

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 173
Madison County

1. Name of Resource: Farmers Bank of Kirksville

2. Original Owner: Farmers Bank

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building x Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: West of intersection of KY 595 and 1295 at Kirksville

6. Owner's Name: Richmond Bank [p]

7. Owner's Address: University Shopping Center
Richmond, Ky. 40475

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1980 _____
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Madison []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:

See attached.

16. Date:
Original Building 1900-1910 [4]
Addition []

17. Style: Classical Revival [52]
[]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: [1.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: NA []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. x

22. Roof Form & Material: Original _____
Flat/ Tar Not Original x

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: Brick [B]

25. Foundation Material: Brick [B]

26. Major Alterations: None _____
Moved/Rebuilt Other _____
Additions X at rear

27. Special Features: none

28. Outbuildings: None []

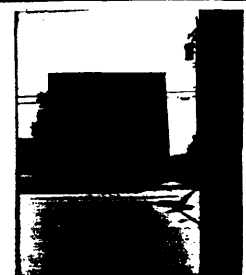
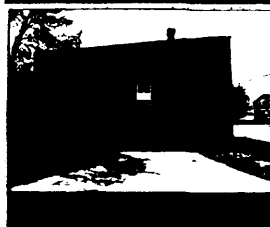
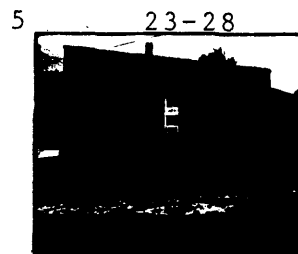
29. Original Function: Commercial:Financial [02D]

30. Present Use: Bank []

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No x

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:



14. History:
Samuel Kirkendall had a general store and carding factory in the Kirksville area as early as the 1830's. The cross roads was first called Bagdad and then Centerville. Centerville was an appropriate name for the community was halfway between Silver and Paint Lick Creeks. In the 1840's, the town had a blacksmith's shop, harness maker, three doctors, and two churches in addition to Kirkendall's enterprises. The town became known as Kirksville in honor of Kirkendall. The Farmers' Bank was established in 1905 and remained locally owned until the 1970's when it was acquired by Richmond Bank.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:
Cecil Tussey
Survey Form: 1980: KHC
Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect pp. 88, 92, 95, 242, 270.

34. Prepared by: H. Powell and S. Willis

35. Organization: Madison Co. Hist. Soc.

36. Date: 1985

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>Kirksville</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>728570</u>	<u>4171650</u>	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[]

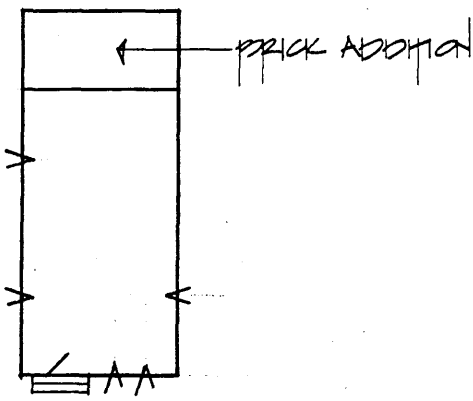
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A. ---	D. ---
B. ---	E. ---
C. ---	F. ---

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Farmers' Bank of Kirkville is a one story rectangular brick building. The roof slopes from the front facade parapet to the rear. The front or west facade is three bays (two windows and one door). The windows and door are arched and accented by stone capping. The windows on the front facade are one over one while those found on other facades are two over two. The door has an arched transom. The building is built on a stone foundation. The brick is laid in six course common bond.

A one story brick addition has been attached to the rear facade.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

MAY 07 1980

Historic Property Name Farmer's Bank of Kirksville
Bank of Richmond, Kirksville Site # Ma 173
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF MADISON
COUNTY, KENTUCKY

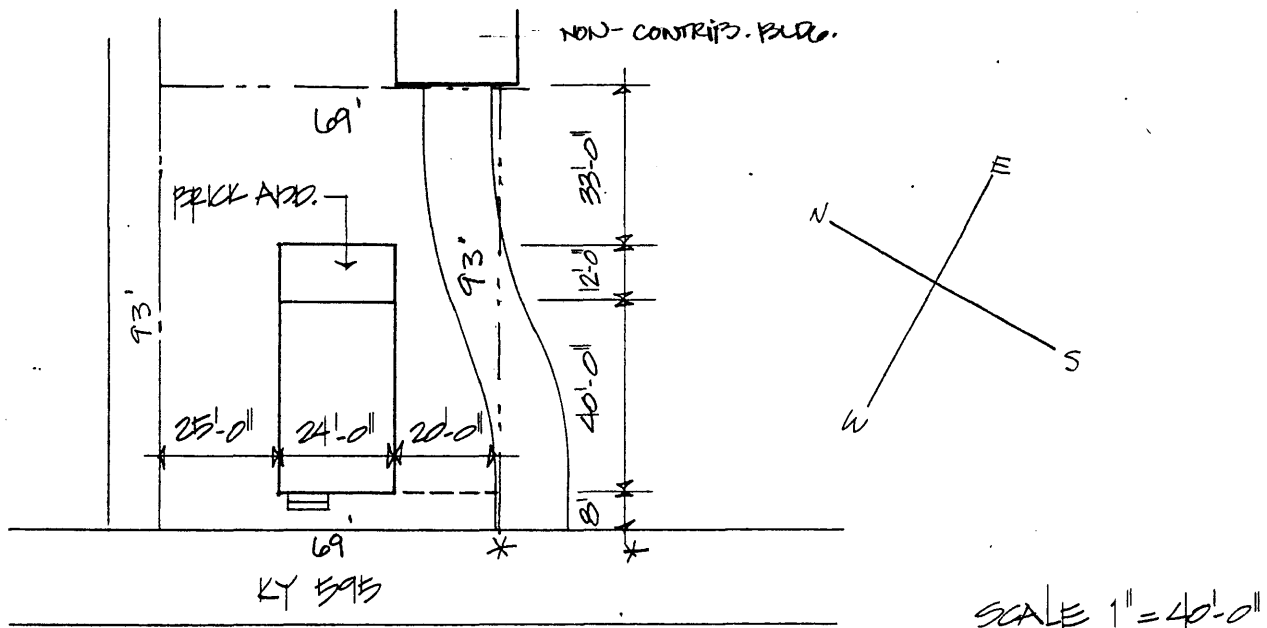
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage .15

From a point in the east right of way of KY 595, then north 69 feet to a point; then east 93 feet to a point; then south 69 feet to a point; then west 93 feet to the point of beginning. The point of beginning is 20 feet south and 8 feet west of the southwest corner of the bank.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Farmers' Bank of Kirksville is significant under National Register Criterion C for the design qualities relating to commercial architecture as expressed in the local (county-wide) context of Rural Architecture in Madison County, 1890-1940. This context was not developed fully in the MRA cover form, although the property and the county's commercial architecture is discussed on pages 7.11-7.12. A fuller discussion of the context appears below.

Of the 239 properties surveyed outside of Madison County's two urban areas, Richmond and Berea, eleven properties were identified as commercial buildings. Wood frame and wood clapboard occurs nearly twice as often as brick construction (seven wood vs. four brick). Other formal characteristics--entry-to-ridge orientation, number of stories, fenestration size, fenestration pattern, also were recorded and considered in defining patterns among Madison County's commercial architecture.

A possible continuum of commercial architecture may be proposed, with the earliest recorded structures (post-1840) being wood-covered and exhibiting a residential appearance, and later structures clad in brick and more consciously commercial in design. Such distinctions are the result of intuitive analysis, not based upon clearly defined types.

This model of the county's rural commercial architectural development envisions at least two phases, an earlier which looks more residential, and the later commencing near the turn of the twentieth century where the distinction between commercial structures and residential architecture is more pronounced. This model does not exclude structures used for commerce prior to the earliest recorded example (1840). Commerce was conducted prior to 1840, but no buildings serving that function in rural Madison County were identified. It is probable that structures used for commerce in these earliest years may today be indistinguishable from homes. Perhaps several such properties were recorded during the county-wide survey, but not identified as such since the historical association with commerce has been lost. If this is the case, then the importance of commercial architecture is to document that commerce and domestic activities were more integrated spatially in the rural county's early history, but more separate as time passed.

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The Farmers' Bank of Kirksville was constructed in ca. 1906. In design, it perhaps the most clearly a commercial building among the other structures with that association found in the survey. Its flat cornice, masonry construction, Romanesque stone arches, are borrowed from the vocabulary of bank design for small communities employed nationwide during the decade just before and after 1900. Hints of domestic architecture in the simple door treatment and double hung windows place this building squarely within rural townscapes.

VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary was chosen arbitrarily to preserve the bank's setback from the road (KY 595) and to provide a minimal setting for the building. The boundary excludes a non-contributing building, a garage, on the north of the site.

The boundary contains one contributing building.