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30.(N-5623):

- A. Property Name: Wilmington Trust Company Bank
- B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description: The Wilmington Trust Company bank building is located at 82 East Main Street between the intersections of Center Street and North College Avenue. The property being nominated includes the building and parcel of land on which it is situated, fronting 60 feet on East Main Street and with a depth of 328 feet (Property Tax Map, City of Newark, no. 20, lot no. 31).
- C. Owner: 100 West 10th Street Corporation, Wilmington Trust Building, Wilmington, Delaware 19711

#### D. Property Description:

The Wilmington Trust Company Bank building is a one story, rectangular plan brick structure with a cast cement/concrete Neo-Classical facade. The exterior side and rear walls are constructed of yellow brick laid in stretcher bond. The building's south facade, imitative of granite, has three main bays with colossal Corinthian pilasters supporting a dentiled entablature. Two double tiered windows have twenty-four-over-twenty-four lights with circular arched fanlights at the main facade; windows at both the east and west walls also have round arched fanlights with cement/concrete keystones. The main south entrance consists of a modern glass double door with architrave trim and a bracketed cornice.

### E. Historical Background:

This bank building was constructed c. 1926 for the Farmer's Trust Company of Newark. When the Wilmington Trust Company purchased the assets of the Farmer's Trust in 1952, they also acquired this bank building. The structure functions today as one of several branch banks of the Wilmington Trust Company in Newark.

#### F. Significance:

The Wilmington Trust Company Bank building is a superb and well preserved example if the Neo-Classical architectural style in Newark. The Monumental scale of this building's facade is a fine illustration of popular trends in public and corporate architecture in the 1920's.

