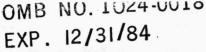
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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET General Description (Thompson, ... TR) Code: MO-072 Congressional District: First Name: Gazzola and Vaccaro Building Current Owner: Ray Jones 131-133 West Cypress Address: Address: 133 West Cypress Brinkley, Arkansas County: Monroe Brinkley, Arkansas 72021 Architectural Information Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson Date of Construction: 1916 Stylistic Influence: Prairie Style Original Use: Commercial Present Use: Commercial Store and Office Bldg. Geographical Information UTM Reference: 15 665140/3861840 Acreage: Less than one Original Town of Brinkley Verbal Boundary Description: West 1/2 of West 1/2 of Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 33 Condition Unaltered x Excellent Deteriorated Ruins Altered Good

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#### Physical Description

This two-story commercial building constructed of common bond brick is located on a corner site in Brinkley's downtown area. Its broad, horizontal, simple massing, the interlocking vertical and horizontal rhythmic elements and a sensitive exploitation of materials and textures reflect a marked Prairie Style influence. The rectangular structure with a flat roof features a parapet outlined with stone coping which rises to a broad curve centered in the facade. Below, a group of seven plate glass sash windows, the upper panes of which have intersecting border muntins, sets up a strong horizontal rhythm. Rich, decorative brickwork provides the frame for these windows. Introducing a strong vertical rhythm, bricks set in raised panels are set between each window creating a pilaster-like effect, augmented by the use of simple stone bases and capitals. Flemish bond brick panels immediately surround each window. Stone window sills, punctuated by the interspersed bases of the brick pilasters, provide another strong horizontal rhythm. The inset panel of bricks laid in patterns of narrow vertical strips appears above the window. The vertical accents of two inset stone strips at the top and near the ends of the parapet are offset by the horizontal emphasis of the long, narrow stone panel bearing the name of the building. The ground story features large plate glass windows and two entrances

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#### Statement of Significance

The Gazzola and Vaccaro Building in Brinkley, Arkansas was designed by Charles L. Thompson in 1916. Located in the main business district of the eastern Arkansas farming town, the building is an imposing landmark in its neighborhood. In its intricate and varied brick detailing, and its effective interplay of horizontal and vertical elements, this design is one of the firm's most successful interpretations of the Prairie Style for a commercial building. It is clearly one of the most sophisticated designs in the downtown of Brinkley, Arkansas. The building appears to have been altered very little from its original design. Although a new cedar-shingled awning has been added, the original drawings indicate plans for an awning of this configuration.

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#### Physical Description

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of double leaf doors. On the side (south) elevation a three-window unit outlined by the same type brick pilasters and patterns appears on the second floor near the corner. Farther to the rear extends a series of plain sash windows, the originals containing nine-over-one lights. Four small square windows appear on the side on the ground floor.

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