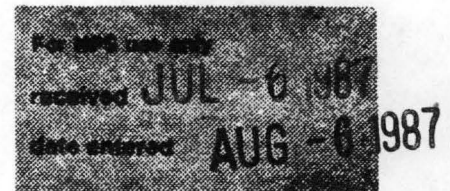


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## INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

SURVEY NUMBER 0022

PROPERTY OWNER Kenneth Sulcer

PROPERTY NAME Bank of Osceola

ADDRESS 311 W. Quinn

LOCATION 207 E. Hale

Osceola, AR

CONSTRUCTION DATE 1909

&amp;

Drainage District #9

ATTN: Clay Haynes

P. O. Box 122

Osceola, AR 72370

## DESCRIPTION

Built in 1909, the Bank of Osceola is a two-story brick building measuring 56' by 100'. The structure rests on a continuous brick foundation. The facade (south elevation) contains a centered entrance featuring double doors topped by double transoms, and flanked by altered store front openings. The second story of the facade is distinguished by two large semi-circular arched windows surrounded by vertically-laid brick and outlined by a narrow bank of dentiled stone. These arched openings contain a center plate glass sash window flanked by plate glass panels. A rectangular window with wide stone surrounds is centered above the entrance between the arched windows. Just below the second story windows a decorative narrow stone band extends across the width of the building, forming a cornice at the top of the first floor. The frieze under this cornice features scalloping across its width. Originally four square stone panels spaced evenly across the second story of the facade contained identical Indian heads. These were said to be the profile of Chief Osceola, a well known Indian Chief in the nineteenth century. These panels are now located on a building at Osceola High School. The original projecting wood cornice which extends across the top of the facade has been removed. A decorative parapet rises at the center of the roofline. This parapet contains three narrow arched recessed areas and features brick corbelling at its base. The original cornice was segmented; placed on either side of the center parapet, setting off its decorative effect. Small arched recessions along the frieze add to the detailing of the facade. A stone string course and a band of dentilling runs across the facade under the arched frieze. Although this building is currently in deteriorated condition, plans are underway to restore the facade to the original appearance. Two large atriums on the interior of the building still exist, the decorative Indian heads will be returned, and the cornice replaced.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The Bank of Osceola, constructed in 1909, is a unique focal point in the small town of Osceola. Built to house the Bank and a grocery store on the front of the first floor, the original building boasted luxurious office space. The building also contained law offices, a real estate office, a cotton brokerage firm, and a doctor's office. The interior of the Bank featured mosaic tile floors, marble wainscotting, mahogany fixtures, and two large atriums. Now abandoned, this two story brick building presents an interesting facade with its detailing of two large arched windows and bands of dentils. Considered highly fashionable in its style at the time of construction, this building is the most elaborate to remain of Osceola's building boom in 1909.

ACREAGE less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Lots 5 &amp; 6, Block 13, Townsite Addition

QUADRANGLE NAME Osceola, AR-TN

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE: ZONE 16

EASTING 231580

NORTHING 3954850

7/6/87

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Osceola MRA  
State Mississippi County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review	Entered in the National Register	Date/Signature
Cover		Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u>
1. Bank of Osceola	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
2. City Hall	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
3. Florida Brothers Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
4. Hale Avenue Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 9/14/87</u> Attest _____
5. Mississippi County Jail	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
6. Old Bell Telephone Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
7. Osceola Times Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
8. Planters Bank Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byrum 8/6/87</u> Attest _____
9.		Keeper _____ Attest _____
10.		Keeper _____ Attest _____



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bank of Osceola (Osceola MRA)  
Mississippi County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. JUL 6 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 8/6/87 - 8/24/87  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 8-6-87  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

### 11. Form Prepared By

### 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





BANK OF OSCEOLA  
207 E. HALE 1909  
OSCEOLA, AR

Bank of Osceola - 0022

Osceola MRA

Osceola, Mississippi County

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June 1986

Negatives on file at AHPP