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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bank of Searcy
other names/site number Resource #WH2014

2. Location

street & number 301 North Spruce St. ☐ not for publication N/A
city, town Searcy ☐ vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd
Signature of certifying official
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5-13-90
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:) _____

Entered in the
National Register:

Andrew Byrd

9/5/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
COMMERCIAL/ Bank

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
COMMERCIAL/ Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Commercial Vernacular

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Description

Commercial buildings of the Railroad Era (1870-1914) mirrored current architectural trends. Builders during this period in White County did not construct many high-style buildings; they instead used architectural details from these styles to elaborate their basically vernacular buildings. The Bank of Searcy is no exception to this.

Located on the northwest corner of N. Spruce and W. Arch Streets, this building was constructed on the courthouse square in Searcy. The building is two-stories in height, rectangular in shape and of brick construction. The building was constructed c. 1905 and is good condition. Its main, or east elevation is dominated by two Doric columns that flank the storefront. The original ground floor of this elevation has been completely altered; none of the original fabric remains. The second floor of the east elevation, however, still retains the original one-over-one double-hung wood sash ribbon windows. A corbelled brick segmented arch caps these windows. Extending across the main elevation and continuing on to the first bay of the south elevation is a dentiled cornice. A similar cornice is found on the west elevation of the structure. This building has a flat roof with parapet. The first bays of both the east and west elevations of the building are fenestrated with one-over-one double-hung sash windows. A similar window is found on the first floor of the west elevation while a single centrally placed door accesses the ground floor of the east elevation. Fenestration found on the south elevation of the structure consists of symmetrically placed one-over-one double-hung sash segmented arch windows. A single symmetrically placed door accesses this elevation.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1905

Significant Dates

c. 1905

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data *map 3*

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

A

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D

Zone	Easting	Northing
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☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Significance

The Bank of Searcy first came into being on June 15, 1904, when William Watkins opened the doors of the new bank. It was originally called the Bank of Searcy. At first it was only open for business on alternate days and had a capital structure of \$15,000. By October of the same year the bank began to be open on a daily basis. Shortly thereafter a large fire destroyed all of the buildings on the west side of the court square. The Searcy Bank was forced to move temporarily across the street while the present building was constructed. In 1906, the name was changed to The Bank of Searcy and this is probably when the current building was constructed. The name was changed back to the Searcy Bank in 1943 and on July 1, 1967 the National Banking association accepted it into its organization and changed the name to the First National Bank.

Although this building no longer functions as a bank it is significant for the level of architectural integrity it still retains from this period. It is the best extant example of Classical Revival architecture in Searcy. For this reason it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/614750/3901320

Verbal Boundary Description:

The southern half of Lot 11, Ten Acre Donation to the Town of Searcy.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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White County MPS
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
91001350✓	Abington, William Thomas, House Substantive Review	9-12-91
91001322✓	Ackins House Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001186	American Legion Hall Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001253	Andrews, Col. Ralph, House	9-13-91
91001187	Arnold Farmstead Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001239	Baldock House	9-13-91
91001228	Bank of Searcy	9-5-91
91001251	Beebe Jail	9-5-91
91001265	Beebe Theater	9-13-91
91001201	Bell House	9-5-91
91001262	Berry House	9-5-91
91001192✓	Big Four School Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001176	Bloom House	7/10/92
91001363✓	Blunt House Livestock Barn Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001298	Boggs, James William, House	7/10/92
91001275	Bone, Luke, Grocery--Boarding House	9-5-91
91001202	Booth, Green, House	9-13-91
91001345	Booth--Weir House	9-5-91
91001217✓	Brooks House Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001268	Brown House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001338	Brown, Joe, House and Farmstead Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001337✓	Burnett House Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001347	Caldwell House	7/11/92
91001280	Campbell--Chrisp House	9-5-91
91001293✓	Cary House Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001310✓	Chandler House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001349	Childers Farmstead Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001301	Churchill--Hilger House	7/11/92
91001209	Cobb, Pattie, Hall	9-5-91
91001282✓	Cooley, Sam, Barn Substantive Review	9-5-91
91001229✓	Coward House Substantive Review	7/11/92
91001320✓	Cremane House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001333✓	Critz, Col. John, Farm, Springhouse Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001259✓	Cross House Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001225✓	Cumberland Presbyterian Church Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001179✓	Cypert, Jesse N., Law Office Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001196	Doniphan Lumber Mill Historic District Substantive Review	7/10/92
91001264✓	Doss House Substantive Review	9-13-91
91001302	Doyle, David, House No. 2	7-10-92
		9-5-91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bank of Searcy

MULTIPLE NAME: White County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, White

DATE RECEIVED: 8/01/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/31/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/15/91
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/15/91

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001228

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 9/5/91 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

DATE

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification

___materials

___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph

___completeness

___clarity

___applicable criteria

___justification of areas checked

___relating significance to the resource

___context

___relationship of integrity to significance

___justification of exception

___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description

___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



THE BANK OF SEARCY white

SEARCY, ARKANSAS

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. DE ROSE

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NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST



BANK OF SEARCY Winter

SEARCY, ARKANSAS

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COLUMN DETAIL



BANK OF SEARCY
SEARCY, ARKANSAS *Whitney*
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FACADE DETAIL FROM EAST

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500033