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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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COUNTY: <b>BOYD</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>MAY 25 1973</b>

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Old Bank Building**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
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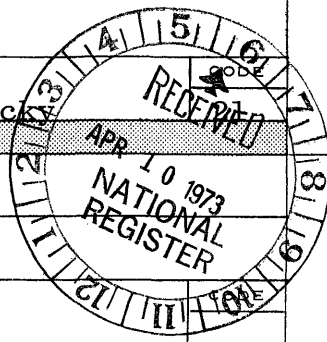
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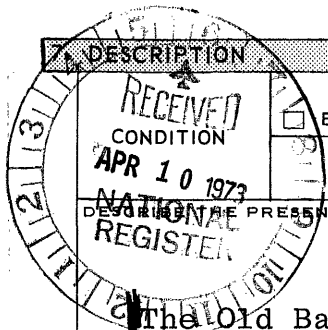
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In 1916 the structure was sold to the Farmers and Merchants Bank. It was used for medical and dental offices for forty years. Although it has been flooded many times, and was almost completely submerged in 1937, the structure has been kept in good repair; the condition of the interior is excellent, but no traces of the original use remain. Presently the building is vacant, but the owner has plans for adaptive use.

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1885**

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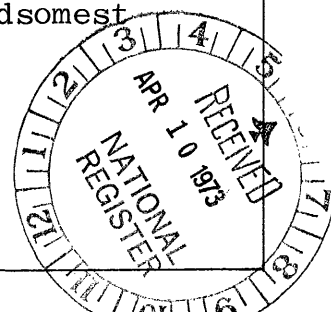
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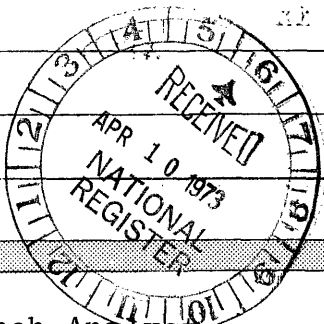
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NAME AND TITLE: Jennifer Kaye Robinson, Research Analyst

ORGANIZATION: Kentucky Heritage Commission DATE: March 26, 1973

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CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Mrs. Simon Willis

Title State Liaison Officer

Date April 14, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/25/73

ATTEST:

Wm. J. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

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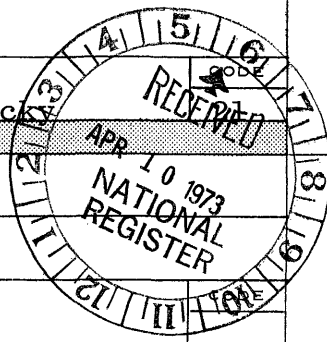
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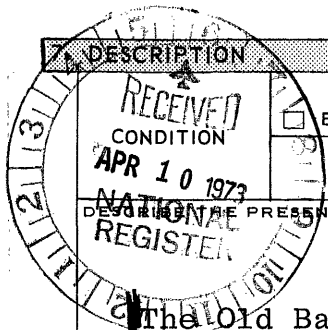
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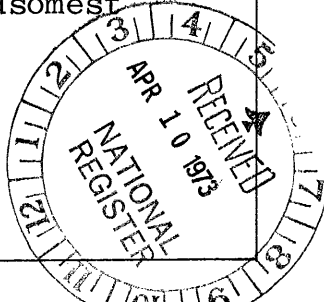
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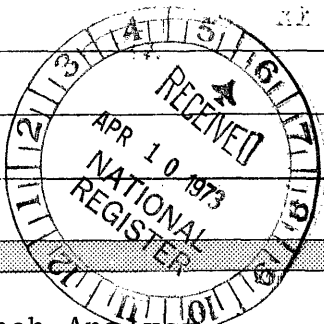
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