

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>Meigs County Bank</u>	STATUS	Open to public: Yes ___ No ___ Restricted <u>X</u>
	Common name: <u>Wade Office Building</u>		Visible from road: Yes <u>X</u> No ___
	Address: <u>Court Square</u> <u>Decatur, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: Yes <u>X</u> No ___
	Owner's name: <u>Norman D. Wade</u>		Present use: <u>Commercial</u>
	Owner's address: <u>P.O. Box 8</u> <u>Decatur, Tennessee 37322</u>		Current condition: <u>Good</u>
	Classification: <u>Building-private</u>		Alterations: <u>Transoms, entrance, and window surrounds are painted white. Interior is divided into offices. All alterations ca. 1975</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 3, Map 42-K,</u> <u>Parcel C-10</u>		Site features: <u>N/A</u>
	Acreage: <u>.1 acres</u>		
UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3932260</u> <u>E 700450</u>			
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1920</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>"Meigs Bank Opened 1907," Daily Post-Athenian, Bicentennial Edition, July 2, 1976, p. 16G.</u>
	Architect/builder: <u>unknown</u>		
	Original or previous owners: <u>Meigs County Bank,</u> <u>original owner</u>		
	Original use: <u>Commercial</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Commerce</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other <u>N/A</u>		Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u> Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u> Date: <u>9/16/81</u>
DESCRIPTION	The Meigs County Bank is a one story building built of brick laid in stretcher bond upon a raised concrete foundation. Rectangular in plan, the bank has a flat roof with parapet ornamented by two concrete belt courses. The three bay facade (south elevation) is distinguished by a central entrance recessed into a round-headed arch with concrete hood and keystone. The door of the entrance is surrounded by engaged columns supporting an entablature. Windows on the facade and east elevation are 1/1 lights. The windows and doors on these elevations are inset into round arched openings with keystones and have arched transoms with diamond tracery. Additional decorative details on the building include the corner treatments on the walls and parapet.		
SIGNIFICANCE	The Meigs County Bank opened on July 4, 1907 in an office in the Meigs County Courthouse. After three months of operation the bank's financial statement included \$24,858 in total resources, and liabilities including \$19,352 in deposits and \$13,033 in outstanding loans. The bank built its own building in 1920, the Meigs County Bank Building. By 1976, the bank had resources of \$7 million, and in the early 1970's it moved to a new location on Highway 58 in Decatur. The old bank building is now used as offices for other businesses. The Meigs County Bank Building is one of only six brick buildings in the county, and is the only example of early twentieth century commercial architecture in Decatur and Meigs County. The Meigs County Bank is the only banking firm native to Meigs County.		

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: Stephen T. Rogers

Date: 1/23/79

Negatives on file: Tennessee Historical

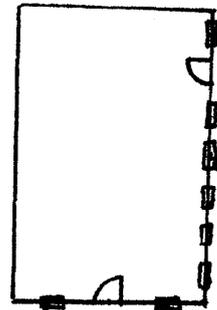
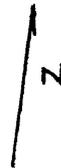
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Photographer facing: S & E elevation-Facing NW

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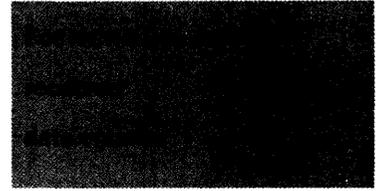
CONTINUATION

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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MEIGS COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION - Meigs County Bank (#25)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

25. The boundaries shown on the map conform to the dimensions of the lot, occupied by the bank building, which consists of approximately .1 acres.

Historic Resources of Meigs County,
Tennessee
(Partial Inventory: Historic and
Architectural Resources)

MEIGS COUNTY BANK (#25)

