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The structure was built in 1906 for W. R. Felker as the Bank of Rogers. It is a two storey brick building with a stone facade on the east side of the building. The architect was A. O. Clark, an early architect in the Rogers area, and the contractor was John Mylor, an early brick mason who built many of the brick buildings of early Rogers. The main attraction is the east facade which has two marble columns with floriated capitals which support a semi-circular arch flanked by engaged square stone pilasters with capitals similar to those of the columns. The pilasters support a plain frieze with stone dentils and a pediment with a rather low pitch. Immediately behind the pediment is a parapet wall which is higher at the center and stepped down at the sides to accommodate the pediment.

The main entry is set back four feet from the arch and is a single metal-frame door with sidelights and transom. The entry is flanked by single-pane plate glass windows (alterations). Inside the arch and above the door and windows a mural has recently been painted depicting an early train arriving at the Rogers depot.

The west facade is three bays wide with basement windows in the first two bays, above which are mullion windows with transoms. The third bay consists of two wood-panel doors with glass in the upper half. There is a metal coal shute partially covered by wooden steps leading up to the doors. The windows and doors at this level are covered with iron bars. The windows at the second level are 12 lights with transom. Much of the interior has been altered. The furnace has been converted to gas and is still in use. The vault is in disrepair but is still present in the basement. The building originally had a skylight above the teller area. At the request of the insurance company it was blocked off following a fire in a nearby building which had a similar skylight that acted like a chimney during the fire; this was probably in the early 1950's.

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BUILDER/ARCHITECT A. O. Clark, Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bank of Rogers Building, which was built in 1906, is one of the most impressive classically detailed structures in Rogers, Arkansas. The building was the third structure that housed the Bank of Rogers, which was one of the city's first banking institutions. The building is an important reminder of the early financial history of the city.

The Bank of Rogers was established in 1883 (two years after the incorporation of Rogers) by W. R. Felker, a Rogers businessman. The initial location of the bank was in a corner of a Rogers grocery store. In 1887 the bank was moved into the Commercial Hotel in downtown Rogers where it remained until the completion of the Bank of Rogers Building in 1906. The new bank building was designed by A. O. Clark, a prominent local architect, and was built by John Mylor.

The Bank of Rogers Building, during its years of use as a bank, housed three different Rogers banks. The first was the Bank of Rogers which, until its failure in 1914, played a major role in the development of the town. It was one of two banks that dominated the early political and economic history of Rogers. The other important bank, Citizen's Bank, was controlled by Republican interests while the owners of the Bank of Rogers were avowedly Democrat. The two banks were political competitors, and they often supported and financed the campaigns of opposing candidates in local elections.

After the Bank of Rogers folded, the bank building was occupied by the Farmers State Bank. This bank failed during the depression and was followed by the American National Bank which utilized the building for a number of years. In 1976 the Bank of Rogers Building was converted for use as the Rogers Historical Museum

The Bank of Rogers Building is a two-storey building that is faced with finished limestone. On the east elevation (the facade) a full entrance arch springs from a panelled stone impost. The impost is supported on its outside by quoined pilasters and on its inside by polished marble columns with floriated capitals. A full entablature, that is supported by pilasters rising from the impost, is located above the entrance arch. A pediment surmounts the entablature. The facade terminates in a flat parapet that features an ogee mold and coping.

The interior of the bank has been extensively altered. The original lobby of the bank has been partitioned into exhibit rooms, the ceilings have been lowered, and new carpeting has been laid. Since the architectural importance of the bank rests with the appearance of its facade, the alteration of the interior does not appreciably affect the significance of the building.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES Black, J. Dickson. History of Benton County. Little Rock: International Graphics Industries, 1975. Felkner, Warren. Interview, February 19, 1976. Rogers Daily News. April 22, 1976. TIGEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre. 1:24,000 QUADRANGLE NAME Rogers Quadrangle QUADRANGLE SCALE UTM REFERENCES [4,0]2,1]2,0,0] A 11.5 13 9 9 8 2 0 NORTHING NORTHING VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE CODE CODE COUNTY STATE CODE COUNTY CODE FORM PREPARED BY Description: Frezil Miller Significance. Mike Shinn ORGANIZATION DATE Arkansas Historic Preservation Program 4/16/79 TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham Sts. 501-371-2763: CITY OR TOWN STATE Little Rock Arkansas + STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS: LOCAL X NATIONAL_ STATE As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1,966 (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. methodal 17 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Joan Baldridge DATE May 22, 1979 TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER ATTEST: DATE

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The Bank of Rogers is located on the periphery of the architecturally significant downtown section of Rogers. The bank is one of the most distinguished classically detailed structures in the downtown area. Adjoining the bank building on its south elevation is the Applegate Drugstore, which is an arheitecturally significant structure that is also being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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7. Description

The Bank of Rogers Building is a rectangular, two-story brick structure wedged between two commercial buildings on South First Street in Rogers, Arkansas. The principal (east) facade is faced with finished limestone. The height and setback of the small row of commercial structures of which the Bank of Rogers is a part are uniform.

The principal facade of the bank is classically detailed, the design most closely fitting the mode of Renaissance Revival architecture. The extensively altered interior houses the Rogers Historical Museum. The interior alteration does little to detract from the architectural significance of the building because that significance rests entirely on the rich articulation of the principal facade.

The front of the building is actually divided into two principal facades. One facade abuts the sidewalk; the other sits back several feet from the facade fronting the sidewalk. The inner facade is viewed through a large arched opening. The space between the two facades forms a porch-like alcove.

The facade adjacent to the sidewalk resembles a triumphal arch; a large arched opening is centered in the wall. The opening is framed by polished marble columns and stone piers that equal the columns in height. The capitals of the marble columns are foliated while the piers are topped with roughly faced square capitals. The columns and piers support paneled imposts. A large semi-circular arch with articulated stone voussiors and keystone springs from the imposts. The arch is positioned in the lower part of the second story of the exterior facade. Two pilasters flank the arch and support an entablature and pediment that project from the wall. Above the pediment the outer facade terminates in a stepped parapet with ogee coping.

The second or inner facade wall is dominated by a large first floor entrance that opens under a segmental arch. The entrance is comprised of a single leaf door with sidelights and a fan light that has recently been painted with a railroad scene. The second story of the inner wall is also dominated by a large arch, in this instance one that is semi-circular. The arch surrounds paired rectangular sash windows. The space of the tympanum of the arch that is not occupied by the sash windows is filled with fixed-in-place lights.

Since the Bank of Rogers is abutted on both its north and south elevations by adjoining buildings, very little of the structure other than the principal elevation is visible. The remaining exterior walls that are visible (west elevation and upper story of the rear of the north elevation) are of simple and unadorned brick construction. The windows on the north elevation are alterations. The significant principal elevation (east) has experienced few and only minor alterations.

8. Significance

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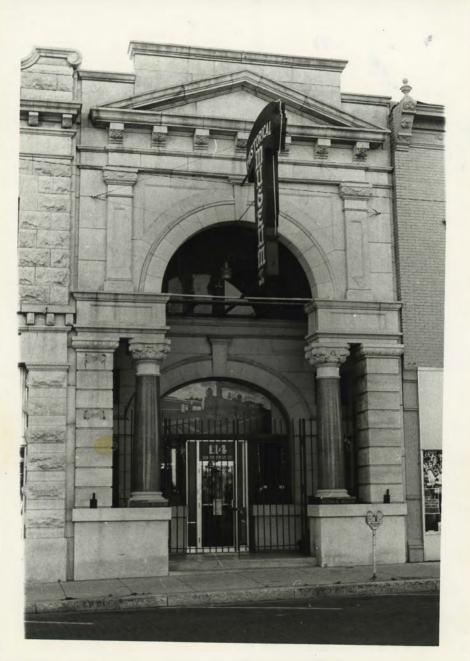
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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The Bank of Rogers Building is a locally important example of Second Renaissance Revival architecture. Like many Renaissance designs, the principal (east) facade reflects the characteristics of a triumphal arch, with a large Roman arch and pediment dominating this two-story elevation. The significance of the design stems not only from the merit of the composition, but also from the absence of resources of similar quality in the Rogers area that bear the stamp of the Renaissance Revival. Commercial significance complements the building's architectural significance. The building was the third structure to house the Bank of Rogers (1883-1914), one of the two earliest banks established in the city. The bank, a source of capital for businessmen and other residents of Rogers, was an important factor in the early commercial development of the community. Two banks succeeded the Bank of Rogers in the use of the building. In 1976 the Rogers Historical Museum occupied the building.

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Detail of the Principal (east) facade
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March 14, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull Acting Keeper of the National Register Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the nomination for the Bank of Rogers Building which has been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March 1979 meeting.

I hereby certify that the owner listed in Section 4 of the nomination is the legal owner of the property.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Williams Baldridge

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Carol D. Shull
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Attn: NOM

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Regarding: Bank of Rogers Building

Dear Ms. Shull:

I would like to inform your office that I and my partner, Howard Slinkard, Attorney, of Rogers, have purchased the Bank of Rogers Building in Rogers, Arkansas.

I noticed in a letter dated May 14, 1980 sent to Ms. Opal Beck that our Building is being nominated for the National Register. What is the status of this nomination? We notified the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in May that we had acquired the structure. We will be meeting with their office July 18 to establish a plan for the renovation of the Bank. What is the availability of any funds for restoration work?

Our City is celebrating its Centennial this next year, and since this is the best example of classic architecture in our community we would like to make every effort for its renovation. The structure is presently housing the City Museum on the lower floor and the upstairs is vacant. Our intentions are to create a series of four office suites on the second floor and restore the facade and entry porch. The Museum is seeking a new location, and when they move out we would like to restore the first floor for one occupant.

Any information you can give us will be helpful. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John T. Mack

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