strata. Normal fault development concurrent with the deposition of lower and middle Atokan strata resulted in thickening on the downthrown sides of the faults (Houseknecht, 1986).

By the late Atokan (Figure 12E), uplift along the frontal thrust belt of the Ouachitas completed the formation of a peripheral foreland basin (Dickinson, 1974) in which shallow marine, deltaic, and fluvial sedimentation prevailed. With the exception of some relatively minor folding and thrusting that continued into the Desmoinesian, the gross structural configuration of the Arkoma-Ouachita system was essentially the same as we see it today (Houseknecht, 1986).

## **ARKOMA BASIN**

The area now occupied by the Arkoma Basin was for 93% of the Paleozoic a tectonically stable shelf, although stable shelf rocks only account for 16% of the basin fill (Houseknecht, 1987). The actual formation of the Arkoma as a foreland basin occurred as a response to compressional tectonics related to the Ouachita Orogeny. Many models have been proposed to explain the origin of the Ouachita orogenic belt. Most of these models have converged on a

scenario that involves consumption of oceanic crust and lithosphere via southward dipping subduction and consequent collision between an Atlantic type continental margin (the southern margin of North America) and "Llanoria" (Houseknecht, 1986).

Structurally, the Arkoma basin is asymmetrical with gentle dips on its northern margin and steeper dips on its southern margin. The basin is a topographic low because the Arkansas River has eroded a valley into strata forming the basin along its axis. Within the basin, broad synclines separated by narrow anticlines dominate the surficial structure (Viele, 1973). As noted by Diggs (1961), the area immediately north of the frontal Ouachita thrusts is folded into easttrending and generally east-plunging synclines, such as Poteau Mountain, Mt. Magazine, Mt. Nebo, and subordinate anticlines, such as the Washburn and Ranger anticlines in Sebastian and Yell Counties, respectively. It is accepted that the formation of the basin began with movement on east-west trending normal faults that exhibit growth in the Atokan sections on the downthrown blocks to the south (Figure 13). There seems to be some dispute as to when initial movement on the faults occurred, as some authors suggest the development of the basin began following deposition of the basal Atokan Spiro Sandstone (Houseknecht 1986), where as others suggest the basin did not form until the middle Atokan (Zachry and Sutherland, 1984).



Figure 13. Cross-section showing normal faulting across the Arkoma Basin (Zachry and Sutherland, 1984)

# **OUACHITA MOUNTAINS**

The Ouachita Mountains are fold belt mountains formed from strata that were deformed by the Late Paleozoic compressional events associated with continental collision between the southern margin of North America and "Llanoria". The entire Ouachita fold belt extends from the Marathon Basin region of west Texas, all the way to the southern edge of the Appalachian Mountains in west Alabama. Except for the Ouachita Mountains (western Oklahoma and central Arkansas) and the Marathon Uplift (west Texas), most of the fold belt is confined to the subsurface (Figure 14).



Figure 14. Major Structural Features Associated with the Ouachita Foldbelt, Southern Continental Margin, North America (modified from Denison, 1989, Figure 1)

#### **LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY**

## **LOWER MISSISSIPPIAN**

The Kinderhookian St. Joe Limestone composes the oldest strata of Mississippian age in the study area. Named after the town of St. Joe near its type locality in Searcy County, Arkansas, the St. Joe rests unconformably on the Chattanooga Shale as indicated by a weathered zone of green-black shale at its base and the localized absence of the Chattanooga Shale (Huffman, 1958). The St. Joe is divided into four members; in ascending order, they are the Bachelor, Compton, Northview and Pierson. The Bachelor and Northview are terrigenous clastic units that pinch-out eastward and into the subsurface (Manger, 2008). Where the Northview pinches out, the Compton and Pierson are indistinguishable and therefore, the St. Joe Limestone is undifferentiated. Over 40 Waulsortian mounds (named after "reef" limestones and dolomites cropping out near Waulsort, Belgium) have been reported from the Compton Member in Oklahoma and Missouri, but not Arkansas (Troell, 1962; Manger and Thompson, 1982) (Figure 15). They are modeled as homogeneous carbonate mud-cored bodies that contain crinozoan fragments, fenestellid bryozoans, *Stromatactis*, and various other subordinate amounts of allochemical constituents; they developed along a northeast southwest trending axis, below effective wave base, on the upper portion of the ramp separating the Burlington Shelf and Marathon-Ouachita Trough (Manger, 2008). The core is mostly carbonate mud, lacks a framework organism, and may have steep sides, dipping up to 50 degrees (Lees, 1961).



Figure 15. Isopach map of Compton Member, St. Joe Limestone with heavy dots indicating known Waulsortian Mound Locations (Manger and Thompson, 1982)

 The Boone Formation (Mississippian-Osagean) is named after Boone County, Arkansas, although no type section has ever been proposed. In northern Arkansas, the Boone Limestone represents a thick interval (300-350 feet) of cherty limestone that rests conformably on top of the St. Joe Limestone. The lower portion of the Boone contains penecontemporaneous chert, while the upper Boone contains chert that was formed diagenetically (Manger, 2008).

In northeastern Oklahoma, the Reeds Spring and Keokuk Formations are equivalent with the lower and upper portions of the Boone formation, respectively. The Reeds Spring Limestone, named by Moore (1928) from exposures near Reeds Spring in southwestern Missouri, unconformably overlies the St. Joe Limestone (Huffman, 1958). The Keokuk Limestone, named

by Owen (1852) from exposures near the town of Keokuk, Iowa, unconformably overlies the Reeds Spring Limestone according to Huffman (1958). No evidence for either unconformity exists (Manger, personal communication). The Reeds Spring Limestone consists of nearly equal amounts of thin, alternating, fine-grained, dense, thin-bedded limestone and dark-gray to bluegray chert, while the Keokuk Limestone consists of massive white to buff fossiliferous chert.

The Mayes Group (Mississippian-Meramecian to Chesterian) unconformably overlies the Keokuk Formation (Huffman, 1958). The name Mayes was applied by Snider (1915) and taken from Mayes County, Oklahoma. The Mayes Group includes the Hindsville Limestone and the Moorefield Formation, which is composed of four members in Oklahoma; in ascending order, they are the Tahlequah, Bayou Menard, Lindsey Bridge, and Ordinance Plant Members (Huffman, 1958).

The Tahlequah Member takes its name from an exposure near Tahlequah, Oklahoma and ranges in thickness from 0-30 feet (Huffman, 1958). It is described as a massive, light to dark gray, medium-crystalline, glauconitic limestone with large scale cross-bedding developed locally. In some areas it contains nodules and stringers of whitish-tan chert. Just northwest of the study area, near Marble City on Sallisaw Creek (Section 13, T. 15 N., R. 23 E.), the Tahlequah Member overlies the Reeds Spring Limestone.

The Bayou Menard Member is named for exposures along Bayou Menard southeast of Muskogee and Fort Gibson (Section 19, T. 15 N., R. 20 E.) where it is composed of black, argillaceous limestones and interbedded black, calcareous shales (Huffman, 1958). The formation is highly fossiliferous, has a bituminous odor, and hollow fossil interiors have yielded
traces of oil. Eastward, towards the vicinity of Stillwell, Oklahoma, the Bayou Menard Member intergrades with medium crystalline limestone of the overlying Lindsey Bridge Member.

The Lindsey Bridge Member is best developed along the north bank of the Grand River in the cliff east of the Lindsey Bridge in southern Mayes County, Oklahoma (Section 6, T. 20 N., R. 20 E.) (Huffman, 1958). It is characterized as a gray, medium-crystalline, locally oolitic, cross-bedded calcarenite that contains chert fragments ranging in size from pebbles to microscopic specks. The chert fragments are erosional remnants from Keokuk or Reeds Spring Limestone "knobs" that stood as islands and served as the local sources of the chert detritus. The size of the chert fragments are an indication of how close the area of deposition was to the local source. The Lindsey Bridge Member is believed to be conformable with the overlying Ordnance Plant Member.

The type locality for the Ordnance Plant member is located in the Ordnance Plant area of Pryor Creek and at the west end of Low Water Dam in Oklahoma (Sections 11 and 14, T20N, R19E) (Huffman, 1958). At the type locality, the Ordnance Plant Member can be broken into three intervals. The lower section is about nine feet thick and is composed of a blue to yellow siltstone; the middle section measures 15 feet thick and is composed of heavy bedded, finegrained, dense, calcareous siltstone; and the ten feet thick upper section is a brown to black, platy, limestone and shale. From the type locality and towards the study area, the middle and upper sections of the Ordnance Plant Member thin and converge with the lower section. About six miles north of the study area at Stillwell Quarry (Section 26, T20N, R20E), the entire section is described as a yellow, platy, silty lithology with occasional interbeds of dense, blue calcareous siltstone. The Ordnance Plant Member is overlain unconformably by the Hindsville Limestone.

It should be mentioned that the Moorefield Formation was incorrectly carried by Huffman (1958) into Oklahoma from Arkansas and applied it to all strata lying between the Keokuk and Hindsville Limestones. The name Moorefield was originally proposed by Adams (1904) for exposures at Moorefield, Independence County, in northeastern Arkansas. At this locality, the Moorefield consists of black shale and siliceous limestone in its lower portion, which is succeeded by dark calcareous and phosphatic shales with black sideritic concretions (Manger, 2008). In northeastern Arkansas, the Moorefield is more than 300 feet thick and as it extends westward it thins before pinching out in the area of Limestone, Newton County, Arkansas. In western Arkansas, near the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line, limestones and shales are present that are coeval, but have nothing to do with the Moorefield of northeastern Arkansas. These limestones and shales extend into Oklahoma, and Ogren (1968) proposed that they be included with the Mayes group of Oklahoma.

#### **UPPER MISSISSIPPIAN**

Purdue and Miser (1916) named the Hindsville Limestone (Mississippian- Chesterian) for exposures near Hindsville, Arkansas and the name "Hindsville" carries into eastern Oklahoma. The Hindsville Limestone is considered a calcareous facies of the Batesville Sandstone of northern Arkansas and consists of a gray, medium crystalline, thick-bedded, oolitic and fossiliferous limestone (Huffman, 1958). Thicknesses of the Hindsville range from completely absent to as much as 50 feet, with the average being around 25 feet. The Hindsville Limestone is conformable with the overlying Fayetteville Shale.

The Fayetteville Shale (Mississippian-Chesterian) was named by Simonds (1891) for exposures in the vicinity of Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas. It can be divided into three intervals: the lower Fayetteville Shale member, the Wedington Sandstone Member, and the upper Fayetteville Shale member. The informally named lower and upper members consist of black shales, while the formally named Wedington Sandstone Member (Adams, 1904) is mostly characterized by fine to medium grained, moderately sorted, sub-rounded, multi-cycle quartz sand (Price, 1981). Thicknesses for the entire Fayetteville range from 10-400 feet in northern Arkansas (Giles and Jones, 1937) and the Wedington Sandstone ranges from 2-70 feet, but is generally less than 30 feet (Price, 1981). The Pitkin Limestone conformably overlies the Fayetteville Shale.

The Pitkin Limestone (Mississippian-Chesterian) was named by Adams (1904) for exposures near the Pitkin Post Office (now Woolsey) in Washington County, Arkansas. The Pitkin is a succession of shelf carbonates, including oolite, bioclastic carbonate, and carbonate mud, commonly in the form of thrombolite mounds (Webb, 1987). Dark gray, calcareous partings occur throughout and black fissile shale is present in the lower portions (Huffman, 1958). The Pitkin is succeeded unconformably by the Hale Formation and this contact represents the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian boundary.

#### **PENNSYLVANIAN- MORROWAN**

In this study area, the Hale Formation is the oldest formation of the Pennsylvanian System. The name Hale was given by Adams and Ulrich (1905) to the basal member of the Morrow Formation and when the Morrow was raised to group rank by Purdue (1907) the Hale became a formation. The Hale is subdivided into the Cane Hill and overlying Prairie Grove Members, both named by Henbest (1953) for roadcuts along Arkansas Highway 59 in southwestern Washington County. Almost immediately across the Arkansas-Oklahoma state

line, the Cane Hill Member is absent, and presumably there is an increased duration of the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian boundary (Manger, 2008).

At its type-locality, the Cane Hill is about 40 feet thick and increases to almost 100 feet thick eastward across the Arkoma shelf. The Cane Hill Member is a noncalcareous unit composed of dark gray, silty shale interlaminated with thin-bedded, fine-grained sandstone and siltstone (Sutherland and Henry, 1977).

 The Prairie Grove Member is typically a massively bedded, calcareous sandstone that displays large scale cross-bedding and exhibits a "honeycombed" weathering surface (Manger, 1979). At its type section, the Prairie Grove is about 100 feet thick and increases in thickness eastward across the Arkoma shelf. In Oklahoma, the Prairie Grove member is referred to as the Braggs Member of the Sausbee Formation (Sutherland and Henry, 1977). The contact between the Prairie Grove Member and the overlying Brentwood Member of the Bloyd Formation is conformable and gradational (Huffman, 1958).

Purdue (1907) named the Bloyd Formation as the upper division of the Morrowan Group after exposures on Bloyd Mountain, Washington County, Arkansas. The Bloyd Formation is made up of four formal members; in ascending order, the Brentwood (quartz sand-bearing high energy limestones and interbedded dark, commonly calcareous shales), Woolsey (light to dark colored, terrestrial shales and claystone often interbedded with siltstone), Dye (dark gray, concretionary shale), and Kessler (limestone, usually oolitic with an admixture of bioclastic grains, crinozoan detritus, and quartz sand) Members. Eastward from the type area, one informal member, the middle Bloyd (thick, quartz pebble-bearing sandstone) Sandstone, is recognized as equivalent to the Woolsey and Basal Dye Members (Manger, 2008). An unconformity between

the Woolsey and Dye members separates the Bloyd formation into upper and lower divisions in Arkansas nomenclature. In the lower division, the Woolsey and Brentwood Members extend into Oklahoma as the Sausbee Formation, while in the upper division the Dye and Kessler Members extend into Oklahoma as the McCully Formation. The Bloyd Formation is overlain unconformably by the Atoka Formation.

# **PENNSYLVANIAN- ATOKAN**

Taff and Adams (1900) named the Atoka Formation for exposures of non-coal bearing, alternating sandstones and shales in the eastern Choctaw coalfield in Oklahoma. No type-section exists, however, Sutherland and Manger (1984) have suggested exposures near Clarita, Oklahoma, which is about 18 miles northwest of Atoka, Oklahoma. Only two formally named members of the Atoka Formation exist, the Trace Creek Shale Member (Henbest, 1962) and the Greenland Sandstone Member (Henbest, 1953). Informal names and divisions have been applied to the sand intervals of the Atoka formation by petroleum geologists. This study will use names consistent with those used by the petroleum industry and the following (in ascending order) make up the lower division of the Atoka formation; the Spiro, Patterson, Hamm, Paul Barton, Dunn "C", Lower Jenkins, Upper Jenkins, and Sells sand intervals.

#### **DEPOSITIONAL HISTORY**

# **LOWER MISSISSIPPIAN**

The interval that has been labeled in this study as the lower Mississippian can be packaged into two transgressive-regressive sequence packages. The first is a complete package and consists of all rocks from the top of the Chattanooga to the top of the Boone (Figure 6), and is bounded by unconformities. The second package consists of all rocks from the top of the Boone unconformity to the base of the Hindsville and prior to this study; rocks associated with the transgressive phase of this sequence were unidentified.

The Boone and St. Joe Formations were formed under similar shallow ramp conditions from lower Mississippian deposition that occurred as a result of a complete, third order, transgressive/regressive carbonate cycle. The St. Joe Formation was deposited as a chert-free limestone during the initial transgression interval and was followed by the chert-bearing Boone during the maximum flooding and highstand-regressive sequences. The lower Boone represents the maximum flooding interval, while the upper Boone represents the highstand/regressive sequence. Regression during the Meramecian produced a low-stand wedge confined to northeastern Arkansas (Moorefield Formation) and an unconformity at the top of the Boone.



Figure 16. Lithostratigraphy and Sequence Stratigraphy, Lower Mississippian, Southern Ozarks (modified from Manger and Shelby, 2000)

The second lower Mississippian sequence (Figure 17) involves transgression over the eroded Boone surface and a subsequent regression of the Mayes carbonates (Turmelle, 1982). This sequence overlaps with what has been designated as the upper and lower Mississippian boundary in this study, so only the transgressive phase should be treated as lower Mississippian. Inundation of the Boone surface by marine waters led to the establishment of Mayes carbonates (Turmelle, 1982). Turmelle (1982) noted that a transgressive facies is not present at the base of the Mayes, suggesting inundation was a rapid event and conditions must not have been favorable for carbonate sedimentation. This idea hinges on the interpretation that Moorefield and Hindsville lithologies are facies of one another.



Figure 17. Upper Mississippian transgressive-regressive depositional events as described by Turmelle (Turmelle, 1982)

# **UPPER MISSISSIPPIAN**

The upper Mississippian, as defined by this study, consists of all rocks between the base of the Hindsville and top of the Pitkin. It has been interpreted as one complete (Manger, 2008), or one partial and two complete (Turmelle, 1982), transgressive-regressive sequences.

 Manger (2008) suggests the Chesterian series in northwestern Arkansas comprises a single, third-order Vail transgressive-regressive cycle bounded by type 1 erosional unconformities (Figure 18). The Hindsville Formation developed in the initial transgressive systems tract as a high-energy, bioclastic, oolitic limestone representing shallow, inner ramp, shoals (Manger, 2008). To the east, the Hindsville grades into the coeval Batesville Sandstone that was deposited in response to sediments being supplied from the ancestral Mississippi Embayment. As sea levels continued to rise the lower Fayetteville Shale blanketed the Hindsville-Batesville systems tract and represents a deeper muddy shelf environment as the sequence transformed to the maximum flooding interval. The Wedington Sandstone was deposited as a tidally influenced delta system during stillstand conditions towards the end of lower Fayetteville deposition. The upper Fayetteville succeeds the Wedington and along with the overlying Pitkin Limestone, represents the highstand systems tract.



Figure 18. Sequence Stratigraphic and Depositional Summary of the Chesterian Lithostratigraphic Succession, Northwestern Arkansas (Manger, 2008)

The partial upper Mississippian sequence interpreted by Turmelle (1982) is the regressive phase of the same sequence previously mentioned as being responsible for Mayes deposition (Figure 17) in the lower Mississippian. This regressive phase allowed for the high energy deposition of the Hindsville Limestone.

The second sequence identified by Turmelle (1982) involved rapid transgression of seas

over the Mayes group, abruptly ending carbonate deposition and allowing deposition of shale

(Figure 17). The basal portion of the Fayetteville contains beds of limestone, suggesting a transitional relationship between the Mayes and Fayetteville. Transgression was followed by progradation of the Fayetteville-Wedington delta system as the black, fissile shales of the Fayetteville are representative of outer shelf and prodelta deposits, while the Wedington includes upper deltaic environments (McNully and Jackson, 1974; Price, 1981).

The third lower Mississippian sequence identified by Turmelle (1984) began with rapid transgression after the deposition of the Wedington Sandstone and ended with regression that formed the Pitkin Limestone. The post-Wedington transgression was a result of upstream avulsion of fluvial systems that caused the abandoned delta to compact and subside. The diminished terrigenous output allowed for the accumulation of the carbonates of the Pitkin Limestone.

# **PENNSYLVANIAN MORROWAN**

Two, third-order cycles dominated by siliciclastic deposition on the Arkoma Shelf represent the Morrowan Series (Manger, 2008). Maximum flooding and highstand conditions are marked by limestones and shales. Facies changes from siliciclastics in Arkansas to carbonates in Oklahoma indicate east-west delivery across the Arkoma shelf. Regression of the first Morrowan cycle is marked by terrestrial coal deposits. A type 1 unconformity caps the Morrowan depositional sequence at the Morrowan-Atokan series boundary. The Morrowan sequence includes the following systems tracts: Hale-Sausbee transgressive systems tract, Brentwoodupper Braggs-Brewer Bend highstand, Woolsey – "middle Bloyd" terrestrial sequence, and the Dye-Chisum Quarry transgression.

The Hale-Sausbee transgressive systems tract that began the Morrowan Series developed a tidal flat to tidally influenced, shelf siliciclastic sequence represented by the Cane Hill Member of the Hale Formation (Manger 2008). The Cane Hill is present across northern Arkansas but pinches out before reaching into Oklahoma where the Cane Hill interval is represented by an increased duration of erosion at the Pennsylvanian-Mississippian boundary. Sea level continued to rise and established longshore currents parallel to the shoreline (Figure 19) producing a thick sequence of cross-bedded, upper and middle shoreface sheet sands. These sands represent the Prairie Grove Member of the Hale Formation that on laps the Cane Hill Member and eventually the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian unconformity in northeastern Oklahoma where the interval is named the lower Braggs Member of the Sausbee Formation.

Maximum flooding of the Arkoma shelf is represented by alternations of grain-dominated carbonates and black shales assigned to the Brentwood Member of the Bloyd Formation in northwestern Arkansas and the upper Braggs and Brewer Bend Members of the Sausbee Formation in northeastern Oklahoma (Manger 2008). In northern Arkansas, most carbonates contain a significant amount of quartz sand, particularly in the lower parasequences. In Oklahoma, carbonate development was more extensive and deposition occurred under quieter conditions.



Figure 19. Early Morrowan Depositional Patterns and Paleogeography (Sutherland, 1988)

The highstand conditions of the Brentwood-Brewer Bend parasequences were followed by rapid regression (Manger 2008). In northeastern Oklahoma, the top of the Brewer Bend Member of the Sausbee Formation is marked by an unconformity and there is no record of deposition prior to the marine conditions that bury the unconformity. The Woolsey Member of the Bloyd Formation is a terrestrial shale sequence with one or two thin, bituminous coal seams that succeeds the Brentwood Member of the Bloyd Formation. The Woolsey is mostly confined to Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas where its maximum thickness exceeds 100 feet (McGilvery and Berlau, 1981). East of Washington County and across most of north-central Arkansas (Figure 20), the Woolsey sequence is replaced by a thick, quartz pebble conglomeratic sandstone representing south-flowing braided stream systems on a near-strand coastal plain (Zachry, 1977).



Figure 20. Middle Morrowan Depositional Patterns and Paleogeography (Sutherland, 1988)

Detritus left by the weathering and erosion of the of the Brentwood-Brewer Bend highstand deposits and the Woolsey terrestrial sequence were reworked by rising sea-levels (Manger 2008). Carbonates were again established in the Chisum Quarry Member of northeastern Oklahoma, but not to any extent in northwestern Arkansas, where dark, nonfossilliferous, platy shales blanketed the region. These shales exceed 100 feet in thickness in northwestern Arkansas, but they thin into northeastern Oklahoma, where shale "A" develops thicknesses from 30-40 feet. The upper Dye shale and shale "A" mark the maximum flooding interval of the second Morrowan cycle.

The highest Morrowan successions in northwestern Arkansas and northeastern Oklahoma are coeval, characterized by dark, noncalcareous, essentially non-fossilliferous platy shales, succeeded by thin limestones that are grain-dominated in their lower portions and muddominated in the higher intervals beneath the Morrowan-Atokan unconformity (Manger 2008). The Kessler Limestone of northwestern Arkansas commonly contains cross-bedded quartz sandstones with ooliths, reflecting a high energy depositional environment during highstand conditions (Figure 21). At the top of the Kessler section, lower energy levels produced algal mudstones and wackestones as deposition and regression reduced accommodation space establishing carbonate tidal-flat environments on the Arkoma shelf. Other than lacking quartz sand and shale, the Greenleaf Lake Member of the McCully Formation of northeastern Oklahoma is identical to the Kessler Member, Bloyd Formation (Manger, 2008). Highstand conditions of the second Morrowan sequence ended with falling sea-level and the development of a type-1 unconformity.



Figure 21. Late Morrowan Depositional Patterns and Paleogeography (Sutherland, 1988)

# **PENNSYLVANIAN LOWER ATOKAN**

The lower Atokan overlaps the Morrowan unconformably and consists of alternating sandstone and shale intervals that accumulated on a stable shelf which extended into the modern part of the structural basin (Zachry, 1984). Sandstone deposition occurred as a result of regressive sedimentation in high destructive deltas and alternated with the transgression of open shelf conditions responsible for shale deposition. In Oklahoma, the Lower Atokan may be sourced from cratonic exposures to the northwest (Figure 22) (Houseknecht, 1987). The lack of clasts derived from the carbonates of the Ozark dome preclude north-south delivery suggesting distribution of the Lower Atokan sands must reflect east-to-west longshore currents producing longshore drift of sediment being brought to the area along the Mississippi Embayment (Figure 22).



Figure 22. Early to Middle Atokan Paleogeography (arrows indicate paleocurrent directions), Southern Midcontinent (modified from Houseknecht, 1987)

#### **DISCUSSION**

# **DEVONIAN**

Originally, there was no plan to include any rocks older than the Chattanooga Shale in this project. However, after generating structure and isopach maps for rock intervals and surfaces younger than the Chattanooga Shale, the Cason Shale surface (Figure 23) and Cason-Chattanooga interval (Figure 24) were investigated with the intention of gathering information that would help time the origin of the State Line Arch.

 The top of the Cason Shale was mapped to show structural features on the Cason surface (Figure 23). In the northern parts of T. 11 N., R. 25 E.-R. 27 E. in Oklahoma through T. 9 N., R. 32 W. in Arkansas, a dramatic increase in the depth of the Cason Shale is related to the Muldrow-Mulberry fault system (Figure 24). In T. 12 N.,R. 24 E. in Oklahoma, a less dramatic increase in the depth of the Cason Shale occurs and is related to the Cass fault system. In the very central part of the study area, in the areas surrounding T. 12 N., R. 27 E. in Oklahoma, a structural high related to the State Line Arch can be seen and gives evidence of the existence of the arch prior to post-Cason deposition.

 The general overall trend of the Cason Shale to Chattanooga Shale isopach (Figure 24) shows a southward thickening of the entire interval in Oklahoma. In T. 10-11 N., R. 31 W. in Arkansas, an area of thickening is present with an area of thinning just to the east (Figure 24). Thinning of the interval occurs directly on the State Line Arch.



Figure 23. Top of Cason Shale Structure Map



Figure 24. Devonian Isopach (Top of Cason Shale to top of Chattanooga Shale)

# **LOWER MISSISSIPPIAN**

The lower Mississippian interval lies unconformably over the Devonian Chattanooga Shale and includes all rocks up to the base of the Hindsville Limestone. Maps generated to investigate this interval include a Chattanooga Shale structure map (Figure 25), a lower Mississippian isopach map (Figure 26), and a base of Hindsville Limestone structure map (Figure 27).

 The Chattanooga structure map (Figure 25) shows the Mulberry-Muldrow and Cass Fault Systems in the same areas as the Cason structure map. The structural high of the State Line arch is also present in the Chattanooga structural map and can be seen on the downthrown side of the Mulberry-Muldrow fault system.

 The lower Mississippian structure map (Figure 27) clearly shows the State Line Arch in its expected location. The Mulberry-Muldrow and Cass fault systems are present in the same location as in the earlier mentioned maps.

 The lower Mississippian isopach (Figure 26) shows thickening on the State Line Arch in the study area from T. 13 N., R. 26 W. in Oklahoma at the northern extent to T. 8 N., R. 32 W. in Arkansas at the southern extent. This thickening is a result of a build-up of carbonates on the arch that began with the earliest Mississippian deposition.

 The study area type log (Figure 27) shows approximately 30 feet of pure limestone sitting on the Chattanooga Shale. This limestone interval is interpreted as an equivalent to the St. Joe Limestone and is exclusive to the area surrounding the type log (Figure 35) as it appears in only one other log (Beland Heirs #2 Section 20, T. 12 N., R. 27 E.; located approximately one-half

mile to the northeast) in the entire study area. This limestone interval is interpreted as a Waulsortian mound as the Waulsortian mounds commonly associated with the St. Joe Limestone produce locally anomalous thicknesses (Manger and Thompson, 1981). It should be noted that the Waulsortian mounds of southwestern Missouri and northeastern Oklahoma (Figure 15) are developed in direct alignment with the Spavinaw Arch. The Spavinaw Arch exhibits splaying in its southwestern extent and with the lack of well control along the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line (Figure 9), unidentified Spavinaw Granite basement structures may extend into the study area. The Compton interval isopach map indicates thickening along the northern part of the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line boundary and may provide evidence for an unidentified Spavinaw Arch structure along the state line if the development of Waulsortian mounds is in fact related to the Spavinaw Arch (Figure 9).

 Immediately above the St. Joe Limestone on the type log (Figure 7), is about 80 feet of chert-bearing Boone Limestone. Overlying the Boone is about 130 feet of pure limestone, with the exception of two intervals at about 30 feet and 100 feet up-section where the PE curve reads values of about three and four barns/electron, respectively. The clean limestone interval is followed by a 15 feet shale interval, which is overlain by about 25 feet of shaley limestone to close out the lower Mississippian interval.

 The pure limestone interval overlying the Boone represents transgression over the Boone surface and the development of this limestone interval is exclusive to the State Line Arch (Figures 33, 34). The structural nature of the State Line Arch provided a low-slope, shallow-sea environment favorable to carbonate platform growth during transgression. As the State Line Arch is traced southward, the pure limestone interval transitions into a shaley limestone as a

result of deeper seas (Figure 36) and the same happens to the southwest (Figure 34). Eastward from the arch no pure limestone is present atop the Boone Formation and it is likely that the sensitive environmental conditions needed for carbonate growth were not present.

 Turmelle (1982) noted the absence of a transgressive phase limestone associated with the seas that deposited the Mayes Group in Oklahoma and attributed their absence to rapid transgression. It is likely that Turmelle (1982) missed the transgressive phase limestone interval because his study was limited to surface studies north of where the transgressive phase limestones were deposited. The interval on the type log (Figure 7) from the shale overlying the pure limestone, up to the base of the Hindsville, accurately matches the shallowing upward sequence of the Mayes Formation in Oklahoma as described by Turmelle (1982), with the shale interval representing the maximum flooding interval and the shaley-limestone interval representing the highstand systems tract. Turmelle (1982) placed the Hindsville Limestone as the regressional phase of this systems tract, but the Hindsville more appropriately fits the overlying systems tract associated with the Fayetteville Shale and Pitkin Limestone. It is more likely that the shaley-limestone interval underneath the Hindsville represents the regressive phase of this systems tract.

 Another area of lower Mississippian thickening is present (Figure 26) at the far eastern extent of the study area in T. 10 N.-T. 11 N., R. 30 W. Ingram (2009) noted areas of Mississippian stratal thickening along northwest trending Precambrian transfer faults. These faults created sags when reactivated during the Ouachita Orogen's east-to-west tectonic translation across the platform allowing for accumulation of Mississippian sediments. No

evidence for a structural high in this area (Figure 27) and no pure limestone overlying the Boone Formation indicate this thickening is completely unrelated to the State Line Arch.

 An area of thinning is present in T. 10 N., R. 31 W. and thinning also occurs to the west of the State Line Arch (Figures 27, 34). Westward longshore currents flowing over the sedimentaccumulating arch created starved basin conditions explaining the thinning the west, but the thinning to the east in T. 10 N., R. 30 W. remains enigmatic.



Figure 25. Chattanooga Shale Structure



Figure 26. Lower Mississippian Isopach (Top of Chattanooga Shale to base of Hindsville Limestone)



Figure 27. Lower Mississippian Structure Map (Base of Hindsville)

# **UPPER MISSISSIPPIAN**

The upper Mississippian interval includes all rocks from the base of the Hindsville Limestone to the top of the Pitkin Limestone. A structure map of the top of the Pitkin (Figure 28) and an upper Mississippian interval isopach map (Figure 29) were generated to examine stratigraphic effects of the State Line Arch on the upper Mississippian interval.

 The upper Mississippian structure map (Figure 28) clearly shows the State Line Arch in its expected location. The Mulberry-Muldrow and Cass fault systems are present in the same location as in the earlier mentioned maps.

 Upper Mississippian thickening (Figure 29) on the State Line Arch indicates carbonates continued to build-up on the arch through the late Mississippian. East to west longshore currents created starved basin conditions responsible for thinning to the west of the arch. Thinning to the east of the arch in T. 10 N., R. 32 W. is enigmatic (Figures 29, 38).

 Like in the lower Mississippian, thickening at the eastern extent of the study area (Figure 29) is unlikely related to the State Line Arch or a similar feature because there is no indication of a structural high present in the area. It is possible that the thickening in this area is related to sag along a reactivated, northwest trending transfer fault as described by Ingram (2008). Evidence for the sag on the structure map may be lacking due to an absence of well control (Figure 28).



Figure 28. Upper Mississippian Structure (Top of Pitkin)



Figure 29. Upper Mississippian Isopach Map (Base of Hindsville to top of Pitkin)

# **PENNSYLVANIAN MORROWAN**

The Pennsylvanian Morrowan interval includes all rocks from the top of the Pitkin Limestone to the top of the Kessler Limestone. A computer generated structure map of the top of the Kessler Limestone was produced and it reflected structural features almost identical to that of the upper Mississippian structure map (Figure 28), so it has been omitted from this study. A Pennsylvanian Morrowan interval isopach map (Figure 30) was generated to examine stratigraphic effects of the State Line Arch on the Pennsylvanian Morrowan interval.

 Deposition of the Morrowan interval is less affected by carbonate buildups on the State Line Arch than the lower and upper Mississippian intervals (Figure 35). South and eastward thickening across the study area is consistent with Morrowan deposition across the rest of the Arkoma basin. Following a linear trend from the southeastern corner of T. 11 N., R. 26 E. to central T. 10 N., R. 31 W. there are several series of thickening and thinning features across the arch (Figures 30, 39). It is difficult to understand the relationship of the thickening and thinning to the arch due to distortion of the arch by the Muldrow-Mulberry fault system, but it appears that thinning is occurring at the top of the arch in T. 11 N., R. 27 E. with thickening on the eastern and western flanks (Figures 30, 39).



Figure 30. Pennsylvanian Morrowan Isopach Map (Top of Pitkin to top of Kessler)

# **PENNSYLVANIAN LOWER ATOKAN**

The Pennsylvanian lower Atokan interval includes all rocks from the top of the Kessler Limestone to the top of the Sells sand interval. A structure map of the top of the Sells sand was produced and it reflected structure almost identical to that of the upper Mississippian structure, so it has been omitted from this study. A lower Atokan interval isopach map was generated to examine stratigraphic effects of the State Line Arch on the lower Atokan interval.

 In the study area, the lower Atokan interval displays an overall thickening trend to the southeast (Figure 31) that is consistent with rest of the Arkoma basin. Thickening of the lower Atokan interval at the top of the State Line Arch in the northern part of T. 12 N., R. 27 E. is on the downthrown side of a small fault and is likely related to basinward growth on that fault. On the eastern side of the arch there is an area of lower Atokan thickening in the central part of T. 10 N., R. 32 W. (Figure 31) that may represent an accumulation of sediments that were unable to be carried over the arch by the east-to-west currents (Figure 22).

 An interesting phenomenon unrelated to the arch in the lower Atokan interval can be observed in T. 11 N., R. 26 E. and T. 11 N., R. 27 E. An area of thickening trending east-west suggests growth along the southern margin of the Mulberry-Muldrow fault system (Figure 31). This growth of lower Atokan sediments on the downthrown side of the fault system could indicate movement on the fault during lower Atokan time. Southward from the area of growth, thinning occurs parallel to the line of thickening, followed by more thickening to the south. This feature may represent a roll-over anticline structure (Figure 39).



Figure 31. Lower Atokan Isopach Map (Top of Kessler to top of Sells)

# **CROSS SECTIONS**



Figure 32. Map of Cross-Section Locations



Figure 33. Cross-Section A-A' Lower Mississippian



Figure 34. Cross-Section B-B' Mississippian


Figure 35. Cross-Section B-B' Pennsylvanian



Figure 36. Cross-Section C-C' Mississippian



Figure 37. Cross-Section C-C' Pennsylvanian





Figure 38. Cross Section D-D' Mississippian



Figure 39. Cross-Section E-E' Morrowan Thickening and Thinning



Figure 40. Cross-Section F-F' Lower Atokan growth and possible rollover structure

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- Unidentified Spavinaw Granite structures may extend further south than known structures.
- Development of Lower Mississippian Waulsortian mounds may reflect the presence of Precambrian basement structures.
- An entire transgressive-regressive sequence is represented between the Boone and Hindsville Formations.
- The State Line Arch provided environmental conditions favorable for carbonate build-up throughout the entire Mississippian interval.
- Limestone overlying Boone Formation represents a previously unidentified transgressive phase limestone related to the Mayes sequence.
- Thickening in eastern extent of study could be related to thickening along northwest trending, Precambrian-aged, transfer faults that were reactivated during the Ouachita Orogeny.
- Lower Atokan growth on downthrown side of Muldrow-Mulberry fault system indicates Lower Atokan fault movement.
- A roll-over anticline structure may exist south of Muldrow-Mulberry fault system.

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## **APPENDICES**





























**\*All values are sub-sea depths**