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The Condon National Bank is a two-story wedge-shaped structure with a full basement. The building faces south and measures approximately 25 feet wide and 40 feet in length with an overall height of 35 feet.

The east and west exterior walls are constructed of red brick laid in a running bond while a stamped metal covering is placed on the front. The unique stamped metal front extends from the ground line through the raised parapet above the roof line. Most of the decorative effect of the building is created with the metal facade. The lower floor of the metal cover contains simple rectangular openings enclosing the center window and flanking entrances at each corner. Separating these features are low relief pilasters with integral bases and capitals. The second floor metal front is more elaborately designed. Windows are simple rectangles grouped in pairs on each side and separated by three dimensional metal columns resting on tall bases and terminating in ionic capitals. Above the columns are recessed and projected bands of decoration. Coupled brackets support the overhanging cornice which is further ornamented by smaller brackets and dentils. The massive parapet and pediment above the cornice are enhanced by circular motifs and fine scroll work. The treatment of the brick side walls is relatively simple compared to the front. Here window openings are simple rectangles but have elaborately designed metal lintels reminiscent of the detail of the front. The roof cornice is supported on brackets similar to the front but in a much less imposing manner. A triangular pediment above the cornice completes the facade. A second floor entrance on the east side is reached by an exterior iron staircase.

Presently modern awnings are placed over first floor windows and doors on the south front and one door on the west side. The exterior has undergone some changes, mainly at the south front. The center window has over the years been divided into various sized panes. Old pictures also indicate that a one-story flat roofed frame porch once protected the wedge-shaped front.

(The buildings north of the old bank are scheduled for demolition by the local urban renewal agency.)



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The Perkins Block was built in 1890 to house the C. M. Condon and Company Bank, professional offices and other businesses. Plans for constructing a business building at the south end of what is known as the Plaza Block were announced in May by Luther Perkins, a Coffeyville lawyer, politician and entrepreneur. Excavation for the foundation began in June, and in mid-July the iron front was added to the structure. A report in the September 5, 1890, Coffeyville Journal stated that "C. M. Condon and Co. expect to occupy their new and elegant quarters in about a month," and on October 23 the newspaper reported that the bank had moved in.

(The site where Perkins erected his new business building had been leveled by fire, along with the four other buildings on the Plaza Block, on July 20, 1885. It is believed the date "1871" on the front of the old bank building refers to Perkins' acquisition of the site or to the earlier frame building destroyed by fire.)

The Condon Bank building became widely known after the five members of the notorious Dalton gang attempted to rob_it and the nearby First National Bank simultaneously on October 5, 1892. Bob and Grat Dalton, Dick Broadwell and Bill Power of the Dalton gang were killed by Coffeyville businessmen and customers who armed themselves when word of the robbery attempts spread around the town square. The fifth member of the gang, Emmett Dalton, was wounded, captured and later sent to prison. Four Coffeyville citizens were also killed, including the town marshal. <u>Coffeyville became famous as the town that stopped the Daltons and the</u> Condon Bank received publicity from the event for years. Photographs of the bullet holes in the windows and doors of the bank were widely circulated.

The bank remained in the building until 1953 when it moved to new facilities. The Embree W. Morgan real estate firm then occupied the bank's old quarters until the property was acquired by the local Urban Renewal Agency, which is planning to restore the building and convert it to some form of public use.

In addition to the significance supplied by its history, the old Condon Bank building is an excellent <u>example of Eclectic architecture</u>. It is one of the few known buildings in Kansas with a complete metal facade.

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