

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Bank of Webster

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 704 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Minden N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 parish ~~xx~~ Webster code 119

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. James Harris Joyner, Jr.

street & number 704 Main Street

city, town Minden N/A vicinity of state LA 71055

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Webster Parish Courthouse

street & number 410 Main Street P. O. Box 370

city, town Minden state LA 71058

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title LA Standing Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bank of Webster (1910) is a two story, brick, neo-classical building located in downtown Minden. Despite some alteration, the bank retains its National Register eligibility.

The Bank of Webster is a deep structure with only a fairly narrow frontage on the street. Its principal architectural feature is its monumental distyle in antis Ionic facade which culminates in a classical shaped parapet with a central bas relief eagle inscribed in a wreath. Originally the facade fenestration was square head, but recently the entranceway was reworked in the form of a Palladian motif. The side elevation, which runs along an alley, features shallow arched openings. In about 1940 the bank received a rear addition which extended the building right through the block to the street behind. This created a secondary (rear) elevation which was recently given a post-Modernist treatment. For the record, the interior of the bank is completely modern.

Assessment of Integrity

Despite the many alterations the bank has undergone, it still retains its neo-classical facade, which is the source of its significance.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1910 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Bank of Webster

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Bank of Webster is locally significant in the area of architecture as a very superior example from among a limited number of historic commercial buildings in Webster Parish.

The Louisiana Comprehensive Historic Structures Survey has identified 432 buildings in Webster Parish that are fifty years old or older. Being a large rural parish, Webster is mainly characterized by residences and outbuildings. In fact, the survey identified only seventeen historic masonry commercial buildings in the entire parish, all of which are in Minden and all of which appear to date from c.1900-c.1930. For the most part, articulation on these buildings is limited to brick panels and cornices, trimmed parapets, and square head windows. The Bank of Webster is far more pretentious than this, being the only commercial building in the parish to feature high style neo-classical articulation. It is the only commercial use of free-standing columns (let alone colossal ones) and the only commercial use of a full entablature.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Webster Parish Historic Structures Survey, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property @ 1/8th of an acre

Quadrangle name Minden, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A

1	5	4	7	3	1	5	0	3	6	0	8	5	5	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary lines follow property lines of the lot on which the building stands, said lot measuring 26 feet in width along Main Street and 150 feet in depth. The southwest boundary line is a party wall.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date July 28, 1987

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Carol D. Skelton

date

9-16-87

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration