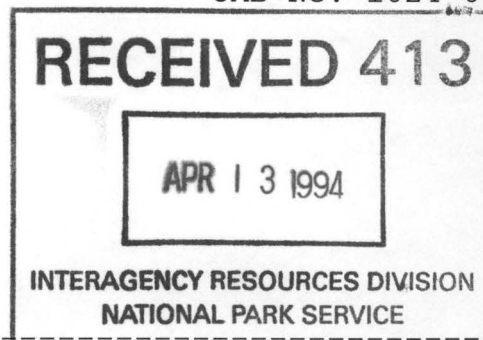


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REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Dermott Bank & Trust Company Building

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: NW Corner of N. Arkansas and E. Iowa Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Dermott

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Chicot code: AR 017 zip code: 71638

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Public-local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </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: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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#### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater  
Signature of certifying official

4-6-94  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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#### 5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 5.19.94

Entered in the  
National Register

for

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Commerce

Sub: financial institution

Current : Vacant/Not In Use

Sub: \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**  
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Architectural Classification:

Classical Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Asphalt  
walls Brick other Concrete, Metal, Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
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Period(s) of Significance: c. 1910

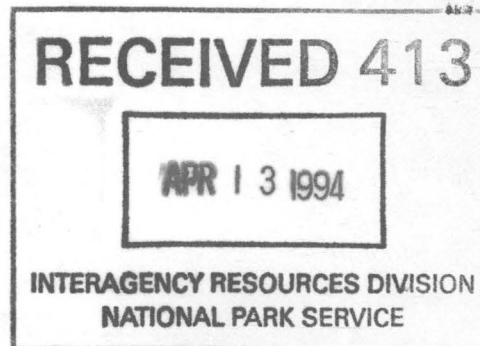
Significant Dates: c. 1910

Significant Person(s): N/A  
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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1**Summary**

The single-story brick Dermott Bank and Trust Company Building was constructed c. 1910 in the Classical Revival style of architecture. Located at the northwest corner of Arkansas and Iowa Streets, the bank building is in very deteriorated condition; however, a restoration financed by Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) funds is scheduled to begin soon.

**Elaboration**

Constructed c. 1910, the single-story brick Dermott Bank and Trust Company Building was designed in the Classical Revival style by an unknown architect. The rectangular-plan building rests upon a continuous concrete foundation and is covered by an asphalt-covered sloped roof behind a parapet. There are no extant chimneys or associated outbuildings.

The front, or southern, elevation features a slightly recessed double-leaf entrance with transom flanked by two attached concrete Tuscan columns. The two fully-glazed doors, as well as all of the windows, have been vandalized and are now covered with tin. The impressive transom consisting of sixty-four triangular panes is not covered, however, and reveals several broken panes. A single-pane window with a thirty-two pane transom of the same configuration is placed to either side of the columns and completes the front elevation fenestration. Above the columns, a wide concrete frieze extends across the facade and contains four raised disks that serve as the anchor end for tension rods that are not currently utilized. A similar-sized concrete band with the inscription "Dermott Bank & Trust Co." is located above the frieze but does not extend the length of the facade. Additional ornamentation is provided by a projecting metal cornice with modillions that is located substantially below the cap of the brick parapet.

This cornice wraps around to the first bay of the eastern elevation, which is configured in the same manner as the front elevation with a group of three windows resting on concrete sills. As the center window is wider, it features a sixty-four pane transom while thirty-two pane transoms suffice for the narrower flanking windows. The actual window sash configuration is missing for all three windows. Above the transoms, the concrete frieze on the front elevation is continued and likewise contains the circular tension rod holders, which are used on this elevation. The remainder of the eastern elevation, approximately two-thirds its length, may have been a slightly later addition as the brick is of a slightly different tint. Fenestration is provided by two large window openings with concrete sills and triangular-pane transoms and a smaller one-over-one window that is adjacent to a single-leaf doorway with transom. This

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latter grouping, though also boarded over, is denoted by a substantial concrete lintel. A similar-sized window opening is located at the end of the elevation; however, it has a robust concrete sill with no lintel.

The rear elevation is blank, and the western elevation served as a common wall to a larger two-story structure that has recently been demolished. There is a single-leaf doorway opening in the center of this elevation and evidence that two windows were filled on the southern end.

Virtually nothing remains of the interior save a cast-iron vault door that is adorned with fluted Corinthian pilasters and a broken segmental-arch pediment with central urn and dentil course. Otherwise, there are portions of the decorative pressed-metal ceiling that survive despite a roof with a torrential leak. Likewise, the majority of the tongue-and-groove wooden floor has completely rotted through.

The future of this beleaguered building appears bright, however, for the current owner, the City of Dermott, recently received a \$64,000 ISTEA grant to stabilize the structure. Work is scheduled to begin this spring.



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**Summary**

The Dermott Bank & Trust Company Building is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example in Dermott of a Classical Revival-style commercial building.

**Elaboration**

Situated at the junction of two lines of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railroad, Dermott was incorporated in 1890 with a population of 467. It quickly grew to be the largest town in Chicot County (population of 2,330 by 1920) with an economy centered around lumbering, agriculture, and factories producing handles, silos, and cooperage material.

The Dermott Bank & Trust Company was chartered on February 10, 1911. An October 31, 1914, report to the Bank Commissioner shows \$177,250 in assets and liabilities and lists the following bank officers: H. Thane, president; E. P. Remley, vice president; G. A. Franklin, cashier; Charles Crook, assistant cashier. The bank failed on December 12, 1921, and was placed in the hands of the bank commissioner. Its assets and liabilities were assumed by a newly organized bank, the Bank of Dermott, on January 5, 1922. This bank was closed for liquidation and sold to the Dermott State Bank on March 18, 1929. Interestingly, this bank was consolidated on the same day with the Exchange Bank & Trust Company, a contemporary of the original Dermott Bank & Trust Company having been chartered on May 25, 1910. In its final guise, the bank lasted until September 26, 1931, when it was closed for liquidation. It appears that the nominated property was used as a bank building throughout all of these reorganizations.

The Dermott Bank & Trust Company Building was later occupied as part of a building supply store and then as a warehouse for cotton gin parts. Although it is currently in an advanced state of deterioration, a \$64,000 ISTEAG grant has recently been secured through the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. This initial grant will be used to stabilize the structure.

Under Criterion C, the Dermott Bank & Trust Company Building is locally significant as the only extant commercial building in Dermott that exhibits the Classical Revival style of architecture.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one.

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>645460</u>	<u>3710740</u>	B	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

   See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:    See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the northwest corner of the junction of E. Iowa and N. Arkansas Streets, proceed north along the western curblineline of N. Arkansas Street to the intersection with a line formed by, yet ten feet from, the northern (rear) elevation of the bank; thence proceed west along said line to its intersection with a line formed by the western elevation of the bank; thence proceed south along said line its intersection with the northern curblineline of E. Iowa Street; thence proceed east along this curblineline to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:    See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Dermott Bank & Trust Company Building

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Chicot

DATE RECEIVED: 4/13/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/03/94  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/19/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/28/94  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000466

NOMINATOR: STATE

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 5.19.94 DATE Entered in the National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps \_\_\_USGS maps \_\_\_photographs \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_





Dermott Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.

Chicot Co., Arkansas

Photograph by Patrick Zolher

October 1993

Negative on file at AHPP

View from the south







Dermott Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.  
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Negative on file at AHPP  
view from the southwest



Dermott Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.

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View from the northeast





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Negative on file at AHPP  
View from the southeast







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Negative on file at AHPP

View of interior from the south



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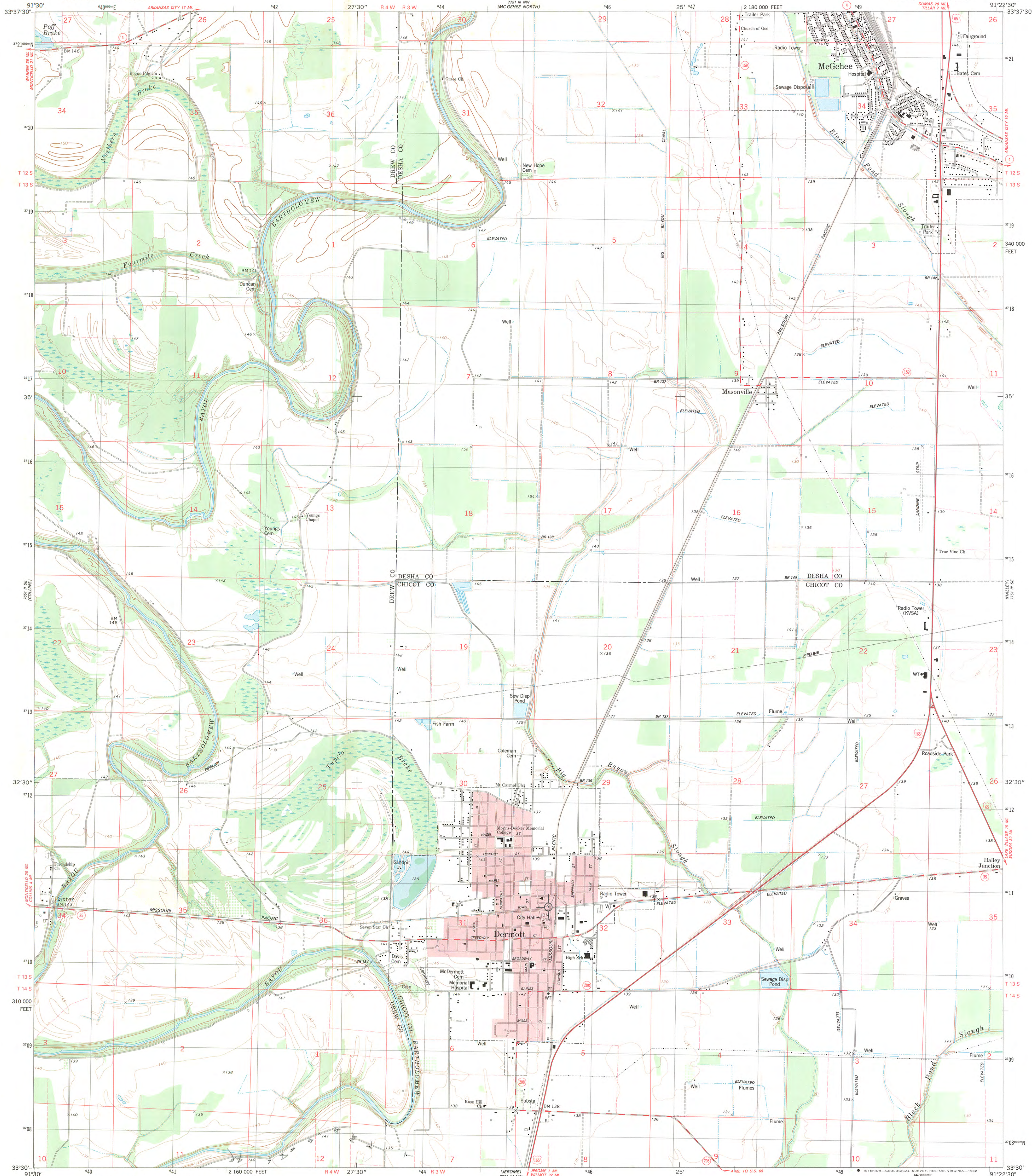
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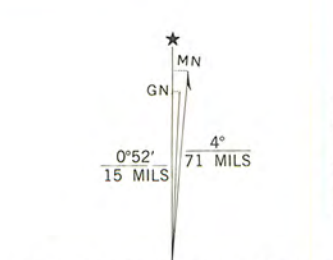


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View of pressed-metal ceiling

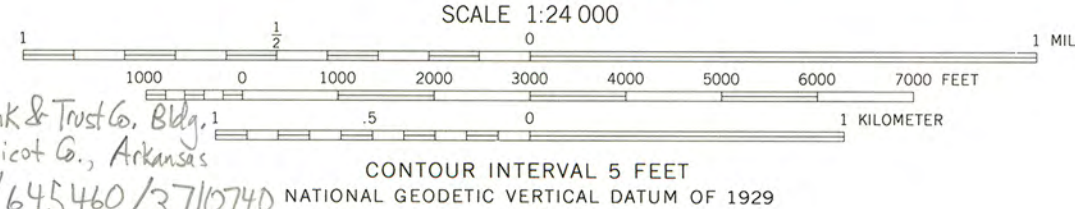




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Dermott Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.  
Dermott, Chicot Co., Arkansas  
UTM: 15/645460/3710740



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

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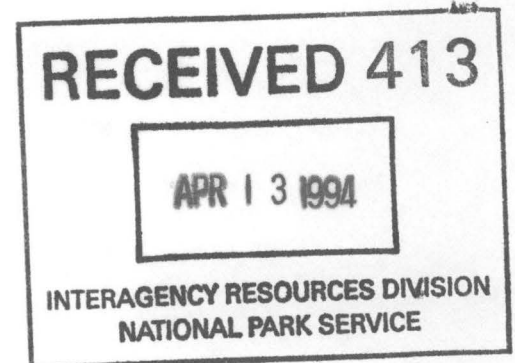
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ARKANSAS  
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April 6, 1994

Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
800 North Capitol Street, Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Dermott Bank & Trust Company Building  
Dermott, Chicot County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford Slater  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CBS:kg

Enclosures

