

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 Minden
and or common Holland-Crawford Insurance Building

2. Location

street & number 605 Main Street N/A not for publication
city, town Minden N/A vicinity of
state LA code 22 parish Webster code 119
~~COUNTY~~

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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A 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 Mrs. Eva R. Holland
street & number 1102 Madison
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 Historic Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1983 federal state county local
depository for survey records LA State Historic Preservation Office
city, town Baton Rouge state LA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bank of Minden (1901) is a single story brick Romanesque Revival commercial building located in downtown Minden. Despite the loss of the original interior, the bank retains its National Register eligibility.

The interior of the Bank of Minden is largely open and has virtually no historic features remaining. The building's significance rests entirely upon its richly articulated facade. This consists of variegated green glazed bricks laid up in a great round arch resting upon cream colored terra-cotta pedestals. Each spandrel is ornamented with a terra-cotta oeil-de-boeuf motif containing a bas relief pelican. The spandrel area is set off by an ornamental terra-cotta band, a feature reminiscent of the work of Louis Sullivan. The band features intricate cartouche panels and four-petal Tudor rose blocks at the corners. The facade is surmounted by a modillion cornice and a parapet. Inside the arch is an entrance vestibule with a tiled dado and a plate glass commercial doorway. The doorway transom has panels of glass cut with garland motifs. The doorway also features a four-tier cornice with egg and dart molding and dentils. A particularly interesting feature of the bank is that it still retains its original street clock. This was restored recently and is in full working order.

Assessment of Integrity:

As previously mentioned, virtually nothing historic remains on the bank interior. However, this should not be regarded as an integrity issue because the building's architectural significance rests entirely upon its facade.

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
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<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 1901 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Bank of Minden

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion C

The Bank of Minden 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 appear to date from c.1900-c.1935. Virtually all of these are fairly plain masonry buildings with ornamentation confined to shaped parapets, brick panels, and a few instances of shallow arched windows. In fact, the Bank of Minden and the Bank of Webster (N.R.) are the only two commercial buildings in the parish with sufficient architectural distinction to merit individual listing in the National Register. The Bank of Minden, with its grand Romanesque Revival arched entrance and elaborate detailing, is in sharp contrast to the rest of the parish's fairly typical historic commercial buildings. In addition, it is the only one to feature such exceptionally fine materials as glazed brick, terra-cotta, and ornamentally cut sheets of plate glass.



9. Major Bibliographical References

Louisiana Historic Structures Survey, Webster Parish.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property @1/10th of an acre

Quadrangle name Minden, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A

115	47131010	3608500
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

Zone	Easting	Northing			

C

Zone	Easting	Northing			

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Zone	Easting	Northing			

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Zone	Easting	Northing			

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Zone	Easting	Northing			

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Zone	Easting	Northing			

H

Zone	Easting	Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to the enclosed property plat map. Boundaries follow the property lines of the lot on which the bank stands, said lot measuring 24 feet in width by 120 feet in depth.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	National Register Staff Division of Historic Preservation	ASSISTED BY OWNER AND MINDEN MAIN STREET PROJECT
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organization	State of Louisiana	date	November 1987
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street & number	P. O. Box 44247	telephone	(504) 922-0358
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city or town	Baton Rouge	state	LA 70804
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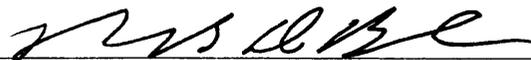
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

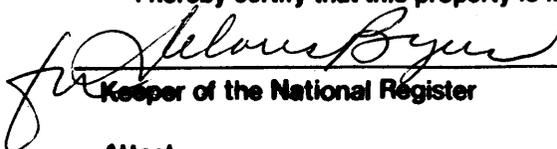


Robert B. DeBlieux

title	State Historic Preservation Officer	date	January 7, 1988
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register



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date 2-11-88

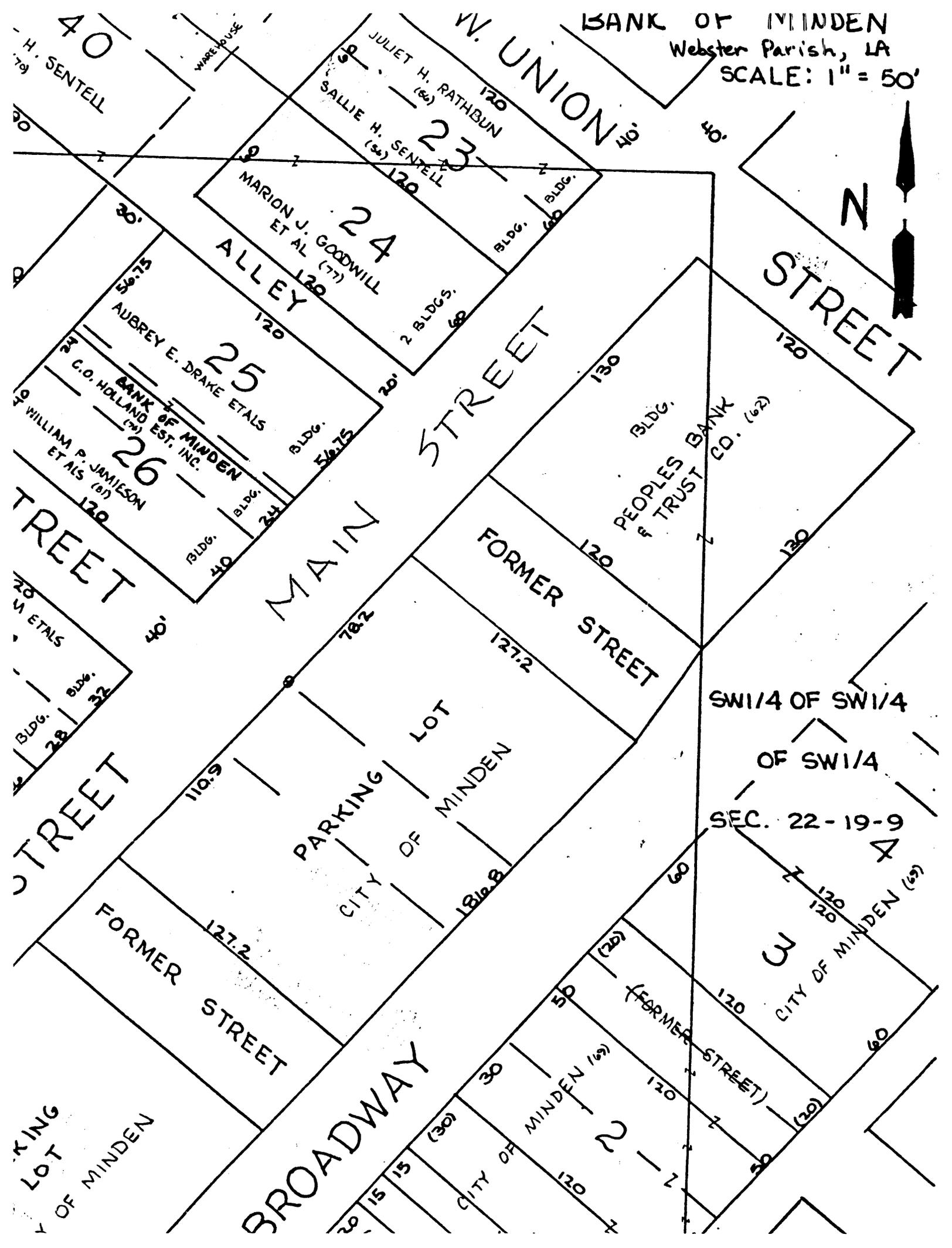
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

BANK OF MINDEN
Webster Parish, LA
SCALE: 1" = 50'



W. UNION

STREET

MAIN STREET

FORMER STREET

STREET

STREET

PARKING LOT
OF MINDEN

BROADWAY

SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4
OF SW 1/4
SEC. 22-19-9

W
CITY OF MINDEN (69)

JULIET H. RATHBUN (66)
SALLIE H. SENTELL (63)

MARION J. GOODWILL
ET AL (77)

AUDREY E. DRAKE ETALS

BANK OF MINDEN
C.O. HOLLAND EST. INC.
WILLIAM P. JAMIESON
ET ALS (67)

PEOPLES BANK
& TRUST CO. (62)

PARKING LOT
CITY OF MINDEN

(FORMER STREET)

CITY OF MINDEN (69)

40
H. SENTELL (79)

23

24

25

26

40'

120

130

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40'

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127.2

SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4

OF SW 1/4

SEC. 22-19-9

A

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(FORMER STREET)

(30)

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WIRE POUSE

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