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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: City Savings Bank & Trust Company

Other names/site number: City Savings Bank; Lionel H. Newsom Tower

Name of related multiple property listing:

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

2. Location

Street & number: 449 East Main Street

City or town: Alliance State: OH County: Stark

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

Barbara Power DSHPO for Inventory & Registration July 13, 2016
Signature of certifying official/Title: _____ Date
State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of commenting official: _____ Date
Title : _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

9/2/2016
Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Financial Institution; business

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19th AND 20th CENTURY REVIVALS: Neoclassical Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick, Limestone

Narrative Description

Summary Paragraph

The City Savings Bank and Trust Company building is located at 449 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio in the downtown commercial district. The 1925-26 Neoclassical commercial style building was designed by the national “Bank Builders” architectural firm of Simons, Brittain & English of Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The property is situated on Stark County Parcel #111514, with a lot size of 0.098 acres. The building is on the south side of East Main Street between S. Seneca and S. Linden Avenues. The building’s prominent east elevation is adjacent to historic Public Square, today known as Freedom Square. A parking lot is to the west and alley runs along the south (rear) elevation.

Narrative Description

EXTERIOR (Photos 1-11)

The 1925-26 City Savings Bank and Trust Company building is a significant example of a bank hall and office tower designed in the Neoclassical style by the national firm of Simons, Brittain & English who advertised themselves as “Bank Builders.” The City Savings Bank and Trust Company building showcases their architectural design philosophy of “*Beauty, Utility, Economy.*”¹ In 1949, the bank undertook a complete modernization of the interior, adding

¹ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 39, December 1922, 109.

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additional space by expanding the mezzanine level, introducing new fixtures and equipment, so that the bank had modern arrangements and conveniences to serve the public.

The Neoclassical building is defined on the exterior by its tripartite design, symmetry and composition of varying materials with combed limestone base resting on grey granite plinths; a red wire-cut brick main body; and capped with limestone banning and copper cornice. The rectangular in plan building is eight stories tall with an attic.

The (north) façade fronting East Main Street expresses the Ionic order with two-story fluted columns supporting the portico in antis. The centrally placed entrance is articulated by a carved limestone surround of disc motifs and rope molding capped with an eagle perched above a dentilled entablature grasping festoons with its talons. The door is surrounded with multi-paned steel windows with a painted pewter color finish. A metal spandrel separates the two levels of sash. The top windows have operating casement sash flanking the central pane. The double door entry with transom above is a replacement aluminum and glass assembly. The entablature supported by the fluted Ionic columns has pin-mounted sign letters reading “The City Savings Bank and Trust Company.”

The upper floors are divided into three bays, the central bay having paired double hung sash resting on stone sills. The outer edge of the building bookends the façade with projecting brick piers. The first floor above the portico is defined by limestone panels. The central panels between the windows are blank, while the end panels are carved with grain motifs, symbolizing abundance. Limestone bands define the five floors between the top floor which is capped with a copper cornice. A metal balconette is centered on the central paired windows at the seventh floor; the paint has peeled off. An attic above, with smaller rectangular windows is capped with a stepped parapet with limestone blank panels.

INTERIOR (Photos 12-30)

A vault room is located at the center of the basement, accessed by a marble stair and dumb waiter from the former banking room at the first floor. Marble wainscoting walls and plaster/gypsum with cove molding ceiling define the larger vault room. Intact Diebold bank vault and ante room with brass gate are at the south wall. Three small coupon rooms with doors are located at the north wall. The remainder of the basement is accessed by a U-shaped utilitarian maintenance corridor composed of CMU, brick and structural terra cotta. A fire pump room is located in the northeast corner of the basement.

The interior of the main entry at East Main Street leads into a small marble wainscoting vestibule. Large picture windows with mounted security boxes, and brass decorative grates are located at floor level on the east and west walls. A contemporary light fixture is mounted at the painted plaster/gypsum ceiling with cove molding. Contemporary double glass doors divide the

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vestibule from the elevator lobby (foyer) located three steps below to the south, allowing for a change in grade. The elevator lobby is distinguished by marble wainscoting with a coved ceiling accented by painted carved plaster frieze with egg and dart trim. Two brass elevator floor indicators remain mounted on the west wall. A mail chute runs from a mailbox mounted on the south wall through the upper floors elevator lobby. A marble wainscoting stair (Stair A) is accessed from the northwest corner. Contemporary double glass doors flanked by picture windows separate the elevator lobby from a multipurpose room/former banking lobby located to the south. Marble wainscoting is at the north with remnants at the east and west walls. Gypsum faux finished to mimic marble surrounds the elevator. The north entry door, flanking picture windows and office door are surrounded in marble. Fluted Ionic pilasters are surrounded by plaster/gypsum walls above marble wainscot remnants at the east and west walls. A suspended ceiling (where the 1949 mezzanine was added) in the main lobby has been installed leaving mezzanine level multi-paned steel exterior windows exposed to the east. The windows have drywall returns and marble sills. Drywall surrounds the structure that supports the mezzanine above with light fixtures suspended from each of the enclosures. A marble wainscoting staircase (Stair C) leads to the basement vault. A modified marble teller counter is located parallel to the west wall, with dumbwaiter station located to the north operating between the first floor and basement vault room. A kitchen and two bathrooms are located at the south wall with stair (Stair B) access at the southwest corner. A wood paneled office with multi-paned steel windows at the mezzanine level is at the northeast corner of the building, accessed from the elevator through two historic doors and into the banking lobby by a contemporary door. A bank safe connecting to a night depository is located on the north wall. Marble floors are throughout the first floor. Carpeting is laid on top of the marble in the lobby area.

The first mezzanine (historic North Mezzanine) interior is divided into a single residential unit at the north end which was a part of the original mezzanine of the building. The residential unit exhibits contemporary finishes. The elevator and stair lobby with the mail chute remain; the ceiling has a suspended lay-in tile system. A corridor at the west side of the building leads south down a short flight of stairs to the trash room. The laundry room and large maintenance storage room, which extended the mezzanine over the bank lobby, was added in 1949. Multi-paned steel casement windows are located at the north wall overlooking East Main Street, partially obscured by an angled dropped textured ceiling which attempts to maintain ceiling heights above the window head at the window wall. Windows on the unit east bedroom wall are replacement. All exterior unit windows exhibit marble sills with drywall returns. The laundry room is located off the corridor with three interior contemporary windows along the east wall overlooking the first floor former banking lobby and multi-paned steel windows. The large maintenance storage room has infilled mezzanine windows and exposed Doric pilasters at the south wall. Interior finishes consist of painted gypsum walls and non-historic wood trim, carpet and vinyl floors. The second

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mezzanine (historic South Mezzanine) interior is comprised of an electrical and mechanical room at the southeast corner of the building.

The second through eighth floors were historically commercial tenants which had changes throughout history. These demising walls and corridors on the upper office floors were completely demolished and rehabilitated for residential use in 1990. Beyond the perimeter plaster walls, no historic fabric remains except at stairwells and elevator, which includes the mail chute. All finishes date to 1990. In 1949, the building was modernized and a suspended lay-in tile ceiling was introduced in the bank lobby; it can be assumed that upper floors also received this treatment since the entire building was modernized, yet no physical evidence remains. The corridor connects the two means of egress. At the second and third floor, the corridor jogs to accommodate the light-well that is located along the west wall on those two floors. The remaining corridors are fairly straight connecting the two means of egress at the south and north ends.

INTEGRITY

The City Savings Bank and Trust Company building demonstrates little deterioration and minor modifications. The building is in good condition and maintains historic integrity. The building retains a significant level of historic architectural integrity from both the 1925-26 original design and the 1949 interior modernization. This is highly exhibited in the Neoclassical elements that demonstrate the “Beauty, Utility, Economy” design philosophy of Simons, Brittain & English. The interior bank lobby, the most prominent space, displays both the 1925-26 marble and rich classic architectural style along with the 1949 modern finishes. Although, the upper floors have been transformed for residential use, the intent of revolving tenants of the tower remains true. The building remains in its historic location and the architectural language retain the historic feeling and association as noted in historic images of the building in its original historic setting.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ECONOMICS

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1925-1958

Significant Dates

1949

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Simons, Brittain and English, architects

Clemmer & Johnson Company, contractors

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The City Savings Bank and Trust Company building is being nominated under Criterion A in the area of Economics and Commerce as one of two major banking institutions in the city of Alliance and the largest office tower housing local businesses and professional trades; and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of a bank hall and office tower designed in the Neoclassical style by national architects Simons, Brittain & English known as “Bank Builders.”² The City Savings Bank and Trust Company building showcases their bank architecture and design philosophy of “*Beauty, Utility, Economy.*”³

The period of significance begins in 1925 with construction of the City Savings Bank and Trust Company building at 449 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio and continues to 1958 when City Savings Bank & Trust Company and Alliance First National Bank were consolidated under the name First National City Bank of Alliance.⁴

Narrative Statement of Significance

City Savings Bank & Trust Company

City Savings Bank opened for business in Alliance, Ohio on June 5, 1892, operating in a two-story building on the northwest portion of the present site, two doors west of Public Square on East Main Street.⁵ (Historic Images, Figure 1) C.C. Davidson was the first president of the bank serving for less than a year. He was followed by T.B. Morgan Sr., founder and president of Morgan Engineering Company who served until his death in 1897.

The city of Alliance incorporated in 1889. It was an important railroad center located on both the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads. It was the juncture of the Fort Wayne division of the Pennsylvania from New York to Chicago and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh division with service to the eastern seaboard through Cleveland. In addition, it had a branch connection with the New York Central lines from New York to Chicago. The city name of Alliance name came from the expectation of an alliance between the two major railroads.⁶ Major industrial growth in the 1890s hinged upon the substantial manufacturers located in

² Tatman, Sandra L. *Simons, Brittain & English*. American Architects and Buildings database. Philadelphia Architects and Buildings, 2016.

³ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 39, December 1922, 109.

⁴ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. *Changes in Status of Banks and Branches as reported during October 1958*. 20 November 1958. Available at https://fraser.stlouisfed.org/docs/releases/g45/145_19581120.pdf.

⁵ Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1898; *Alliance Review* 29 April 1926.

⁶ Alliance City Directory, 1941.

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Alliance, with later industrial expansion continuing after 1900. Companies established at the turn of the twentieth century included Alliance Machine Co. in 1901, McCaskey Register Company in 1903, Buckeye Jack in 1904, Alliance Clay Products in 1906, and Alliance Brick Company in 1909.⁷ The continued need for a growing and expanding savings bank was apparent.

The population of Alliance began to climb with 8,974 people in 1900, jumping to 15,083 in 1910, and 21,603 in 1920.⁸ Under the tenure of bank president W.H. Ramsey, son-in-law of T. B. Morgan and Vice President of Morgan Engineering, a trust department was added to the bank in 1905, changing the name to City Savings Bank & Trust Company.⁹ The bank continued to try to accommodate growing demand. "The old building was extended and practically rebuilt two or three times to keep pace with the rapid growth of the institution until finally every inch of available space was utilized."¹⁰ Competition came in 1914, when Alliance Bank built a new six-story bank and office building (NR#95000940) diagonally across East Main Street, designed by Canton, Ohio architect Lewis W. Thomas with a later three-story addition to the rear in 1923 by Cleveland, Ohio architects Walker and Weeks.¹¹

In 1917, City Savings Bank and Trust Company secured additional space to the rear allowing for expansion with an L-shaped building.¹² (Historic Image Figure 2) They commissioned Cleveland architects Walker and Weeks who in August 1923 prepared preliminary conceptual drawings to enlarge the L-shaped 1917 building, giving the bank frontage on Main Street and Public Square with two levels due to a change in grade.¹³ The plans were never executed, likely because by 1924, the bank secured the remaining property needed to allow for a much larger building directly fronting both the Public Square and East Main Street.

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building

A committee for construction of a new City Savings Bank and Trust Company building was formed under the leadership of Chairman and Bank Vice President B.F. Weybrecht. Other

⁷ Alliance Historical Society. Significant Dates in Alliance History. Available at <http://www.alliancehistory.org/timeline.html>.

⁸ U. S. Federal Population Census, Alliance, Ohio, 1900, 1910, 1920.

⁹ *Alliance Review* 1 June 1996.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ The Alliance Bank Building, Alliance, Stark County, Ohio NR #95000940.

¹² Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1921.

¹³ Johannesen, Eric. *The Architecture of Walker and Weeks*. Kent: Kent State University Press in cooperation with the Western Reserve Historical Society, 1999, Appendix Catalog of Commissions, City Savings Bank and Trust Company, 165.

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members included: Board of Directors members John Eyer, C.Y. Kay, S. L. Sturgeon, and Oatis Wilcox; Bank President W.H. Ramsey; and Bank Vice President J.C. Devine. Simons, Brittain & English were selected as architects to design the eight-story bank and office tower.¹⁴ It would become the tallest building in Alliance at a height of 130 feet 9 inches, surpassing the six-story Alliance Bank building across the street.¹⁵ The Clemmer & Johnson Co. of Akron were selected as building contractors,¹⁶ with cost of construction estimated at \$500,000.¹⁷ A holding company known as the City Savings Building Company was incorporated for the purpose of constructing and operating the new building. Financing was secured with issuance of five thousand shares of stock at a par value of \$100 to cover the cost.¹⁸

The bank made arrangements to continue full operation throughout construction of their new building by setting up temporary bank facilities two doors to the west in the Webb Block on East Main Street (demolished). Razing of their former bank building was commenced in October, 1924 along with two other adjoining buildings on Public Square to make way for the new building.¹⁹ Day and night shifts of workers were used to rush excavation work and pour the concrete foundation before winter.²⁰ (Historic Image, Figure 4). The local newspaper covered progress of the building. In October 1925, it was reported that installation of doors, windows, terrazzo floor, finishing woodwork and plumbing fixtures on office floors had been accomplished and that office floors would be ready for occupancy soon. In addition, the first shipment of Italian marble had arrived to a marble works in Tennessee and was on route for installation in the main bank room.²¹ (Historic Images, Figure 5) The Diebold Safe was delivered and installed on the basement level. (Historic Images, Figures 6,7)

Dignitaries and community leaders were invited to a preopening tour and luncheon on May 5, 1926 with George DeCamp, chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank in attendance. Opening day for the bank was held on May 6, 1926 with a public open house. The project came in at the stated budget of \$500,000.²²

¹⁴ City Savings Bank and Trust Co. Building 449 East Main Street Alliance, OH. Building Plaque.

¹⁵ *Alliance Review* 1 June 1926; City Savings Bank and Trust Co. Building 449 East Main Street Alliance, OH. Building Plaque.

¹⁶ City Savings Bank and Trust Co. Building 449 East Main Street Alliance, OH. Building Plaque.

¹⁷ *Alliance Review*, Vol. 3, Undated, 31; *Alliance Review* 1 August 1924.

¹⁸ *Alliance Review* 1 August 1924.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*

²⁰ *Alliance Review* 13 October 1924.

²¹ *Alliance Review* 17 October 1925.

²² *Alliance Review* 29 April 1926.

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Congratulatory flowers were throughout the interior first floor main banking room of the City Savings Bank and Trust Company building on opening day. Historic images show marble colonnaded teller windows to the west across from glassed in office space along the east wall of the banking room. Ionic pilasters line the east, west and south walls with an open mezzanine level and coved veiling. A centered Neoclassical door surround with brass gate at the south end of the banking room led to a private banking area to the rear. Bank offices on the south mezzanine level overlooked the main banking room. Multi-paned steel industrial windows at the east mezzanine level allowed light into the bank room. (Historic Images, Figures 8-11) A Diebold Safe was secured behind a brass gate and ante room at the basement level. (Historic Image, Figure 12) As promoted by architects Simons, Brittain & English, the Neoclassical style bank and office tower became a beacon in the City of Alliance as the tallest building in Alliance. (Historic Images, Figures 13,14)

The Neoclassical style City Savings Bank and Trust Company bank and office tower building conveyed the message of strength and stability through monumental architecture. The Neoclassical style gained national popularity as a “solid, pretentious and patriotic” architectural style as a result of exhibitions at the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago and the 1901 Pan-American Exhibition in Buffalo.²³ Simpler than the Beaux Arts style, common elements include: symmetry, order and a reliance on Greek classical forms; a full portico with Ionic or Corinthian columns; classical columns, pilasters and pedimented doorways, multi-paned or 1/1 windows and trabeated openings. Public buildings and banks were perfectly suited for the style.²⁴

Formation of Simons, Brittain & English

The firm of Simons, Brittain & English was incorporated on February 10, 1915 with offices in Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.²⁵ Partners George J. Simons, Berford Brittain and George W. English had become well known in the iron trade before setting up business together in 1915. Simons came to Pittsburgh in 1909, working as District Sales Manager for the Art Metal Construction Company; since 1900 he had been in the sale of banking room equipment. Berford Brittain was District Sales Manager for the Pittsburgh territory of Cooper-Hewitt Electric Company and a salesman with Art Metal Construction Co., where he likely met Simons.

²³ Whiffen, Marcus. *American Architecture Since 1780 A Guide to the Styles*. Cambridge: The MIT Press, 1992, 167; Gordon, Stephen C. *How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory*. Columbus: Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, 1992, 99.

²⁴ Gordon, 99.

²⁵ Board of Trustees of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, *The Phi Gamma Delta*, Volume 37, No. 1, October 1914.

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George W. English, prior to joining Simons and Brittain, had been a superintendent of the blast furnace plant of the Cleveland Furnace Co., Cleveland, a superintendent of the Perry Iron Co. Erie, PA, and secretary and treasurer of the Zug Iron & Steel Company.²⁶ Under the new firm of Simons, Brittain & English, George J. Simons served as president; Berford Brittain as secretary; and George W. English as treasurer.

Simons, Brittain & English started into business with a strategy of promoting and providing fireproof building materials for architectural safety. The industrial revolution brought with it the threat of fire, often due to America's lack of experience with new technologies. Buildings were constructed of wood and other flammable materials with no means of slowing fire once it broke out. Simons, Brittain & English found a niche representing a collection of prominent manufacturers of fireproof building materials, steel furniture, and fireproof office equipment. Although the specific suppliers for the City Savings Bank and Trust Company building are largely unknown, general suppliers of the firm included:²⁷

The Dahlstrom Metallic Door Co., Jamestown NY. Charles P. Dahlstrom invented and produced the world's first fire proof door. He serviced the skyscraper building industry by applying fireproof technology to elevator entrances, and created a series of decorative moldings to compliment the elegance of his doors. Buildings such as the United States Capital, the Empire State Building and Rockefeller Center used Dahlstrom products.²⁸

The General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown, OH. The company manufactured steel office furniture and fireproof safes, founded in 1902. Their 4-drawer steel vertical file cabinet was built in 1910 and first fireproof safe in 1912. In 1923, they introduced the standard steel desk and later 1600 Series in 1925 which by the 1950s became the largest selling commercial office desks in the world.²⁹

Gorham Co., New York, NY, architectural bronze department. The Gorham Company was a foundry for bronze sculpture, along with being one of the largest American manufacturers of sterling and silver-plate. Gorham began casting ecclesiastical items in the 1880s and went on to become one of the leading foundries in the United States. The

²⁶ Board of Trustees of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, *The Phi Gamma Delta*, Volume 37, No. 1, October 1914.

²⁷ "Men of the Iron Trade," *The Iron Trade Review*, Volume 56, Jan 1 to June 30, 1915. Cleveland: Penton Publishing, 1915.

²⁸ The History of Dahlstrom Roll Form. Available at <https://www.dahlstromrollform.com/Article/History-of-Dahlstrom-Roll-Form.aspx>

²⁹ The General Fireproofing Company. *Past Present Future Archives*. Available at <http://pastpresentfuture.net/archives/gf.html>.

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Smithsonian Archives of American Art list over 700 items of American sculpture citing the Gorham's foundry.³⁰

Standard Marble Works, St. Louis, MO, suppliers of stone and marble.

Asbestolith Manufacturing Co., Brooklyn, NY. Asbestolith was the first composite asbestos flooring introduced in the United States providing a fireproof, sanitary, noiseless non-slippery material.³¹

Fred Medart Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, MO. The company produced steel lockers, steel shelving, steel cabinets, locker benches, box lockers, book and stationary cabinets, other cabinets and plinths.³²

American Mason Safety Tread Co., Lowell, MA. The company is credited with introducing safety treads for stairs, advertised as fireproof, noiseless, clean and protective. By 1930, over 10 million square feet of treads were in service.³³

Expansion, Focus and Philosophy

The firm retained the name of Simons, Brittain & English, but by 1917 it was operating with Simons as president, Sebastian J. Huber as vice president and C.B. King.³⁴ They began to focus not just on fireproof building materials and furnishings, but on bank design. In 1922, additional offices were opened at 929 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and, in the Wesley Block, 101 North High Columbus, Ohio.³⁵ In the same year, the firm became publically recognized in the *United States Investor* trade publication as "the well-known designers and builders of banks" with expanding offices made necessary by "a constantly growing clientele."³⁶ Laurence P. Ferree, formerly of St. Louis, and Pittsburgh, was placed in charge of the Philadelphia office. Ferree described the firm's strategy,

³⁰ *Gorham*. Art Inventories Catalog. Smithsonian American Art Museum.

³¹ Asbestolith Manufacturing Co. Available at <http://www.marinelink.com/history/asbestolith-manufacturing-company>.

³² Fred Medart Manufacturing Company. Available at <http://www.trademarkia.com/medart-71295529.html>.

³³ American Mason Safety Tread Co. Available at <http://glassian.org/Prism/Mason/index.html>.

³⁴ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, City Directory, 1917.

³⁵ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, City Directories, 1922-1930; *The Bankers Monthly*, Volume 39, December 1922, 109; Columbus, Ohio City Directory, 1924.

³⁶ *United States Investor*, New York Bankers Convention. Boston & New York. Volume 33, Part2, Issues 27-52, 1922.

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“...there is a disposition on the part of the banker of recent years to wish to eliminate, so far as possible, the great burden of responsibility falling upon the banker who attempts to erect a new building and employing an architect of little or no bank building experience. For this reason the disposition is to consult with a professed and acknowledged bank specialist, the owner realizing the great helpfulness and appreciating the vast amount of trouble that can be eliminated by dealing from start to finish with one responsibility.”³⁷

The firm offered their services in the City Directories as architects “Bank Buildings, Design, Construction and Furnishment.”³⁸ The Columbus office was headed by John E. Windisch,³⁹ later moving in 1928 to a new location in the Ohio Savings Association Building/Law & Finance Building at 85 East Gay Street which Simons, Brittain & English designed, completed in 1925.⁴⁰

The business philosophy of the firm appealed to their financially focused bank clientele employing the slogan of *Beauty, Utility and Economy* in bank design as “[t]hese are the demonstrated qualities of every bank designed by Simons, Brittain & English, Inc.”⁴¹

In 1922 the firm advertised in *The Bankers Monthly* appealing to the financial opportunity and high profile of a bank building office tower design:

“THINK OF A TALL BULDING In your own community and of its Great Advertising Value. A MONUMENTAL SHAFT COMBINING BANK and Office Building has great advertising value. All progressive business and professional men quickly lease quarters in a modern community center. These tenants aside from producing a revenue-eventually if not immediately become customers of the Bank. Owners not disposed to erect a tall building at present may have us plan an individual banking house to be reared now; so carefully studied in the future they may add the needed stories and yet in the finished operation have a practical attractive and harmonious result. Simons, Brittain & English Inc. Designers and Builders of Banks, Columbus, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.”⁴²

Simons, Brittain & English recognized that bank buildings should invariably suggest monumental strength and stability, yet at the same time be economically fabricated and constructed. The requirements of a banking institution required a specific arrangement to obtain

³⁷ Ibid.

³⁸ Columbus, Ohio City Directory, 1924.

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Columbus, Ohio City Directory, 1928.

⁴¹ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 38, October 1921.

⁴² *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 39, December 1922, 109.

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efficiency in operation throughout the institution. The firm provided architectural design services, general contracting services with an in-house estimating department, and furnishings; assuming financial responsibility for any omissions occurring in drawings or specifications with the owner only paying the original contract price.⁴³ They offered the busy banker one-stop shopping and a turn-key fully furnished, efficient bank building as the product.⁴⁴

The known bank buildings designed by Simons, Brittain & English are located in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. Architectural styles included Neoclassical, Renaissance Revival and Art Deco, lending to monumental architecture of strength and stability. Bank types varied from two-story bank buildings allowing for a later upper floor addition, to combined bank and office towers. The majority of known bank designs reflect the Neoclassical style, the quintessential style for bank buildings of the 1920s. The 1924 Keystone Trust Company Bank in Harrisburg, PA and 1925 Heights Deposit Bank in Wilkes Barre, PA are two-story limestone Neoclassical buildings; less ornate in comparison with the limestone first floor and mezzanine levels of the City Savings Bank and Trust Company building. The 1924 Keystone Trust Company Bank building is composed of limestone with two-story fluted Ionic columns supporting the portico in antis with centrally placed entrance and name carved in the entablature at the facade. The 1925 Heights Deposit Bank is composed of limestone with pilasters with eagle plaques in bas relief at the capital and name carved at the entablature on the facade. A central single door entry with simple stone surround is flanked by two-story multi-pane windows with bullseye motif at the lintel.

The City Savings Bank and Trust Company Building is the only known extant bank and office tower in the Neoclassical style designed by Simons, Brittain & English. The 1925 Ohio State Savings Association/Law & Finance building in Columbus is the only other known bank and office tower, designed in the Art Deco style.

Simons, Brittain & English Portfolio

Building	Address	Date	Style/Type	Status
Miners and Merchants Deposit Bank of Portage ⁴⁵	Portage, PA	1921	Neoclassical	Unknown
Farmers & Merchants ⁴⁶	Greenville, PA	1921-22	Unknown	Unknown

⁴³ *United States Investor*, New York Bankers Convention. Boston & New York. Volume 33, Part2, Issues 27-52, October 21, 1922.

⁴⁴ *United States Investor*, New York Bankers Convention. Boston & New York. Volume 33, Part2, Issues 27-52, September 23, 1922, October 21, 1922.

⁴⁵ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 38, September 1921, 102,138.

⁴⁶ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 38, October 1921, 139.

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Building	Address	Date	Style/Type	Status
Niagara County Savings Bank ⁴⁷	304 Niagara Street Niagara Falls, NY	1922	Renaissance Revival	Demo
First National Bank ⁴⁸	Somerset, PA	1922	unknown/two-story	Demo
Wayne Junction Trust Co. ⁴⁹	4401 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA	1922	unknown	Demo
Elmira Savings Bank ⁵⁰	218 East Water Street Elmira, New York	1922-23	unknown	Demo
Keystone Trust Company Bank ⁵¹	3 rd and Caulder Streets Harrisburg, PA	1924	Neoclassical	Extant
Ohio State Savings Association/ Law & Finance Building ⁵²	85 East Gay Street Columbus, Ohio	1925	Art Deco Bank & Office Tower	Extant DOE
Heights Deposit Bank ⁵³	189 East Market Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	1925	Neoclassical Bank	Extant
City Savings Bank and Trust Company	449 East Main Street Alliance, Ohio	1925-26	Neoclassical Bank & Office Tower	Extant

⁴⁷ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 39, November 1922, 115.

⁴⁸ *The Bankers Monthly*, Vol. 39, May 1922, 106.

⁴⁹ *The American Contractor*, Vol. 33, 2 December 1922.

⁵⁰ *Engineering News-Record*. Vol. 88, 1 June 1922; *United States Investor*, New York Bankers Convention. Boston & New York. Vol. 33, Part2, Issues 27-52, 23 September 1922.

⁵¹ Keystone Trust Bank. *The Evening News from Harrisburg Pennsylvania*. 27 June 1924.

⁵² *My History, Columbus in Historic Photographs*. Ohio State Savings Bank Building. Columbus Metropolitan Library.

⁵³ *Philadelphia Real Estate Record and Builders' Guide*, Vol. 40, n. 26, 215.

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The Citizens Bank ⁵⁴	114 Louisiana Ave. Perrysburg, Ohio	1926 Renaissance Revival	Extant NR: Perrysburg HD
National Bank of Olney ⁵⁵	Philadelphia, PA	ca. 1928	Unknown Demo

Simons, Brittain & English continued to operate in Pittsburgh until 1933 located in the Magee Building. The Philadelphia and Columbus offices were closed in 1929. ⁵⁶ The onset of the Great Depression in 1929 and its impact on the banking industry likely resulted in a sharp decline in demand for new bank buildings, bringing the business to a conclusion by 1933. ⁵⁷

Alliance, 1930-1958

At the beginning of the Great Depression, the population of the City of Alliance reached 23,047 in 1930. ⁵⁸ On October 22, 1931, four financial institutions in Stark County, including City Savings Bank and Trust Company, chose to close their doors and place themselves in the hands of the state superintendent of banking to protect their deposits. City Savings Bank and Trust Company remained closed until August 1932 when the Stark County Common Pleas Court approved a re-opening plan. The bank otherwise remained in operation throughout the remainder of the Great Depression. ⁵⁹ In 1940, the population of Alliance was 22,405 people jumping to 26,161 people in 1950. ⁶⁰ Alliance prided itself as being at the “heart of industrial America” with successful industries in the production of railroad equipment, heavy mill machinery, traveling cranes, drop forgings, sheet metal stampings, steel castings, structural steel, cash registers, washing machines, bathtubs, brass and bronze castings, airplanes, toy and hardware items, brick, paint, electric motors, rubber bands, pipe organs and ladies apparel. The variety of products served as a stabilizing influence to the growth of the city and also in 1944 a great support of the war effort. ⁶¹ (Historic Images, Figures 15,16)

⁵⁴ The Citizens Bank Building. History. Historic Perrysburg, Ohio. Available at <http://www.historicperrysburg.org/properties/114Louisiana.htm>.

⁵⁵ Sexton, Randolph Williams. American Commercial Buildings of Today; Skyscrapers, Office

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⁵⁶ Tatman; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, City Directory 1930; Columbus, Ohio City Directories, 1928-1930.

⁵⁷ Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, City Directories, 1917-1934.

⁵⁸ U.S. Population Census, Alliance, Ohio, 1930.

⁵⁹ *Alliance Review* 9 March 2001.

⁶⁰ U.S. Federal Population Census, Alliance, Ohio 1940, 1950.

⁶¹ Alliance City Directory, 1944.

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The City Savings Bank & Trust Company office tower showed high occupancy. The largely professional tenant base in 1948 included attorneys, dentists, physicians, an optometrist, a chiropractor, life insurance businesses, accountants, a beauty shop, a collection agency, and inspection company among other businesses.⁶² In 1949 “a complete interior modernization was undertaken providing additional space and facilities, new fixtures and equipment” so that the bank had the “modern arrangements and conveniences to serve the public speedily and efficiently...”⁶³ In 1950, it was one of three banks in Alliance along with Alliance First National Bank and Mount Union Bank⁶⁴ with combined total of \$41.1M in resources and \$38M in deposits.⁶⁵ The City Savings Bank and Trust Company retained a significant presence in Alliance with a staff of 20 people and assets of over \$8M, housing over 100 offices in the tower.⁶⁶ (Historic Images, Figure 17) City Savings Bank and Trust Company remained in operation until it was consolidated with Alliance First National Bank under the name First National City Bank of Alliance in 1958.⁶⁷ Although in the 1960 City Directory, it retained the name of the building as the City Savings Bank Building.⁶⁸

Conclusion

The 1925-26 City Savings Bank and Trust Company building is an excellent example of bank hall and office tower architecture in the Neoclassical style by the firm of Simons, Brittain & English. The City Savings Bank and Trust Company building showcases the architectural design philosophy of “*Beauty, Utility, Economy.*” The monumental building remains prominently located at Freedom Square as the tallest building in Alliance. The functionality of the building as a bank and office tower remained until 1990-1991 when it was converted for residential use and re-named Lionel H. Newsom Tower for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity leader and educator.⁶⁹ The building remains as an icon to the history of Alliance and to the work of Simons, Brittain & English.

⁶² Alliance City Directory, 1948.

⁶³ *Alliance Review* 26 August 1950, 12 January 1949.

⁶⁴ Mount Union Bank was founded in 1930. *Mount Union Bank*. Federal Reserve System National Information Center. Available at http://www.ffiec.gov/nicpubweb/nicweb/InstitutionHistory.aspx?parID_RSSD=166616&parDT_END=99991231.

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⁶⁹ *Alliance Review* 6 March 1991.

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National Register Nominations

The Alliance Bank Building, Alliance, Stark County, Ohio NR #95000940

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: Rodman Public Library, Alliance
- Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** _____

10. Geographical Data

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
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UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is situated in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. The boundary of the historic City Savings Bank and Trust Company building follows the boundary of Stark County Parcel # 111514; property address is 449 East Main Street.

Boundary Justification

The nominated boundary includes the property historically associated with the City Savings Bank and Trust Company building since construction of the building.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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

Photographs

Photo Log

Name of Property: City Savings Bank and Trust Company building

City or Vicinity: Alliance

County: Stark

State: Ohio

Photographer: Diana Wellman

Date Photographed: January, 2016

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3. (OH_Stark_City Savings Bank and Trust Company_0003): Facade, Front Entrance, camera direction SE.
4. (OH_Stark_City Savings Bank and Trust Company_0004): Facade, East elevation, camera direction SW.
5. (OH_Stark_City Savings Bank and Trust Company_0005): Facade, East elevation, North Arch decorative details, camera direction E.

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19. (OH_Stark_City Savings Bank and Trust Company_0019): Interior, Diebolt Vault and Screening, camera direction SE.
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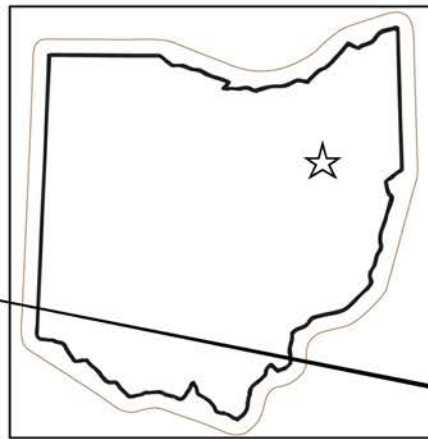
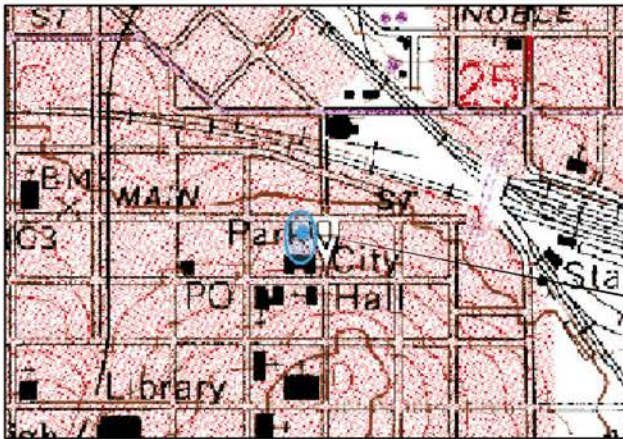
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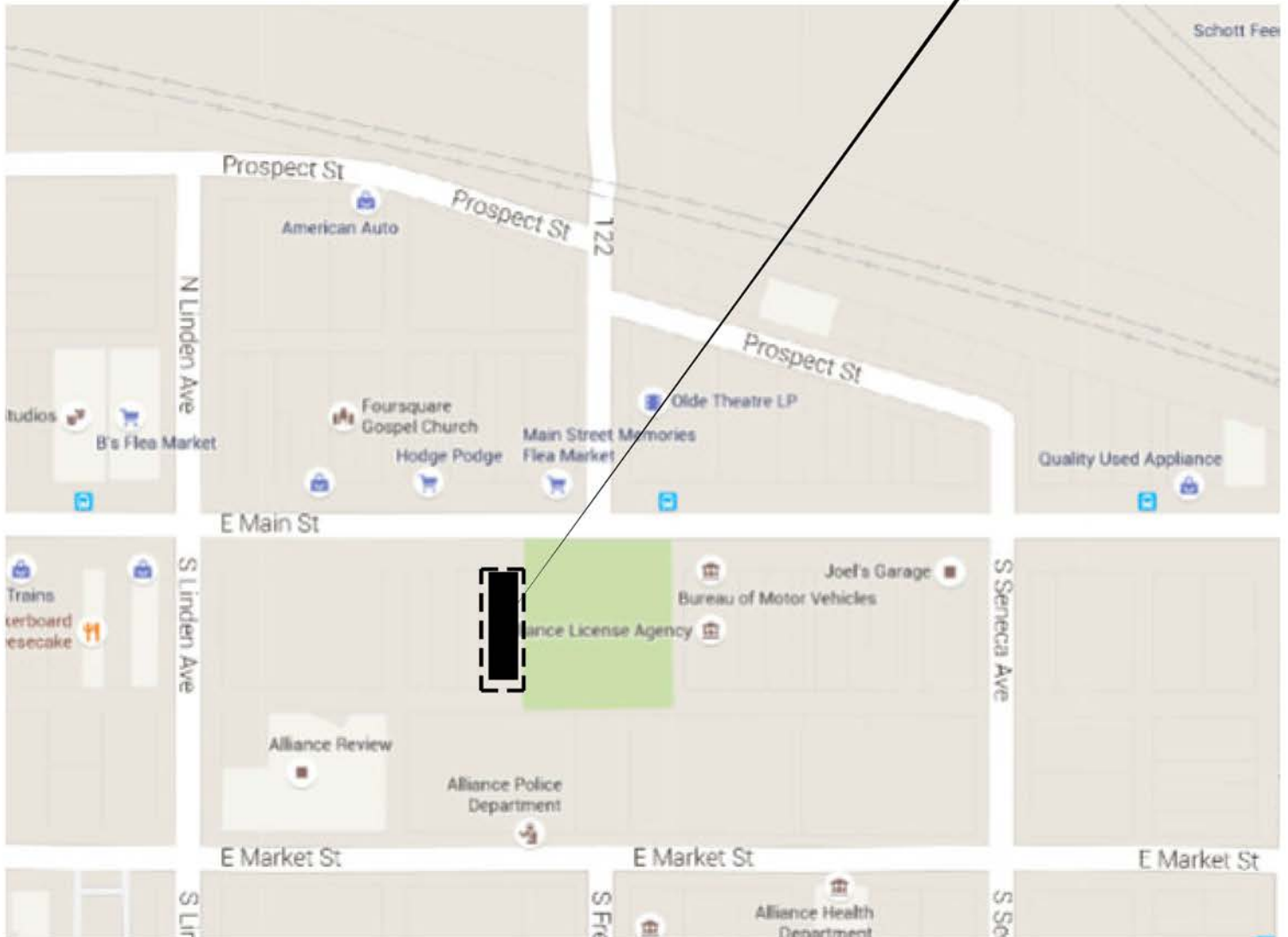
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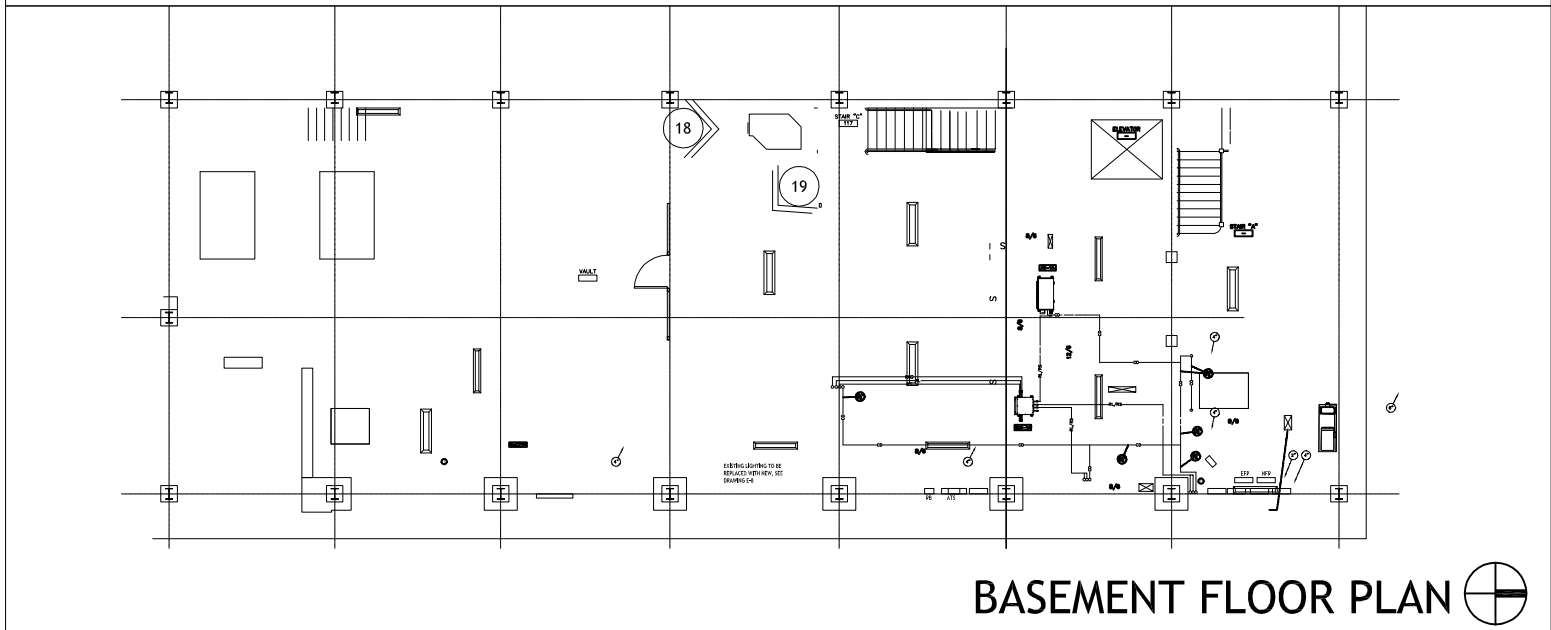
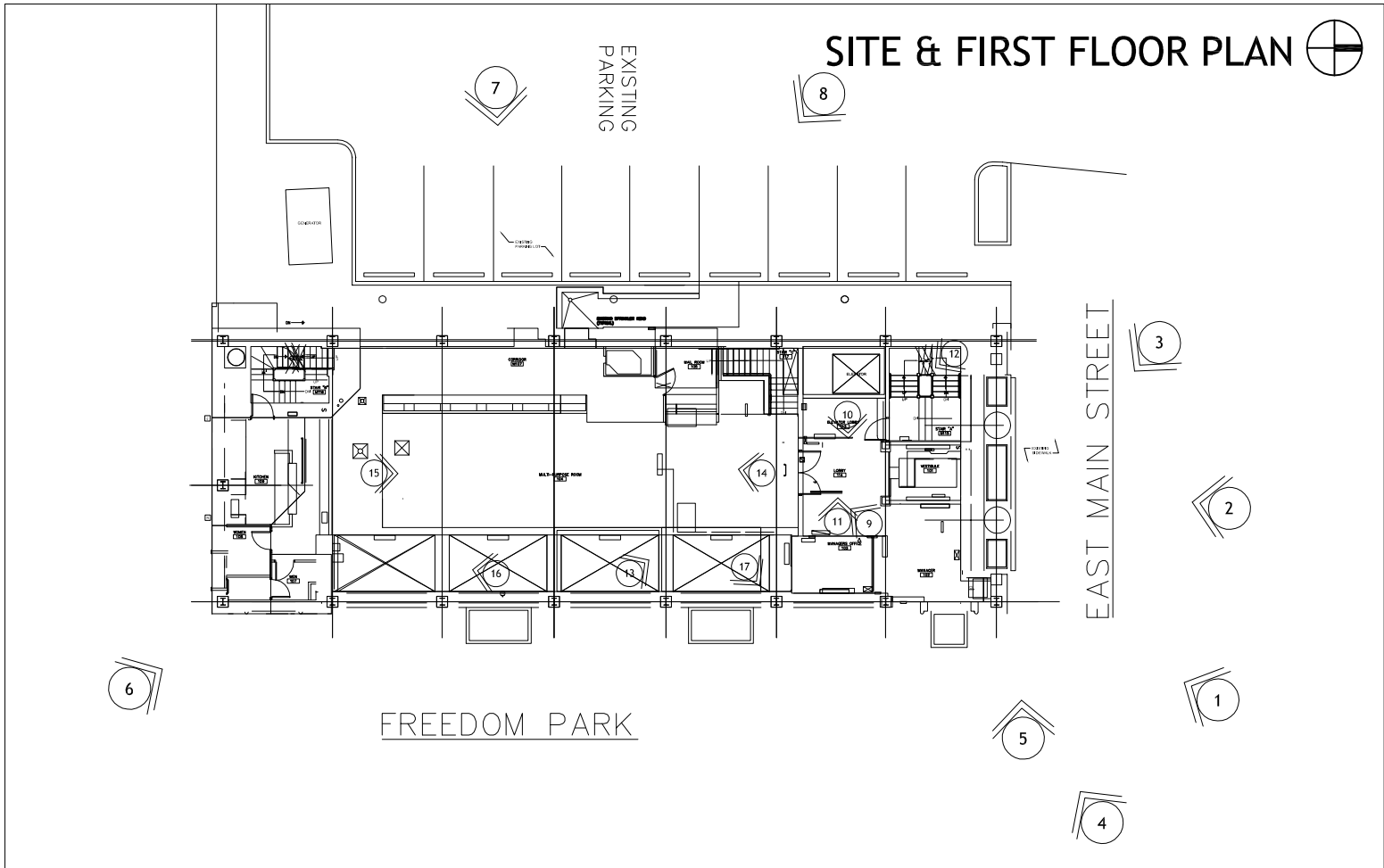
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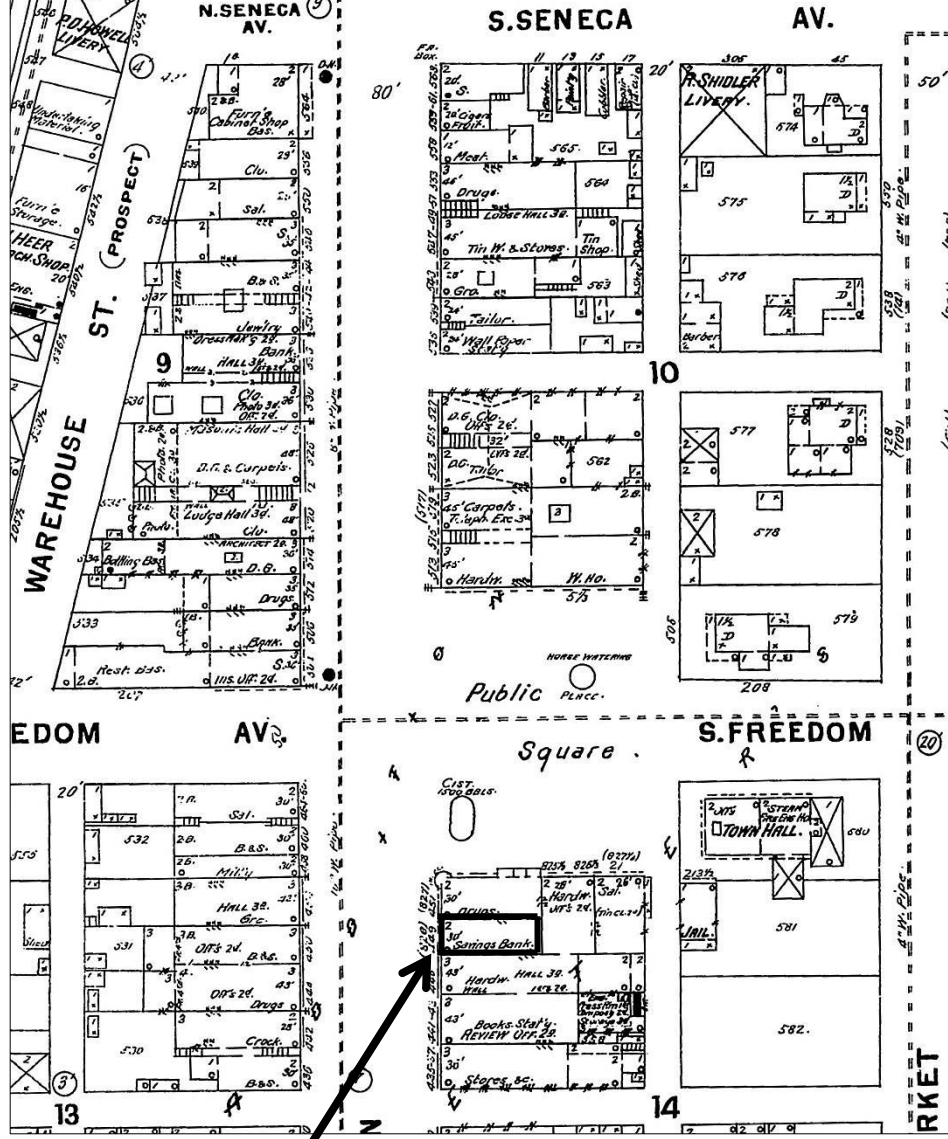


Figure 1

Earlier City Savings Bank Building, 1898

Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. Map, 1898

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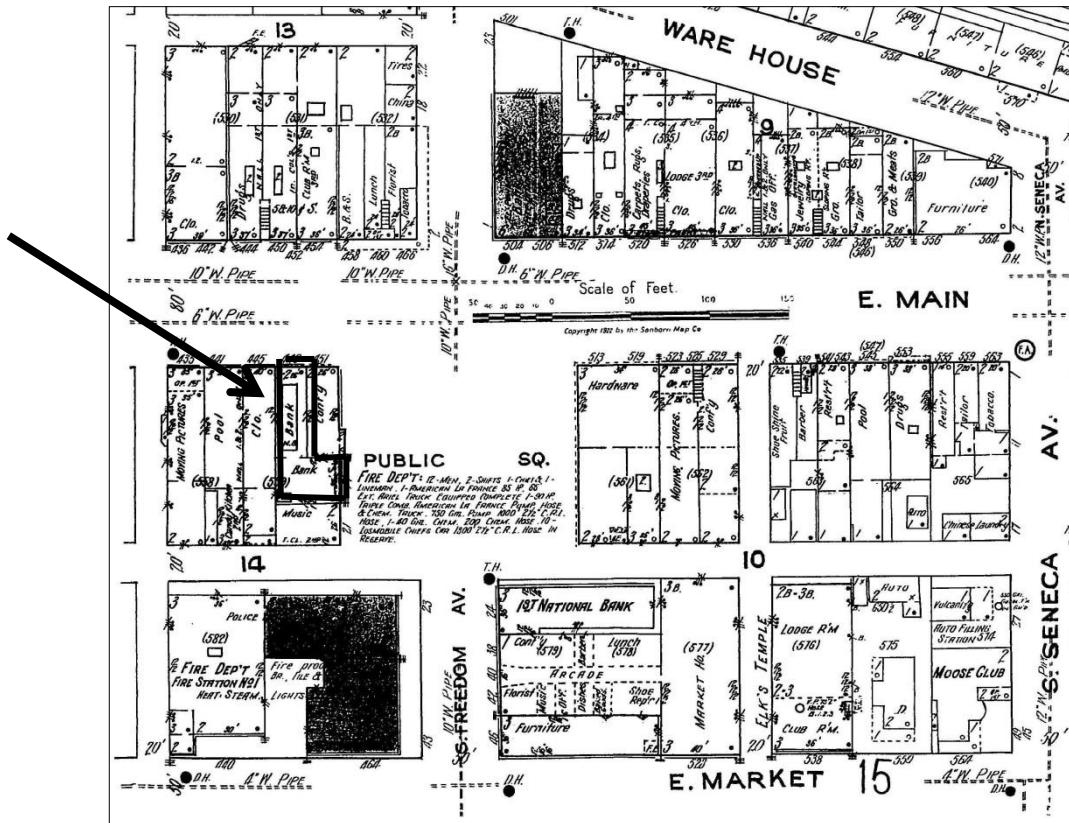


Figure 2

Earlier ‘L-shaped’ building, City Savings Bank & Trust Company, 1921

Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. Map, 1921

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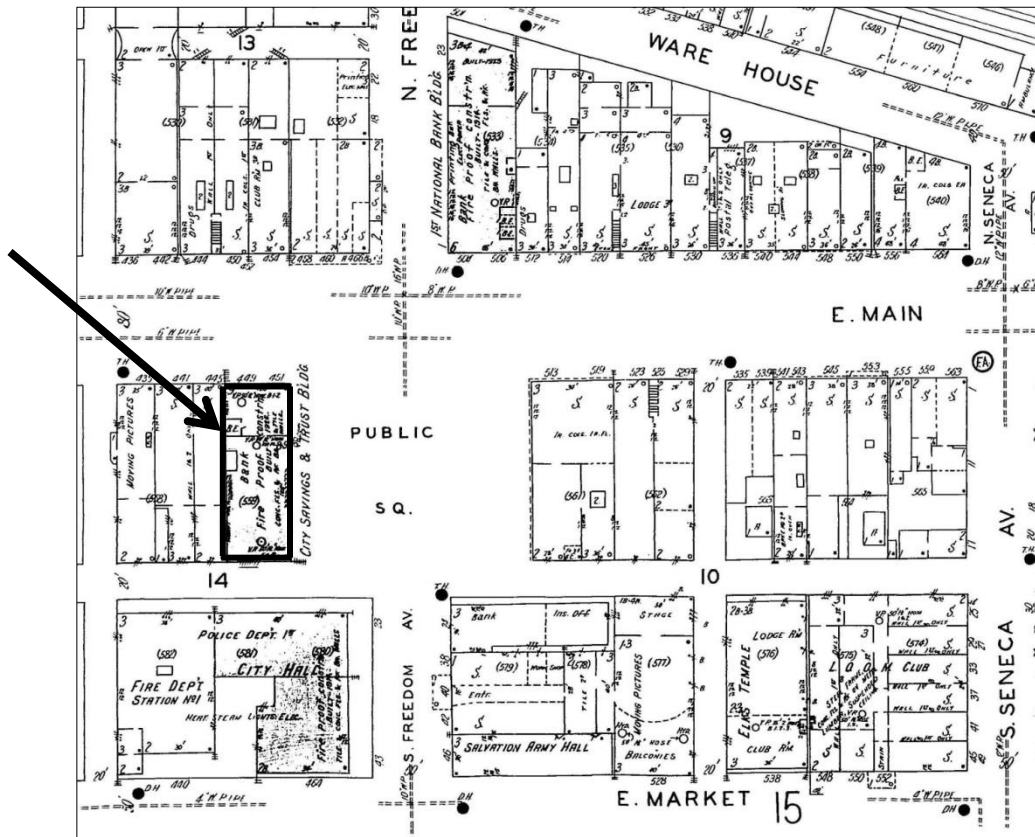


Figure 3
City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, 1930
Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. Map, 1930

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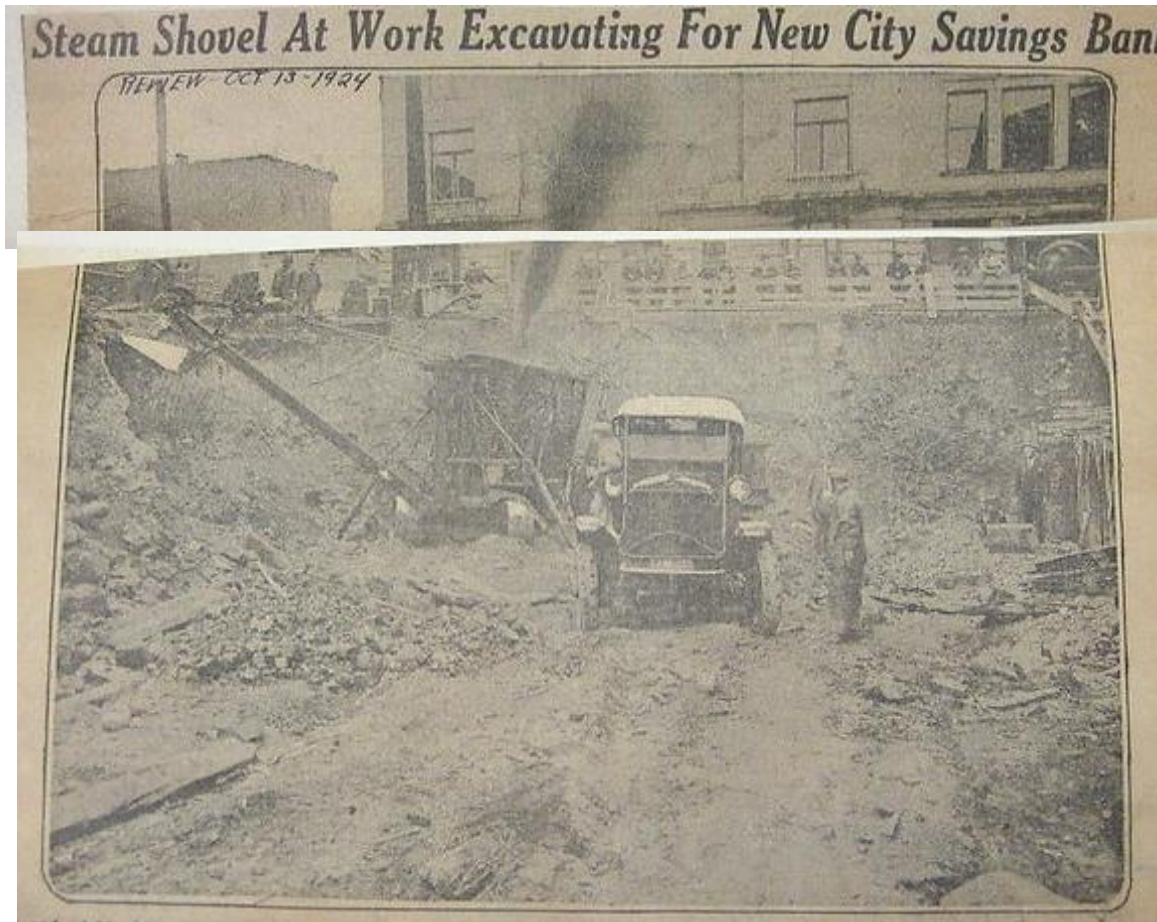


Figure 4

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, Foundation, 1924, 32-33.

Source: *Alliance Review* 13 October 1924.

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Figure 5

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, East Elevation, 1925

Source: Alliance Memory maintained by the Rodman Public Library. Available at <http://www.alliancememory.org/cdm/>.

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Figure 6



Figure 7

Delivery of safe by Diebold Safe and Lock Co., 1925
City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building

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Figure 9

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, Bank Lobby, ca. 1926.

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Figure 10



Figure 11

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, Bank Lobby, ca. 1926.

Source: Alliance Memory maintained by the Rodman Public Library. Available at <http://www.alliancememory.org/cdm/>.

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Figure 12

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, Vault & Ante Room, ca.1926.

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Figure 13

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, date unknown.

Source: Bara, Craig and Crist, Lyle. *Images of America Alliance*. Chicago: Arcadia Publishing, 1998.

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Figure 14

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, date unknown.

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Figure 15

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, East Main Street, 1941.

Source: Alliance Memory maintained by the Rodman Public Library. Available at <http://www.alliancememory.org/cdm/>.

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Figure 16

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, Alliance Public Square, 1940s.

Source: Alliance Memory maintained by the Rodman Public Library. Available at <http://www.alliancememory.org/cdm/>.

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Figure 17

City Savings Bank & Trust Company Building, Alliance Public Square, 1950.

Source: *Through the Years in Alliance Ohio 1850-1950*. Alliance Centennial Committee, 1950. Rodman Public Library.



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MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Stark

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REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/2/2016 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A&C

REVIEWER Patrick Andrews

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 9/2/2016

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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The following materials are submitted on July 15, 2016
For nomination of the City Savings Banks' Trust to the National Register of
Historic Places: Stark Co, OH

- Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
 Paper PDF
- Multiple Property Nomination Cover Document
 Paper PDF
- Multiple Property Nomination form
 Paper PDF
- Photographs
 Prints TIFFs
- CD with electronic images
- Original USGS map(s)
 Paper Digital
- Sketch map(s)/Photograph view map(s)/Floor plan(s)
 Paper PDF
- Piece(s) of correspondence
 Paper PDF
- Other _____

COMMENTS:

- Please provide a substantive review of this nomination
- This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- The enclosed owner objection(s) do _____ do not _____
Constitute a majority of property owners
- Other: _____



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July 15, 2016

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief, National Register
and National Historic Landmark Programs
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye St. NW, 8th Fl. (2280)
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find seven (7) new National Register nominations for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new nomination submissions.

NEW NOMINATION

Cleveland Public Library Hough Branch
Commodore Hotel
Engine House No. 6
Bappert, Joseph and Cecilia House
Rauh, Frederick and Harriet House
L. N. Gross Company Building
City Savings Bank and Trust Company

COUNTY

Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga
Hamilton
Hamilton
Portage
Stark

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the following: Engine House No. 6, Franklin County, OH; Rauh, Frederick and Harriet House, Hamilton County, OH; L. N. Gross Company Building, Portage County, OH; and City Savings Bank and Trust Company, Stark County, OH.

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact the National Register staff in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000.

Sincerely,

for

Lox A. Logan, Jr.
Executive Director and CEO
State Historic Preservation Officer
Ohio History Connection

Enclosures