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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **/*
Merchants and Planters Bank Building
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
100 Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Pine Bluff
STATE
Arkansas
VICINITY OF
CODE
05
COUNTY
Jefferson
CODE
069 ✓
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Jim Hood
STREET & NUMBER
100 Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Pine Bluff
STATE
Arkansas
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Jefferson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
1800 East Harding
CITY, TOWN
Pine Bluff
STATE
Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Merchants and Planters' Bank is a large, rectangular brick building with a hipped slate roof. It is flanked by two smaller commercial structures of approximately the same age and of the Victorian Romanesque style.

Entrance to the two-story bank building is a triangular porch, inset on the northeast corner. The porch is composed of two rusticated arches resting on a capiteled marble column. Above the entrance is a three-story round tower, articulated between the second and third floors in molded terra cotta. The conical roof of the tower is shingled and topped with a finial.

Dressed granite banding articulates the building between floors. Windows on the first story are rectangular, while windows on the second floor are framed in masonry arches. Brick is of excellent quality, molded and rubbed with pencil joints. Doors are oak with bronze hardware. The terra-cotta detailing is of particular interest.

The interior of the Merchants and Planters' Bank has tin ceilings, encaustic tile floors, marble wainscots and good hardware. The floors are of fireproof construction. The building has four skylights with operable windows and two lightwells which also serve as ventilating shafts. The three original bank vaults, one of which is of notable design, are still intact. The second floor is reached by a hardwood stair with railing and balusters. Flooring is oak.

The attached building on the ^{north} east side is a two-story store front divided into three bays on the first level and four on the second. The building has metal cornices and hood molds.

On the ^{east} north side is a two-story building topped with an overhanging cornice of geometrical pattern. This structure is also detailed in terra cotta.

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Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the architectural description should read as follows:

The attached building on the north side is a two-storey store front divided into three bays on the first level and four on the second. The building has metal cornices and hood molds.

On the east side is a two-storey building topped with and overhanging cornice of geometrical pattern. This structure is also detailed in terra cotta.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Press-Eagle, January 26, 1892.
Press-Eagle, November 1, 1892.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Section 1 28 of 7-31-78

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

QUADRANGLE NAME _____ QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING						
C							D					
E							F					
G							H					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	James Leslie	Description: Frezil Miller	DATE	
ORGANIZATION	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program		DATE	December 1977
STREET & NUMBER	Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham		TELEPHONE	501-371-2763
CITY OR TOWN	Little Rock		STATE	Arkansas

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 *Gene Bartley*

TITLE SHPO DATE 1-18-78 (JFT)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>8/78</u>
ATTEST: <i>Charles [Signature]</i>	DATE <u>7-31-78</u>
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	



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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Sandra Taylor-Smith

DATE OF PHOTO

10/77

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

viewed from the northeast

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1 of 15



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REAL INVESTMENT BOND

JEFFERSON ABSTRACT CO.

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FLORIST
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JEFFERSON
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JOHN W. NYEGAARD

Army

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viewed from the southeast

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JEFFERSON COUNTY
VOTER REGISTRATION
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THE NEW CENTER

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marble column and granit entrance

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tower located above entrance on northeast corner of structure

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ROY ROGERS ARMY STORE

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MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING
Jefferson County, AR

Photo 7 of 15

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MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING
Jefferson County, AR

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INSURANCE

6. MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

TOWER LOCATED ABOVE ENTRANCE ON NORTHEAST CORNER OF STRUCTURE

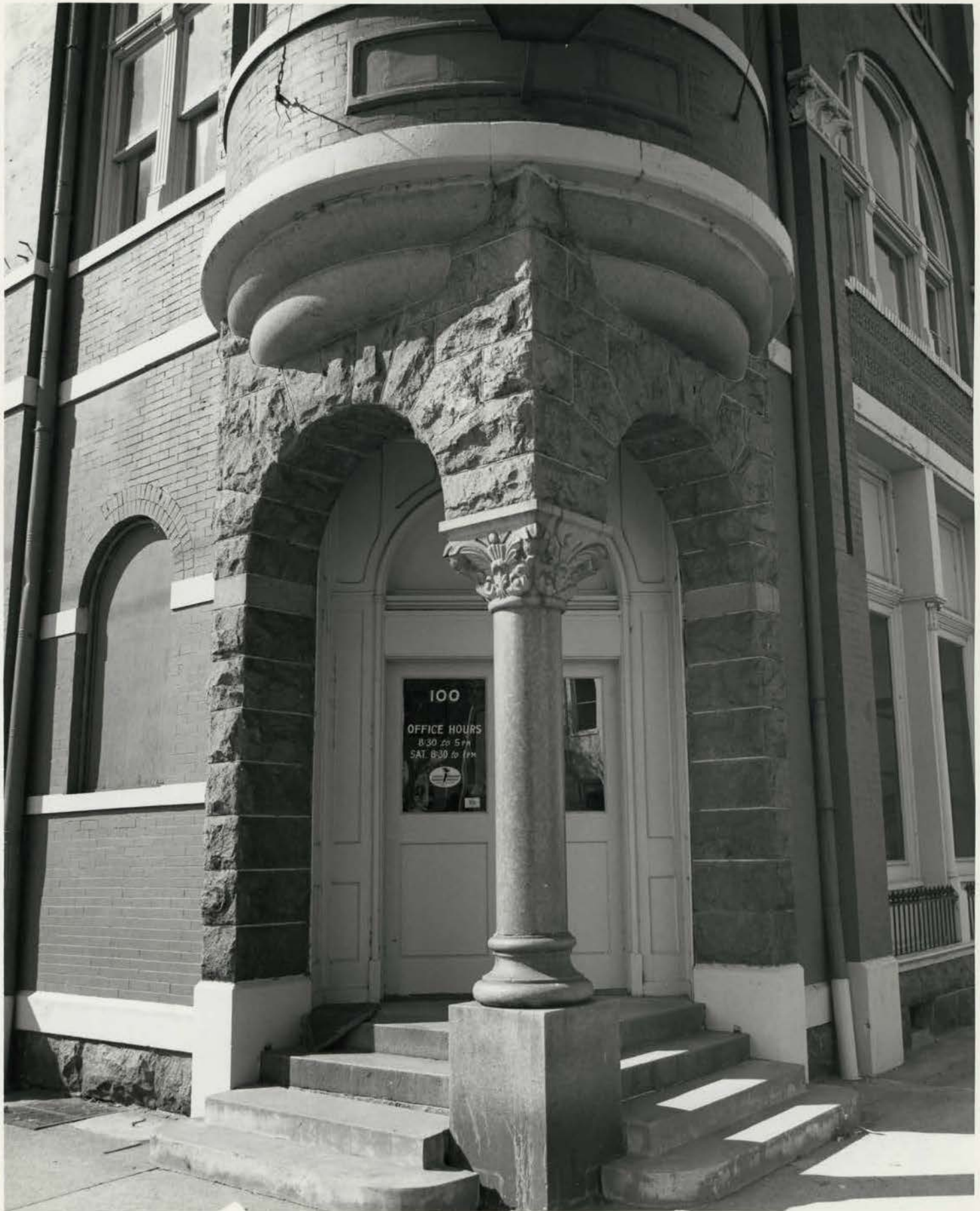
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MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING

Jefferson County, AR

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Property of the National Register



100
OFFICE HOURS
8:30 to 5 PM
SAT. 8:30 to 1 PM

5. MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK
JEFFERSON County, ARKANSAS
MARBLE COLUMN AND GRANITE ENTRANCE

AUG 1 1978

MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING
Jefferson County, AR

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Property of the National Register



4. MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK
JEFFERSON County, ARKANSAS
VIEWED from the southeast

AUG 1 1978

MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING
Jefferson County, AR

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3. MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
VIEWED FROM THE NORTHWEST

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MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING
Jefferson County, AR

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JIM HOOD & CO.
INSURANCE

OFFICE OF THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

For Rent
Call
JIM HOOD
& CO.



MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
VIEWED FROM THE NORTHEAST

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MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK BUILDING
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MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
VIEWED FROM THE NORTHEAST

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Jefferson

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

United States Geological Survey

SCALE

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DATE

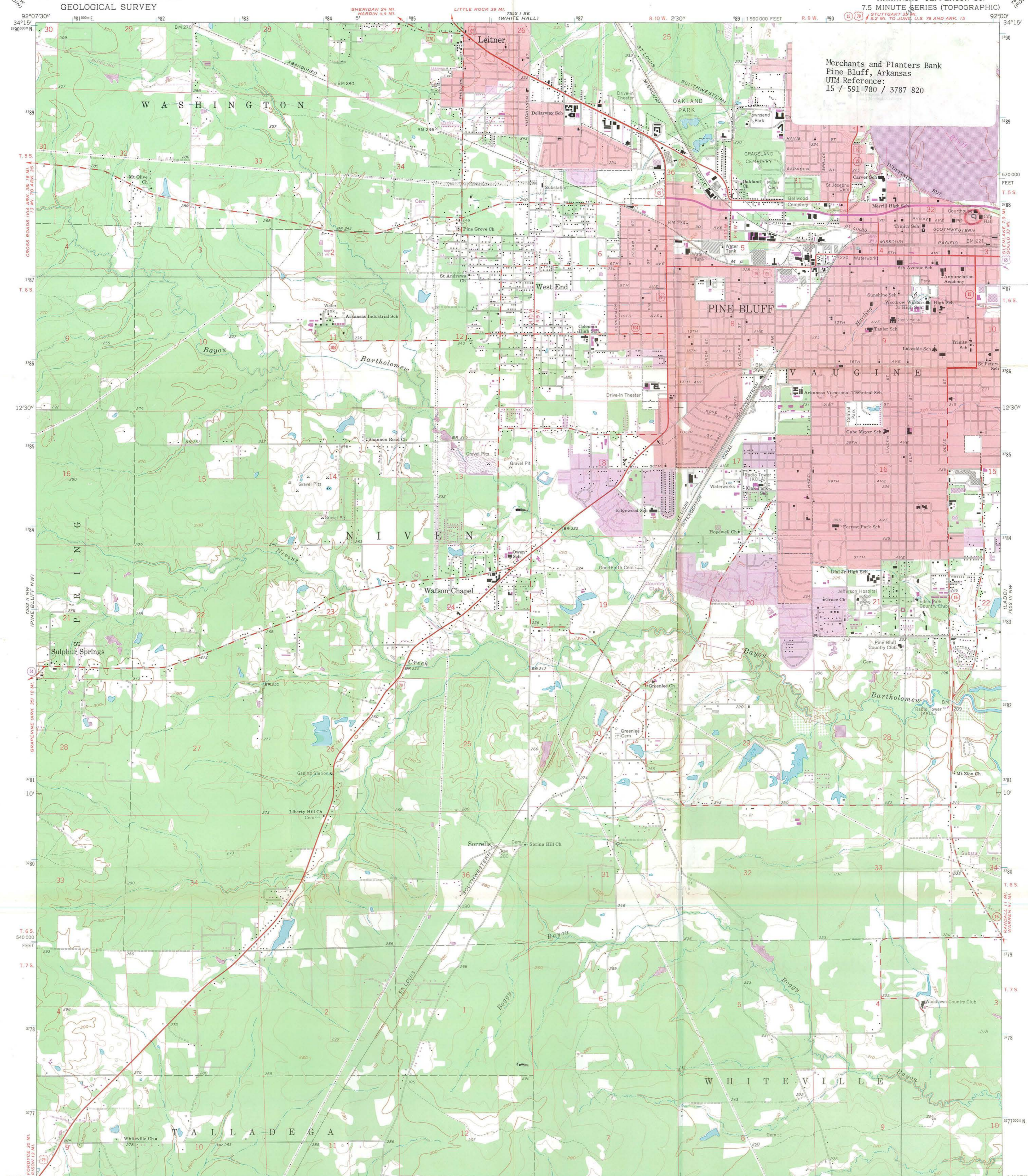
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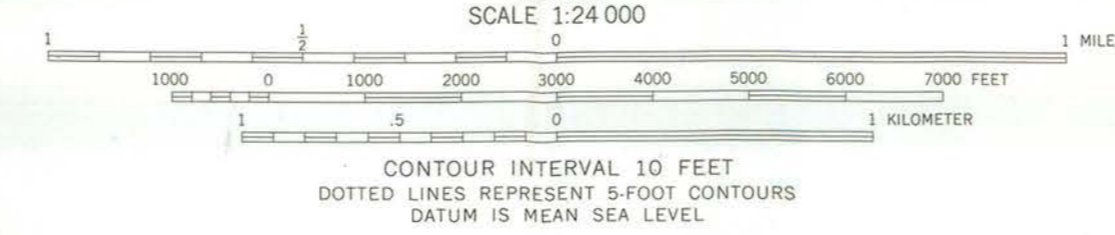
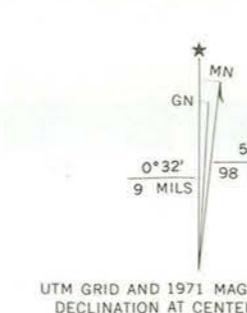
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

Merchants and Planters Bank
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
UTM Reference:
15 / 591 780 / 3787 820



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1961. Topography by planetable surveys 1961-62
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1971. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

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National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2014

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Merchants and Planters Bank Building

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED: 8/26/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/12/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78000600

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 10-8-14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accepted
REVIEWER Robert Bell DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 10-8-14

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page

After the bank failed Jefferson County took ownership of the property. In 1946 E. W. Hood (1886-1972) purchased it from Jefferson County, and then in 1956 Jim Hood (1928-1999) bought it from his father. For 43 years Jim and Avis Hood ran Hood & Company Realty & Insurance and Southern Development Corporation here.

After the 1976 fire that destroyed the Jefferson County Courthouse, the "Hood Building", as it has been called, was condemned by the county government under eminent domain along with all the other properties in the north half blocks between Pine Street and State Street. They wanted to make a courthouse parking plaza out of it. Jim Hood filed a lawsuit contesting the price the county government deemed to be the fair market value as required by law. The "plaza plan" was subsequently abandoned after having been delayed by the court case until another County Judge, Earl Chadick, took office, and enough public sentiment for preserving the historical landmark resulted in the condemnation being rescinded. If it had not been for the tenaciousness of Jim Hood this building might not be here today.

The present owner, Southern Development Corporation, maintains the historic integrity of its exterior. Operating as an office building, today it remains one of Pine Bluff's landmarks to the prosperous 1890s.

National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

Property Merchants and Planters Bank Building

State Ark.

Working Number 1.30.78.2362

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TECHNICAL

Photos 6+9 Needs acreage, date OK
Maps 1, 2 Sketches

CONTROL

pl
1.31.78

HISTORIAN

~~SALE~~ ACCEPT
2-1-78 JFJ
Joe Fanner

Extremely poor architectural description and even weaker statement of architectural significance, but will defer to architectural historian. Need to know acreage & whether adjacent bldgs. are also being nominated, and date signed by SHPPB.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept
Brannan
2-1-78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Architectural / historical significance is not full - but see owner's legal brief. Building (that includes 2 portions integrally connected) is unquestionably important in that community even ~~on~~ without a lot of site integrity.

Sheffy fort
7-31-78
accept

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Quinn
2/1/78

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 9.5.78

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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JONES & PETTY

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

616 NATIONAL BUILDING

P. O. BOX 7673

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS 71601

December 13, 1977

JOHN HARRIS JONES
MELVIN E. PETTY

PHONE: 535-2271

Dr. William Murtagh
Department of Interior
National Park Service
National Register
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Ms. Barbara Woodard, deputy director of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

I represent the owner of the Hood Building which, if the plans of the County Judge are followed, will be razed to make parking space for the new county courthouse. The building has been inspected by Mr. Dan Chapel, architect with the Arkansas program, who finds it of architectural significance.

My conception of the defense of the building is set out in the Complaint, a copy of which is enclosed. Marked in red are the portions which relate to the historic and architectural uniqueness of the structure.

The case is set for trial January 9-11, 1978. The local newspaper has demonstrated its interest in preservation of the building. If we can stop the County from this bulldozer operation the impact may be much greater than saving one structure.

Is it possible that you might appear as an expert witness?

Sincerely,

John Harris Jones

Spoke with Barbara Woodard,
although SHPO appreciates importance
of bldg, she does not want to
alienate the city govt which is
going to tear the bldg down for
a parking lot. Jones subpoenaed
the SHPO

LOGOV 12/29/11

Handy 1-4-78
LEBOUR 1/4/78
Coke for
Herrington
1/4/78

JAN 4 1978

H32-880

Mr. John Harris Jones
Jones & Petty
616 National Building
P.O. Box 7673
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Hood Building, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The National Register shares your concern in this matter; however, my schedule prevents me from testifying. We appreciate being informed of the situation in Pine Bluff and your efforts to preserve the Hood Building.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

cc: Ms. Anne Bartley - w/cy inc.
Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

bcc: Regional Director - Southwest Region - w/cy inc.

001 - Reading file

880 - w/cy inc.

FNP:B Handy:smh:1-4-78 523-5483

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN 880



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

January 18, 1978



Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service-National Register
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed you will find the nomination of the Merchants and Planters Bank Building in Pine Bluff, which has been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee.

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

Because the building is endangered, we would appreciate if it you would expedite the review of the nomination.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley, State Historic Preservation Officer
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

AB/lg

Enclosure

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
HC & RS
TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE

5-1-78

~~2/1/78~~

N/A

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Mike Shinn

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

501-371-2763

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Merchants Bank, Ark, Pine Bluff

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Please provide acreage less than 1 acre

Are adjacent bldgs nominated YES

Date signed by SHPO 1/18/78

3/2/78 - why is this bldg. endangered?

*→ Ct. house burned down across street.
Reconstruction plans of court call for
demolition of Bank to create parking lot.
Demolition now in litigation. SHPO
doesn't know status of case off hand.*

JFT

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Joe Tomlin

TITLE

Mr

OFFICE

NR

ATTN. BILL LEBOVICH

The attached material was requested concerning review of the Merchants and Planters Bank in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

We were asked to describe the area surrounding the building. Enclosed is a map and photos with the direction of the photos labeled.

Also attached is a plan of the proposed courthouse plaza which would demolish the entire area.

Please pass this on to wherever the nomination might be.

Thanks,

Sandy
Sandra Taylor Smith
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program



IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

JIM HOOD

PLAINTIFF

VS

NO. E-77-909

JOE T. HENSLEE, as COUNTY
JUDGE of JEFFERSON COUNTY,
and WILBUR WEST, DON TATMAN,
JESS P. WALT, JACK PERDUE, JR,
and DR. W. L. MOLETTE, as JEFFERSON
COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMMISSIONERS

FILED IN MY OFFICE AND
SUMMONS ISSUED

OCT 3 1977
DEFENDANTS
O. W. "PETE" LONG, CLERK

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Jim Hood, for cause of action against defendants,
stated:

1. Plaintiff is a resident and taxpayer of Jefferson County,
Arkansas and the owner and in possession of the following described
lands in Jefferson County, Arkansas:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot Four in Block
Twenty-One of the Old, or Original, Town of Pine Bluff,
Arkansas, thence West 59 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence
East 31 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence East 28 feet;
and thence North 80 feet to the point of beginning.

2. Plaintiff is also the owner of the following described lands
in Jefferson County, Arkansas:

Beginning 100 feet South of the Northeast corner of Lot
Four in Block Twenty-One of the Old, or Original, Town of
Pine Bluff, Arkansas, thence West 59 Feet; thence South five
feet; thence East 59 feet; and thence North five feet to the
Point of Beginning.

3. Situated upon the lands described in paragraph 1 is the
Hood Building, located at 100 Main Street, Pine Bluff, at the corner
of Barraque and Main Streets and across Barraque Street from the
site for reconstruction of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

4. The Hood Building was constructed in 1892 as the banking

house of The Merchants and Planters Bank of Pine Bluff, which at that time and until its receivership by the State Bank Commissioner in 1928 was the oldest State chartered bank in Arkansas. Part of the premises was also occupied for many years by Merchants & Planters Title and Investment Company.

5. Plaintiff states upon information and belief that the Hood Building is the oldest commercial structure in Pine Bluff retaining its original exterior appearance. Copy of picture of the building taken from the 1905 Beauman Atlas of Jefferson County, Arkansas, is attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Complaint as descriptive of the exterior structure of the building. Comparison of such picture with the existing building reflects preservation of the exterior structural and design features.

6. Defendant Joe T. Henslee as County Judge of Jefferson County and the other defendants as Commissioners of Jefferson County Courthouse Commission have announced plans to acquire certain lands including the above described lands of plaintiff.

7. In all counts of this Complaint, plaintiff relies upon and asserts the limitations upon governmental powers and the rights which he shares with all other citizens and landowners under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arkansas, including the following rules of law:

A. Counties are not granted the power of eminent domain under the Arkansas Constitution. Other than for flood control improvements, the only eminent domain power of counties is the statutory grant to condemn property for "the purpose of parks, boulevards and public buildings."

B. The right of eminent domain is to be strictly construed against the condemnor and in favor of the landowner. Those asserting the power must be confined within the limits of the legislative grant.

C. Powers delegated by the Legislature to the counties are strictly construed.

D. The rule of strict construction is especially applicable to statutes conferring the right of eminent domain.

E. Where private property is sought to be taken, any public agency seeking to exercise eminent domain must bring itself clearly within the contemplation of the statute. No more land may be taken than the public need requires.

F. "Under our governmental system the right of an individual to acquire and possess property is an inherent and inalienable right and declared to be higher than any constitutional sanction. Article 2, §§ 2 and 22, Constitution."

G. "*** no more property of a private individual and no greater interest therein, can be condemned and set apart for public-use than is absolutely necessary. ***"

FIRST COUNT

Plaintiff further states:

8. The architect selected by defendants for preparation of plans for the County Courthouse has publicly demonstrated that the purpose of acquisition of plaintiff's land was to demolish the Hood Building to avoid obstruction of the view of the new Courthouse from the South with the land space to be used for parking.

9. Taking of plaintiff's land for the purpose of demolishing the Hood Building to create an unobstructed view is totally beyond the power of eminent domain vested in Jefferson County and should be enjoined.

10. Taking of plaintiff's building for the purpose of creating a parking lot would be a gross abuse of discretion, capricious and arbitrary, causing unnecessary damage to plaintiff and should be enjoined.

11. The Hood Building is a structure of historic and architectural significance. According to plans approved by defendants, taking of plaintiff's land would yield 8½ parking spaces and the major portion

of 10 additional parking spaces. Demolition of the Hood Building to acquire such parking space would be arbitrary, capricious, and a gross abuse of discretion causing unnecessary harm to plaintiff. Such parking space is not absolutely necessary to defendants' plan of construction.

12. Since 1892, the Hood Building has been an integral part of the courthouse area, one of the few localities of Jefferson County having acquired a "sense of place", a distinctive character identifiable only with this location. This building is among those few which are uniquely a part of what is and has been Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

13. The Hood Building is a unique structure representing the craftsmanship of another time period and a continuity of past and present. Once destroyed, it cannot be replaced. For a public agency to destroy it would manifest the community's lack of respect for its cultural heritage.

SECOND COUNT

Plaintiff further states:

14. A part of the construction plan of defendants is to obstruct Main Street of Pine Bluff in the 100 block from the alley North to the site of the Courthouse and to obstruct Barraque Street from State Street to Pine Street.

15. Jefferson County has no authority to close streets within the City of Pine Bluff.

16. The City of Pine Bluff has no authority to close Barraque Street and Main Street which were dedicated and have been in use since 1838. On the contrary, it is the duty of the City of Pine Bluff to keep such streets open.

17. The authorities of the City of Pine Bluff cannot lawfully divert a street to uses and purposes foreign to that for which it was dedicated, and it is not within the power of the legislature to authorize such diversion.

18. Plaintiff as the owner of such lands described in paragraph 1 which abut upon Main Street and upon Barraque Street has standing to sue to enjoin any obstruction of Main Street or of Barraque Street as a nuisance. Subject to the easement of the public for use of such street as a highway, plaintiff is the owner of the fee title to the lands in such streets abutting his property, described in paragraph 1, to the center line thereof.

19. Such rights as the City of Pine Bluff may have in such streets are held by it as trustee, and it cannot divert such streets to a use foreign to the original dedication for street purposes.

20. Defendants should be enjoined from any obstruction or attempted obstruction of Main Street and of Barraque Street in the City of Pine Bluff.

THIRD COUNT

Plaintiff further states:

21. The Constitution of the State of Arkansas vests in the qualified electors of the County the power and right to authorize the construction or reconstruction of any County Courthouse.

22. The proposal for such construction or reconstruction of the Jefferson County Courthouse voted upon by the electors of the Jefferson County did not set forth any purchase of land or of demolition of the Hood Building or other buildings in the courthouse area.

23. Defendants should be enjoined from purchasing land or demolishing buildings in the courthouse area as being beyond the scope of the authority delegated to them by the electors of Jefferson County.

FOURTH COUNT

Plaintiff further states:

24. Defendants' proposal to take plaintiff's land has been widely publicized. Portions of said building are held for rental to

tenants. As a result of the publicity of defendants' plans to acquire such building, plaintiff has lost tenants who were paying rent to occupy portions of such Hood Building, and he has lost prospective tenants who would have rented space in such building had it not been for the threat that they would be required to move by reason of eminent domain action of defendants.

25. By reason of defendants' cloud upon plaintiff's right to continue his ownership and leasing of portions of such building, plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of \$10,000 to date of filing of this Complaint, and such damages will continue to accrue until defendants are permanently enjoined from such taking. Plaintiff is entitled to recover such damages from defendants.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that defendants, and each of them, be permanently enjoined from any and all action to condemn plaintiff's lands described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Complaint, from obstructing or attempting to obstruct Main Street and Barraque Street in the City of Pine Bluff, from purchasing land or demolishing buildings in the area of Barraque and Main Streets in the City of Pine Bluff, that he recover damages from defendants for their clouding of his title and interference with his right to lease and rent his property, for his costs herein, and all other proper relief.

John Harris Jones
JONES AND PETTY

Box 7673

Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71611

Attorneys for Plaintiff

OVER



THE
MERCHANTS
AND
PLANTERS
BANK
OF
PINE BLUFF
ARKANSAS

The Oldest State Bank in Arkansas

Capital Stock - - -	\$175,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits - - -	\$ 57,468.61
Deposits - - - -	\$580,785.99

H. H. HUNN,
President.

W. B. ALEXANDER,
Vice-President.

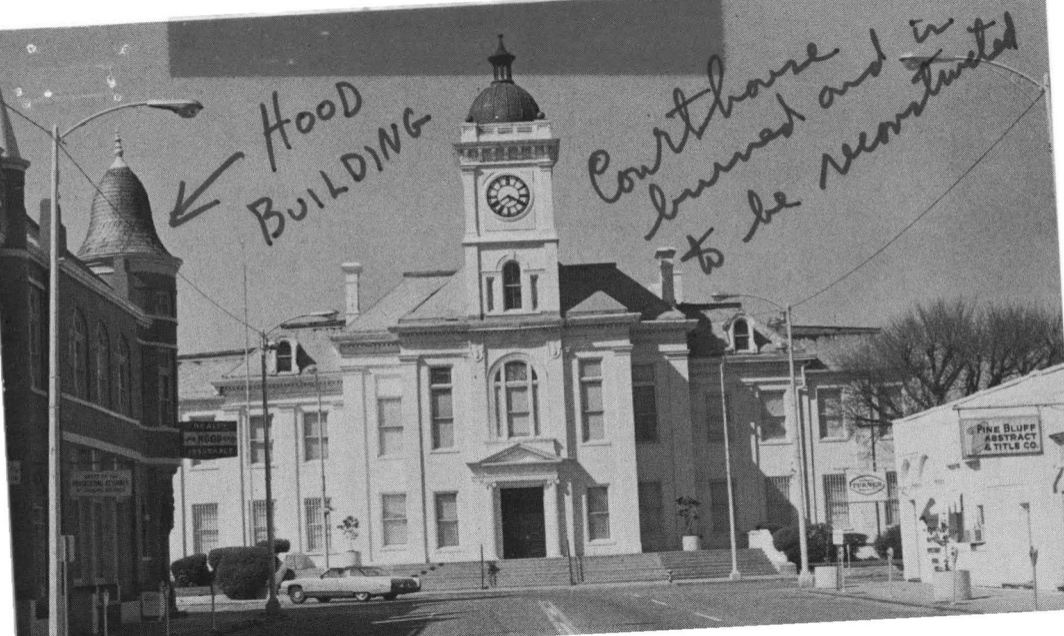
A. D. FOSTER,
Cashier.

THE MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

EXHIBIT A

← Hood
BUILDING

Courthouse
burned and is
to be reconstructed



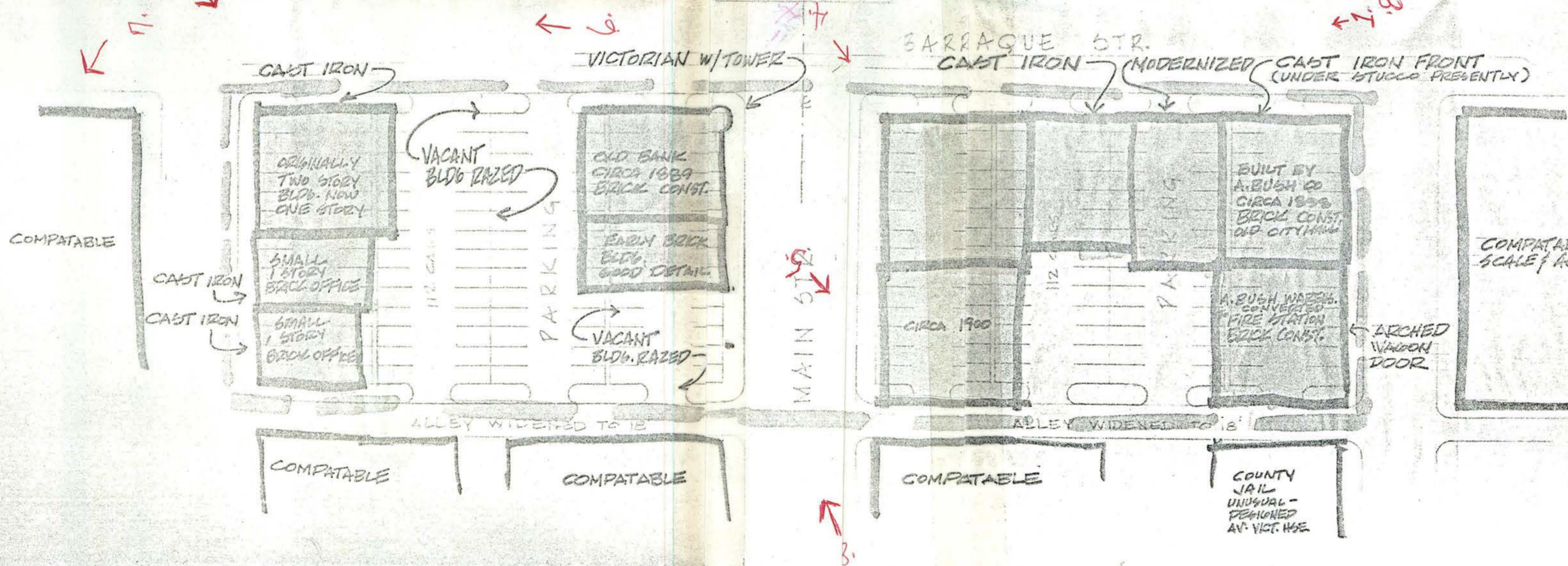
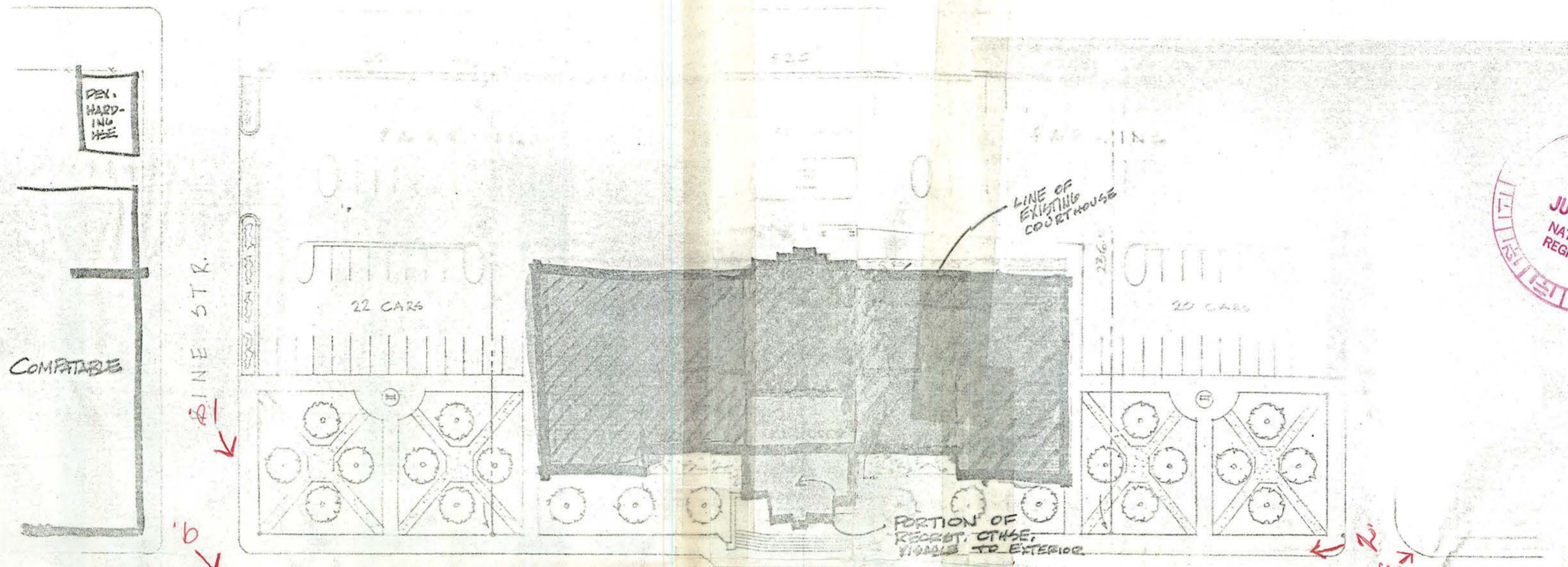
Let's Build it Back
Like it Was

VOTE FOR

- The Old Courthouse Site
- for Construction
- for Building Tax

On April 12th

Place
Stamp
Here



Proposed glam



AUG 1 1978

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ARKANSAS**

Date Entered **AUG 1 1978**

Name

Location

Merchants and Planters Bank Building

**Pine Bluff
Jefferson County**

Also Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers
Honorable Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.
Honorable Ray Thornton

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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8/7/78



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

October 2, 1980

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Services
440 "G" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Re: Bram Building, Pine Bluff Historic

Dear Jerry:

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program needs clarification from the Heritage Conservation & Recreation Services on the status of a structure in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County. The structure, the Bram building, was included in the Merchants & Planters Bank Building National Register nomination by description but not specifically by name. The owner of the structure, Mrs. Mary Alice Weaver is eager to have assurance that her structure is, in fact, properly listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We have enclosed for your reference a copy of the nomination. The sections in the verbal description dealing with the Bram building have been highlighted and the photograph marked to show the location of the structure. In July of 1979 Dianna Kirk of our staff spoke with Linda Flynt of the publications section of your office and was assured that the building was included clearly in the nomination and was listed. Understandably, Mrs. Weaver would like written confirmation from your office of this fact. I will appreciate your taking a few minutes to look over this matter and informing Mrs. Weaver of your conclusions. If you think we need to make changes in the nomination in order to clarify the status of the Bram building, please let me know; my staff will proceed from there. Mrs. Weaver's address is: Mrs. Mary Alice Weaver, 2402 Cherry Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71611.

Thank you very much for your attention to this and the other matters we bring to you. If you need any further information please contact either myself or Donna DuVall of my staff.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Joan Williams Baldrige
State Historic Preservation Officer

JWB/DD/fb

Enclosures



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

October 6, 1980

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation
Service
The Pension Building
440 "G" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Jerry:

My October 2 letter to you regarding the Bram Building in Pine Bluff, Jefferson, County, Arkansas contains an error. Mrs. Mary Alice Weaver is not the owner of the building. Jefferson County is the owner, and Mrs. Weaver is working with the County on the development of it.

It is still very important to the project to determine that it is listed on the National Register. I apologize for any inconvenience my error may have caused and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Williams Baldrige
State Historic Preservation Officer

JWB/fb

cc: Mrs. Mary Alice Weaver

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Merchants and Planters Bank Building
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
100 Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Pine Bluff

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth

VICINITY OF

STATE
Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY
Jefferson

CODE
069

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Jim Hood
STREET & NUMBER
100 Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Pine Bluff

STATE
Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Jefferson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
1800 East Harding
CITY, TOWN
Pine Bluff

STATE
Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Merchants and Planters' Bank is a large, rectangular brick building with a hipped slate roof. It is flanked by two smaller commercial structures of approximately the same age and of the Victorian Romanesque style.

Entrance to the two-story bank building is a triangular porch, inset on the northeast corner. The porch is composed of two rusticated arches resting on a capitated marble column. Above the entrance is a three-story round tower, articulated between the second and third floors in molded terra cotta. The conical roof of the tower is shingled and topped with a finial.

Dressed granite banding articulates the building between floors. Windows on the first story are rectangular, while windows on the second floor are framed in masonry arches. Brick is of excellent quality, molded and rubbed with pencil joints. Doors are oak with bronze hardware. The terra-cotta detailing is of particular interest.

The interior of the Merchants and Planters' Bank has tin ceilings, encaustic tile floors, marble wainscots and good hardware. The floors are of fireproof construction. The building has four skylights with operable windows and two lightwells which also serve as ventilating shafts. The three original bank vaults, one of which is of notable design, are still intact. The second floor is reached by a hardwood stair with railing and balusters. Flooring is oak.

The attached building on the ^{north}~~east~~ side is a two-story store front divided into three bays on the first level and four on the second. The building has metal cornices and hood molds. *Bar*

On the ^{east}~~north~~ side is a two-story building topped with an overhanging cornice of geometrical pattern. This structure is also detailed in terra cotta.

The weekly Press, September 5, 1872.
 The Weekly Press, December 7, 1876.
 The Pine Bluff Press-Eagle, February 1, 1890.
 Press-Eagle, August 11, 1891.
 Press-Eagle, January 26, 1892
 Press-Eagle, November 1, 1892.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			
E			
G			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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F			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James Leslie

Description: Frezil Miller

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

December 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL

I, the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), 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

TITLE

DATE

NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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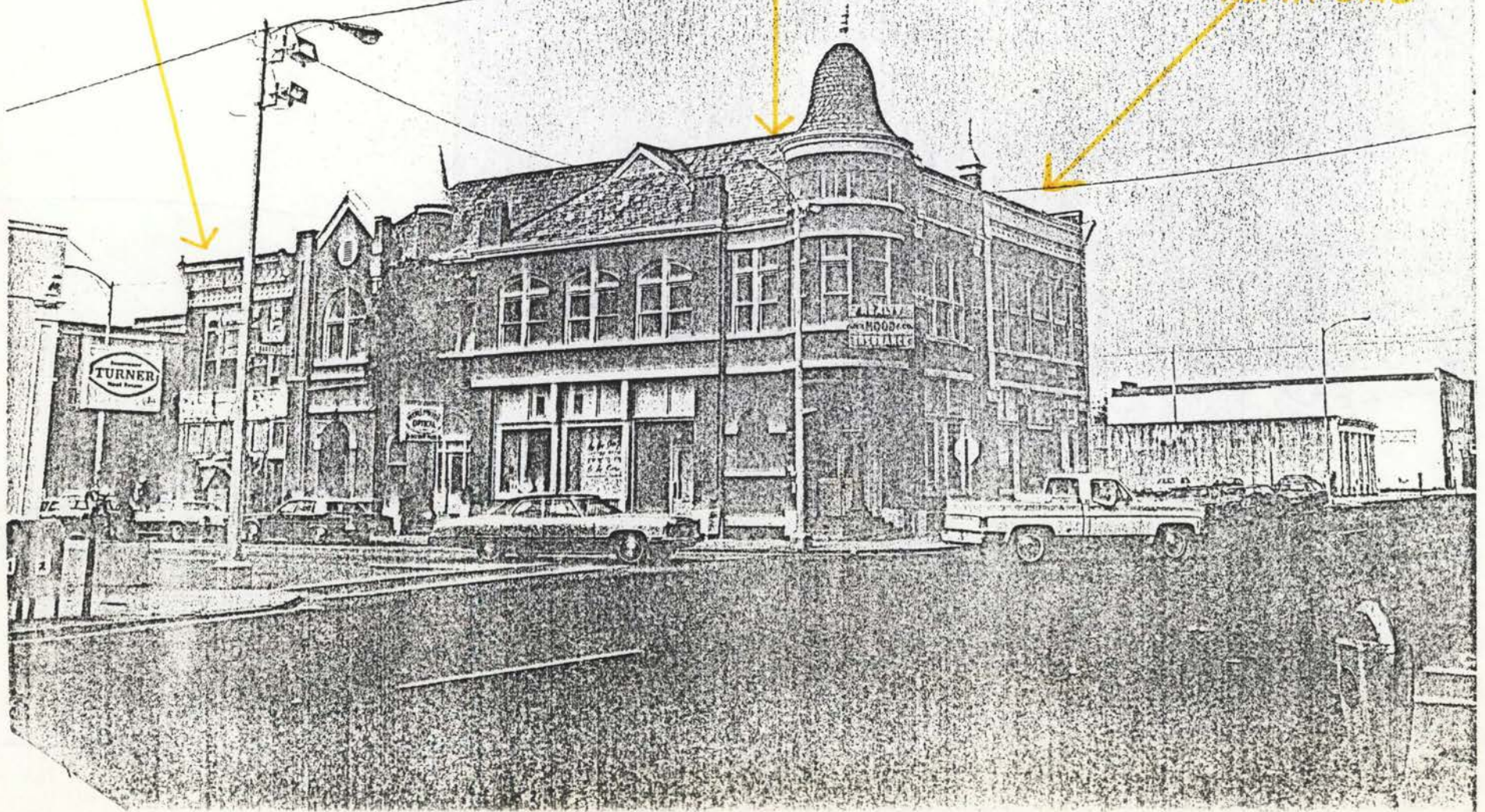
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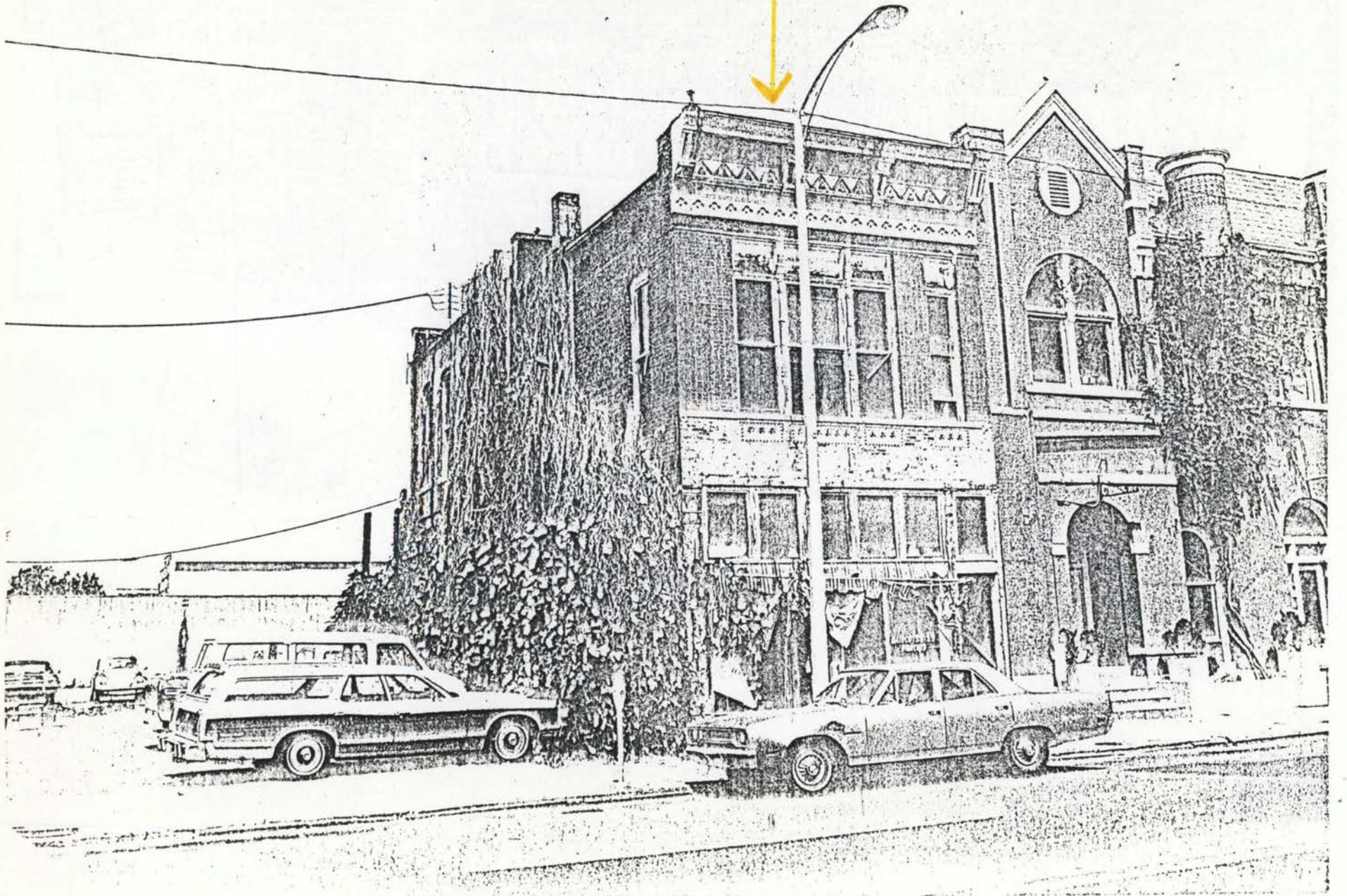
EAST SIDE (BRAM Bldg.)

Hood Building

North Side



Bram Bldg



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

DATE 11/6/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Donna Duvall

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

AR staff

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Bram Bluff, Pine Bluff

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

They will send VBD

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Groves

TITLE

Historian

OFFICE



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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Phone: (501) 371-2763

June 30, 1981

Ms. Beth Grosvenor
National Register Staff
National Parks Service
Department of the Interior
440 "G" Street
Washington, D.C. 20243

Re: Merchants and Planters Bank Building
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

Dear Beth:

According to our records, on October 16, 1980 Donna DuVall, formerly of our National Register staff, spoke with you regarding the inclusion of the Bram Building on the National Register as part of the above-captioned nomination. The Bram Building is referred to in the Merchants and Planters Bank Building nomination (Section 7 -- Description, paragraph 1) as one of two smaller commercial structures that flank the bank. The building is again referred to in the last paragraph of the architectural description as a "...two story building topped with an overhanging cornice of geometrical pattern...". In accordance with the above-referenced conversation, let me take this opportunity to provide the required verbal boundary descriptions for the Merchants and Planters Bank Building and the Bram Building to facilitate verification of the latter's listing on the National Register. Please note that the description of the Merchants and Planters Bank Building includes the second flanking building attached to the west of the bank building and owned by the same individual that owns the bank building. Jefferson County owns the Bram Building.

Merchants and Planters Bank Building: Commencing at NE corner of Lot 4 in Block 21 of the old or original town of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, thence west 58 feet, thence south 100 feet, thence east 30 feet, thence north 20 feet, thence east 28 feet, thence north 80 feet to point of beginning. The same being located in the southeast fractional quarter, sections 32, township 5 south, range 9 west of the fifth P.M. together with all appurtenances thereunto belonging plus east 1 foot of west 2 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 4 on Block 21.

Bram Building: South 20 feet of east 38 feet of north 100 feet Lot 4 Block 21 old town addition.

Enclosed is a sketch map indicating the relationship of the two properties and a plan of the relevant area of Pine Bluff locating the properties in the downtown plat.

Ms. Beth Grosvenor
Page 2
June 30, 1981

Sorry to have delayed so in forwarding this information. I hope it will be sufficient to flesh out the documentation of this nomination. Please feel free to contact me if additional data is necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,



Ethel Goodstein
Architectural Historian

EG/fb

Enclosure

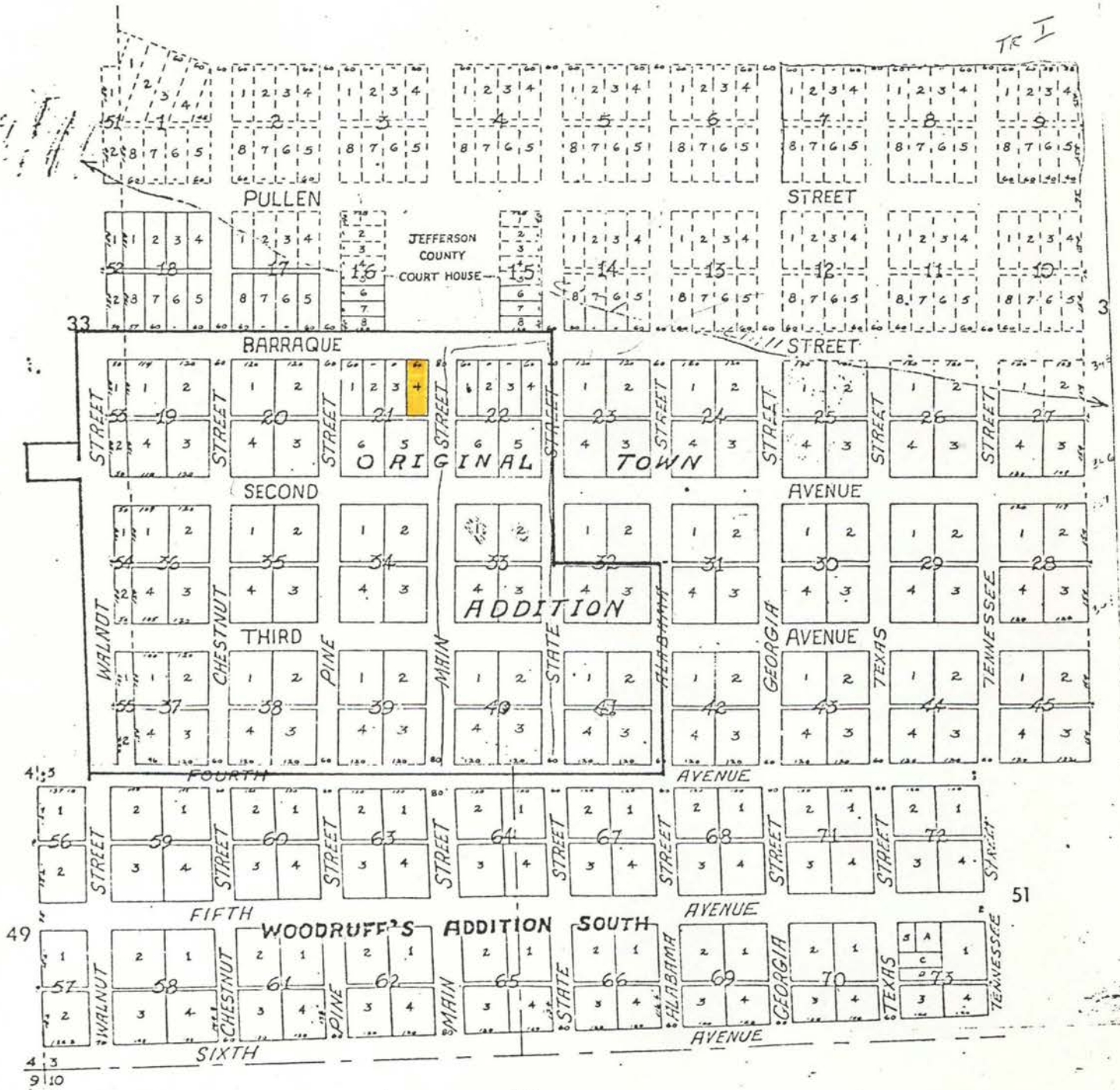
Addendum to Merchants and Planters Bank Building
National Register Nomination

Pine Bluff,
Jefferson County,
Arkansas
29 June 1981

PINE BLUFF, JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SE ¼ SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 5 RANGE 9

SCALE: 1" = 200'

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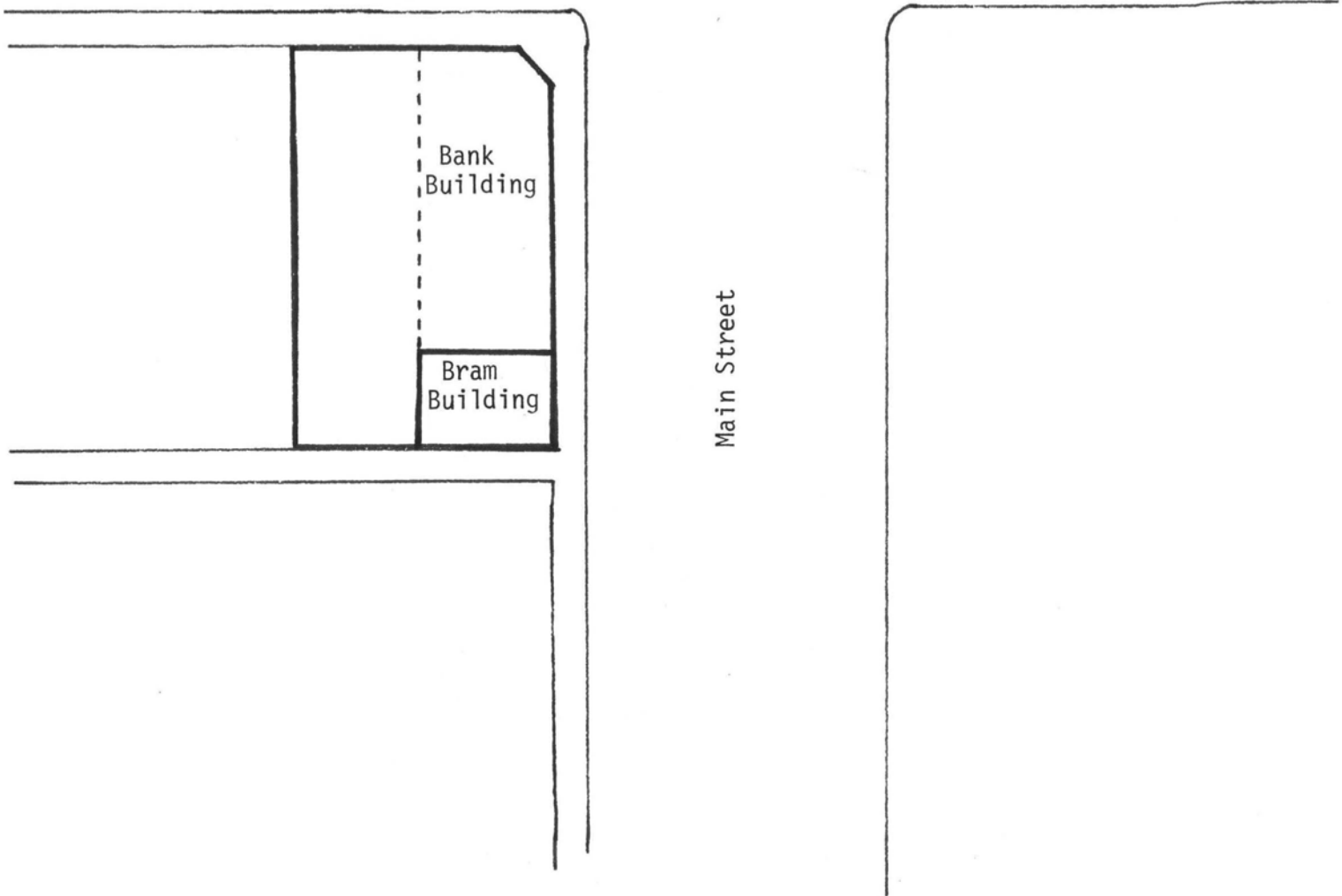


Addendum to Merchants and Planters Bank Building
National Register Nomination
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas
29 June 1981



Jefferson County
Courthouse

Barraque Street



Sketch Map
(Scale Approximate)

DATE

1/8/82

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

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1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Don Brown

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

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3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Merchants & Planters Bank Bldg. / Brn Bldg. - Pine Bluff

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

It appears that everything has been settled about this - does the state need to receive anything back from us or do they have all the info they need? He'll get back to me if they need anything

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Groover

TITLE

Historian

OFFICE

H32 (413)

JUL - 6 1983

Mr. Wilson Stiles
Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation
Program
Continental Building, Suite 500
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Stiles:

Thank you for your staff's inquiry of June 21, 1983, requesting confirmation that the Bram Building, Jefferson County, Arkansas, is included in the Merchants and Planters Bank Building nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to advise that the Bram Building is included in the Merchants and Planters Bank Building nomination and that the property was listed in the National Register on August 1, 1978. An addendum to the nomination dated June 29, 1981, was sent to our office clarifying the location of the Bram Building in relation to the Merchants and Planters Bank. A letter dated June 30, 1981, from Ethel Goodstein, Architectural Historian, includes a verbal boundary description of the two buildings, as requested by the National Register staff. As indicated by a telephone report dated January 8, 1982 recording a conversation between Don Brown of your staff and Beth Grosvenor of the National Register staff, the additional information was accepted by the National Register and the verification that the Bram Building was listed in the National Register was confirmed.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.).

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resources Division

bcc: Southeast Regional Office
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Reading File
Record Center
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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Merchants and Planters Bank Building
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: AUG 1 1978
 ④ county code: 69

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 100 Main St. city / town: Pine Bluff vicinity of: state: AR county: Jefferson
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 4th ⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO ⑮ ACREAGE: Ark. Hist. Preservation Program
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 ⑰ features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO ⑳ SAVED? YES ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s): ㉘ architect: ㉙ master builder: ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect/garden designer: ㉜ interior decorator: ㉝ artist: ㉞ artisan: ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date

PERSONAL:

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP



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RE: Merchants and Planters Bank Building Additional
Documentation – Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

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- Arkansas Arts Council
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 - Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
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 - Delta Cultural Center
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 - Historic Arkansas Museum
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 - Mosaic Templars Cultural Center
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 - Old State House Museum

Dear Carol:

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

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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