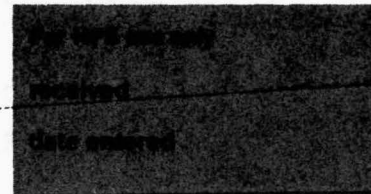


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: MO-071

*(Thompson, ... TR)*  
Congressional District: First

✓ Name: Merchants and Planters Bank

Current Owner: Merchants and Planters Bank  
Perry Lee, President

✓ Address: 214 Madison  
Clarendon, Arkansas

Address: 297 Madison  
Clarendon, Arkansas 72029

✓ County: Monroe

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson and Harding

Date of Construction: 1921

Stylistic Influence: Classical Revival

Original Use: Commercial

Present Use: Vacant

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 654480/3840100

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon  
Block 7, Lots 9, 10, 11

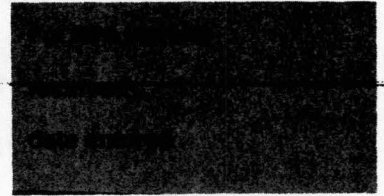
Condition

☒ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated  
☐ Ruins  
☐ Unexposed

☒ Unaltered  
☐ Altered

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Code: MO-071

( 214 Madison, Clarendon, AR)

Physical Description

This elegant little small town bank is situated on a corner site on a berm raised above sidewalk level, allowing two broad flights of concrete steps to create a ceremonious entrance appropriate to its formal, classically influenced facade. Simple lines and classical details characterize the rectangular one-story structure capped by a flat roof and faced with dark red brick. Two simple stone moldings, a cornice and stringcourse, wrap the entire building adding unity and a calm, horizontal line to the composition. The parapet has stone coping and features a central panel inscribed with the name of the bank. The facade's focal point is a monumental stone round arch at the entrance articulated with stone molding and keystone and supported by two tall stone Tuscan columns. The entrance is slightly recessed within this arch and features a classical molded architrave surmounted by a simple cornice. A group of three multi-paned windows appears above the door and a series of long multi-light windows lines the side elevations. An unusual feature among the firm's commercial design decorative details is the stone eagle perched atop the parapet over the central panel inscribed with the bank's name.

Statement of Significance

The Merchants and Planters Bank Building in Clarendon, Arkansas, was designed by the Thompson and Harding firm in 1921, and is one of the firm's most polished and well-proportioned designs for a small town bank. The bank is constructed of red brick with elegant classical design features, and the ceremonious entrance is characteristic of much of the firm's work. The jewel box-like building sits on a raised lot in a run down commercial district of a small delta town. Although vacant, the building is highly valued by the community and has been maintained in good condition. The only alteration from the original design is the addition of modern glass doors.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources  
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Eagle House

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

62. Trimble House

Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper

Attest

63. Walls House

Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper

Attest

64. Shull House

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

65. First Methodist Church

Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper

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66. Kittrell House

Entered in the  
National Register for Keeper

Attest

67. Merchants and  
Planters Bank

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

68. Gazzola and Vaccaro Building

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69. Lo Beele House

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70. McRae, T. C., House

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## Substantive Review

Merchants and Planters Bank (Thompson, Charles L.,  
Design Collection TR)  
Monroe County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/21/82  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria accept - C  
Reviewer Patrick Andrews  
Discipline Historian  
Date 12/13/82  
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

☒ 1. Name☒ 2. Location☒ 3. Classification

| Category | Ownership          | Status     | Present Use |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
|          | Public Acquisition | Accessible |             |

☒ 4. Owner of Property☒ 5. Location of Legal Description☒ 6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no☒ 7. Description

| Condition                          | Check one                             | Check one                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☒ summary paragraph  
☒ completeness  
☒ clarity  
☒ alterations/integrity  
☒ dates  
☒ boundary selection

## 8. 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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet





STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE  
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -  
A THEMATIC GROUP

Code Number: MO-071 (Merchants & Planters  
Bank)

Downtown, Clarendon, Arkansas

Photographed by: Sandra Taylor Smith

April, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP

Viewed from the South





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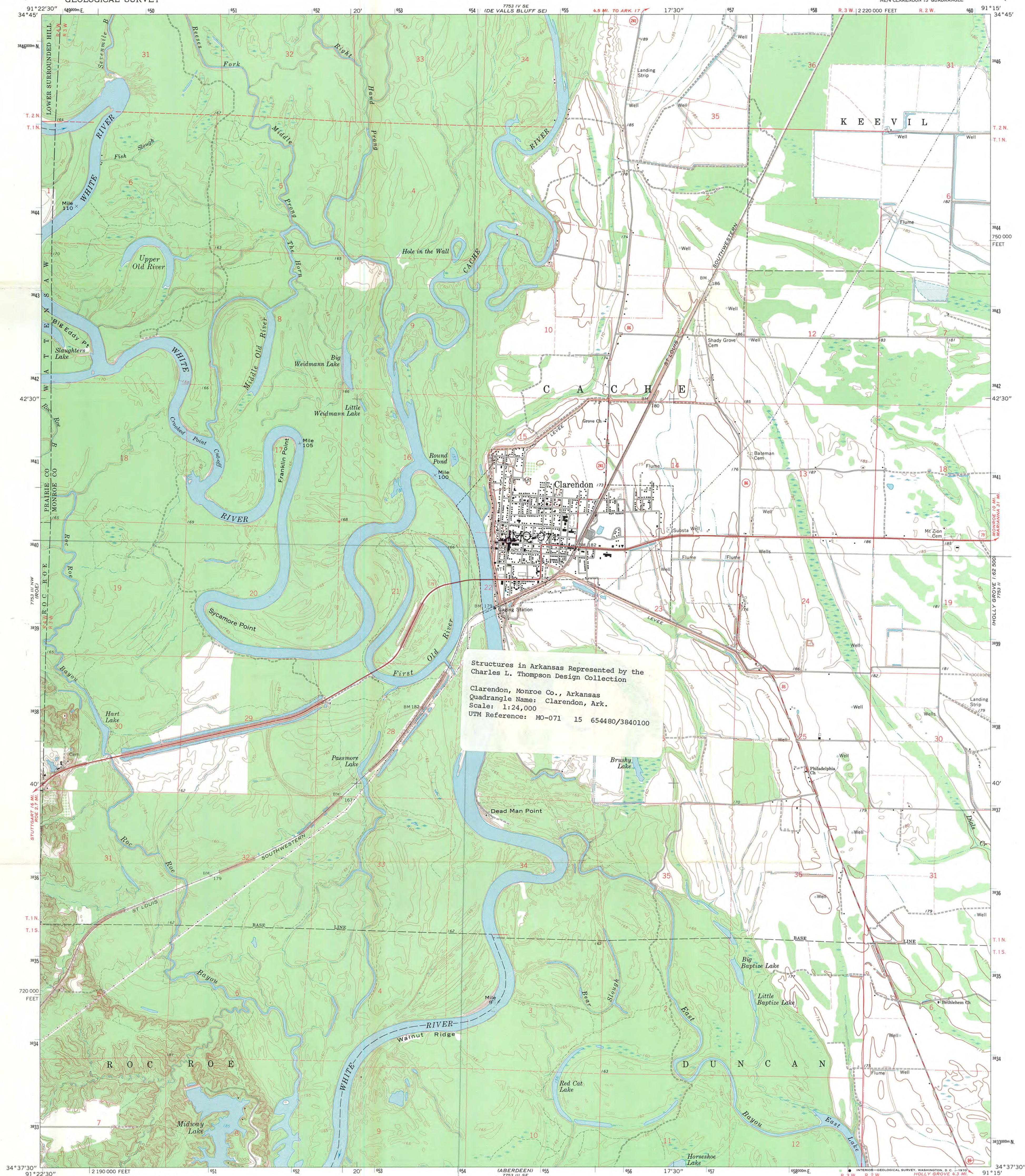
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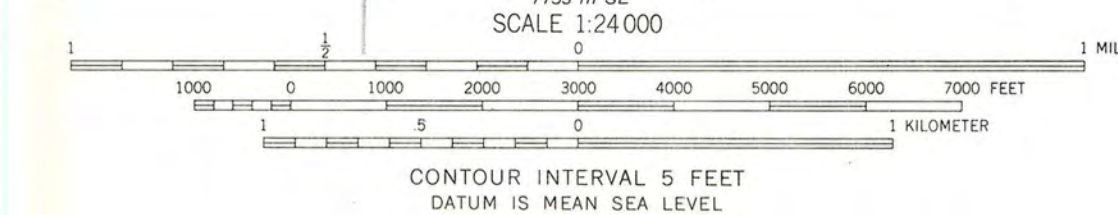
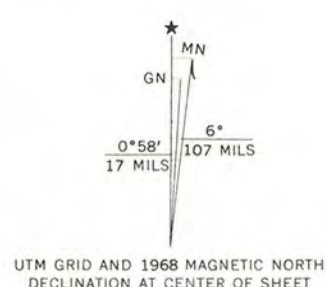
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

CLARENDON QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE/4 CLARENDON 15' QUADRANGLE



Structures in Arkansas Represented by the  
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection  
Clarendon, Monroe Co., Arkansas  
Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.  
Scale: 1:24,000  
UTM Reference: MO-071 15 654480/3840100

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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

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NE/4 CLARENDON 15' QUADRANGLE  
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