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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 100003904

Date Listed: 5/7/2019

Property Name: Barretville Bank and Trust Company

County: Shelby

State: TN

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation $\Delta \alpha$

Signature of the Keeper

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8: Period of Significance

The Period of Significance is hereby changed to 1932-1969.

This reflects the construction of the bank building as the home and headquarters of an expanding regional banking system.

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Date of Action

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form MAR 28 2019
This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions management Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter WAA 136660 applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions Vice
1. Name of Property
Historic name Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building
Other names/site number N/A
Name of related multiple
property listing <u>N/A</u>
2. Location
Street & Number:9043 Barret RoadCity or town:(Barretville) MillingtonState: TNCounty: ShelbyZip: 38053
City of town. (Bartetvine) Minington State. The County. Shelby Zip. 38055
Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this \underline{X} 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 \underline{X} meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance: national statewide X local
Applicable National Register Criteria: X A B C D
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Signature of certifying official/Title: Date
Spat State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of Commenting Official: Date
Title: State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

_____ entered in the National Register

____ determined eligible for the National Register

____ determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

_ other (explain:) _

Signature of the Keeper

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private	X
Public – Local	
Public – State	
Public – Federal	

Category of Property

5.7.2019

Date of Action

(Check only one box.)

Building(s)	x
Bunding(s)	
District	
Site	
Structure	
Object	

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

	Contributing	Noncontributing	
	1	0	buildings
-	0	0	sites
-	0	0	structures
1	0	0	objects
	1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE/financial **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE/real estate

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.) MODERN MOVEMENT

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property:

BRICK, STONE, STUCCO, GLASS, METAL

Narrative Description

The 1932 Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building was renovated in 1958-9. It is a one-story, frame, Commercial Modern Movement style building with a modified rectangle plan, and built-up flat roof with a small rear addition. The wall cladding is brick wainscoting and stucco with a limestone course. The interior retains much of the original elements dating to 1932, including the tellers' cages and the walk-in vault. The building is in a predominately residential/agricultural area and adjacent to another commercial property. The building sits on a paved parking lot and fronts on Barret Road, a two-lane county road. There is modest landscaping on the south elevation, and a metal carport on the rear of the south elevation provides a covered rear entry.

The property is adjacent to Squire's Rest (N.R. 4/23/2007) on the southwest and it helps contribute to the rural setting of the area. To the northwest is a metal c. 1940 warehouse that stored fertilizer, livestock feed, and hardware for the J. H. Barret & Son General Store as well as records and other items for Barretville Bank. The area surrounding the property retains its setting and feeling of a small, rural community. The Barret & Son General Store Building is adjacent on the east. The Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building is in excellent condition and retains integrity of setting, location, design, workmanship, materials, and feeling, which combine to convey the significance of this resource.

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Elaboration

The modified rectangular-plan, one-story bank building is a good local representation of the Commercial Modern Movement style due to the monumental limestone clad entry, aluminum frame fenestration and cantilevered flat metal window overhangs on façade.

Exterior

The façade or east elevation has a center entry with an aluminum, single-light door with full sidelights and transom and paired, single-light display windows on either side. The historic signage consists of individual metal letters in a geometric sans serif-type font spelling out "Barretville Bank & Trust Company" Similar recent signage in small letters denoting the current businesses inside is located at eye level on either side of the limestone surround that projects three feet from the facade. Cantilevered awnings flank the central entry.

The north elevation has a single-light display window nearest the front elevation and two, three-light windows with a bottom hopper window. A former night deposit box is located near the easternmost window on this elevation. The rear window is a replacement fixed, two-light metal window.

The west rear elevation is a 1959 rear addition, and fenestration is a set of two fixed, two-light metal windows.

The south elevation has a single-light display window and three, three-light windows with a hopper window on the bottom. There is a 9-light metal entry door on the rear addition topped with a flat-roofed metal carport supported by concrete piers with elaborate cast iron detail in the middle of each pier. The rear addition has two, single-light display windows and wall-cladding identical to that on the front.

Interior

The interior is one large, wood-paneled room with three partitioned offices, an entry foyer, and a common area beyond a low wooden wall with church-pew type leather padded benches on either side of a wooden swinging door that dates to 1932. The 1959 rear addition is about two-thirds of the size of the original building and is accessed by single-door entries. The lobby has a 1959 terrazzo floor, and the remainder of the floor is covered in carpeting. The large square rectangular lights are c. 1959, but the ceiling fans are newer.

A c. 1932 wood and art-deco design metal teller cage located on the south side of the foyer has two teller stations. The original wood partitions and door remain intact and all teller cages retain their original wooden drawers, cabinets, and marble countertops. To the west is an office with historic wood partitions and a door. All office areas now have non-historic glass mounted above the partitions that extend to the ceiling and offer more privacy, but they do not detract from the original feel. A central reception area still retains an open feel. North of the reception area is a partial-paneled wall enclosing the 1932 metal vault (still functional) with "Barretville Bank & Trust Company" embossed on a metal sign above the vault door.

On the north side of the lobby is a wooden partition wall. East of the vault is a wooden partition wall with art-deco style metal bars that screens the vault from the general public. A bathroom is located on the north wall behind the vault. To the west of this area is a door leading into the rear addition.

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The c. 1959 two-room rear addition formerly housed the president's office on the south side. The floor is wood and the walls are papered. An outside door is located on the exterior wall. A second bathroom with c. 1959 fixtures is located on the north wall of this office. The north room is the former boardroom and is wood paneled and carpeted. A non-historic kitchenette area is located along a portion of the east wall.

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P8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- X
 - A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
 - B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
 - C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
 - D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) N/A Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
 B removed from its original location.
 C a birthplace or grave.
 D a cemetery.
 E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 F a commemorative property. less than 50 years old or achieving
 - G significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1957-1969

Significant Dates

1958

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Mahan & Shappley (Architects)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building is locally significant under Criterion A for Commerce as the seat of one of West Tennessee's most successful rural banking systems with a period of significance from 1956-1969. Barretville Bank & Trust Company (Barretville Bank) operated 11 branches in seven communities over the course of its first 50 years (1920-1970). By 1956 Barretville Bank was the eighth largest bank in West Tennessee based on capitalization, and the fourth largest based on deposits, behind only the three primary Memphis banks. The Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building, built in 1932 and expanded and remodeled in 1958, not only housed facilities and staff that provided banking services for the immediate area but also served as headquarters for management of all branches and affiliates. During the period of significance, Barretville Bank and Trust leveraged its solid leadership and a favorable regulatory environment, focused on the needs of each small community where it established a branch, and cobbled together a financial network that achieved ever-increasing growth and consistent profitability throughout the period of significance and continuing until the bank system was sold in 2001.

Narrative Statement of Significance

In 1852, the pioneering Barret family members settled in the area of north central Shelby County that came to be known as Barretville,¹ having arrived in adjoining Tipton County from eastern Kentucky in 1823.² Four years later, they constructed and commenced operating a general store at Barretville.³

In 1920, 21-year-old Paul W. Barret, Sr. (Paul Barret) co-founded Barretville Bank.⁴ The original officers were C. C. Castles, President; James Hill Barret (Paul Barret's father), Vice-President; J. T. Lucado, Secretary; and Paul Barret, Cashier. The initial directors were C. C. Castles, James Hill Barret, J. M. Dickson, A. C. Williams, Charles W. Thompson, J. H. McGerren, J. G. Trobaugh, E. B. Parr, J. T. Lucado, and Bruce Person.⁵

On opening day, October 11, 1920, the bank received total deposits of \$823.21.⁶ The physical presence of the bank was established in a portion of the J. H. Barret & Son General Store Building. On May 10, 1931, that building was burned to the ground during an attempted robbery of the bank.^{7.} The ensuing robbery-arson-murder trial was the longest (47 days) and most expensive (costing the state \$7,000) criminal trial in Shelby County history up to that time.⁸ Construction of the building that is the subject of this nomination was completed in 1932 on property immediately to the south of the original general store and bank structure.⁹

According to a newspaper account, "[a]lthough [in 1920] there were already seven banks in as many nearby Shelby County communities and a total of 25 to 30 in Memphis alone, Paul [Barret] thought he could make a go

¹ Paul A. Matthews, ed., *Early Families of the Memphis Area* (Nashville: Panacea Press, 2008), 73-75.

² *Ibid*, 75.

³ Ibid, 75. Also, Commercial Appeal, April 15, 1956, "Centennial of J. H. Barret & Son General Store."

⁴ *Ibid*, 83.

⁵ "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," compiled by Deanna Krosp in 2001 based on information in the corporate minute books of Barretville Bank, 1.

⁶ Commercial Appeal, December 15, 1948.

⁷ *Ibid*; *Commercial Appeal*, April 15, 1956.

⁸ Memphis Press-Scimitar, February 23 and 27, and March 1, 1932.

⁹ Matthews, *Early Families of the Memphis Area*, 76.

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of a similar business at Barretville."¹⁰ He began his long career at Barretville Bank as cashier, but by 1936 he was also vice-president and the "active officer in charge."¹¹ He was elected president in 1940 and remained in that office until 1976.¹²

There was considerable consolidation in the banking sector in Shelby County during the early part of the twentieth century. First National Bank of Memphis, founded in 1864, merged with Central-State National Bank in 1926, and by 1967 was the largest bank in West Tennessee, including the Memphis metropolitan area.¹³ The other leading local bank, Union Planters National Bank, founded in 1869, acquired the Tennessee Trust Company, Mercantile National Bank, North Memphis Savings Bank, and Guaranty Bank & Trust all between 1900 and 1924.¹⁴ The Great Depression further narrowed the field of local banks. During the second half of the 20th century, as more businesses were established beyond central business districts and population and disposable incomes grew, area banks focused on opening branches. In the decades following the Great Depression, First National, Union Planters, and numerous other large Memphis-based banks suffered periodic setbacks caused by excessive bad loans, management issues, and losses in ancillary businesses such as municipal bonds.¹⁵ In contrast, Barretville Bank focused on its core business of accepting deposits and making loans and had a continuum of success, growing in profitability almost every year from 1936 until 2001, when it was acquired by Trustmark Bank of Jackson, Mississippi.¹⁶

Paul Barret was born July 21, 1899, at Barretville to James Hill Barret and Evangeline Burrow Barret.¹⁷ Although young Paul spent his early years at Barretville, he and his family lived for several years in Memphis, thus allowing him to attend Memphis University School.¹⁸ In 1917 he entered the business world as a bookkeeper in his father's general mercantile business.¹⁹ The following year he volunteered for the Army during World War I and was sent to Officer Training School; however, the Armistice was signed before he saw active duty.²⁰ When he was released from the Army he took a job at the bank at Kerrville, Tennessee, about six miles from Barretville.²¹ By that time he had also graduated from Nelson Business College in Memphis.²² In 1920, he and his wife, Sarah Dickey Barret, had a Craftsman-style home ("Squire's Rest") built at 8993 Barret Road, just south of the site where the Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building would be built in 1932. In 2007, Squire's Rest (so named because Paul Barret was a member, or "Squire," of the Shelby County Quarterly Court for 24 years) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (N. R. Ref. No. 07000533).

¹⁰ Commercial Appeal, December 15, 1948.

¹¹ Matthews, Early Families of the Memphis Area, 83.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Carroll Van West, ed., *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture* (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Society, 1998), "First Tennessee Bank," 308.

¹⁴ West, ed., *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, "Union Planters Bank," 1002.

¹⁵ John Longwirth, Since Before the Yellow Fever: A History of Union Planters Bank, Memphis, Tennessee (Memphis: Union Planters Bank, 1994), 104-106.

¹⁶Matthews, *Early Families of the Memphis Area*, 83.

¹⁷ *Ibid*, 82-83.

¹⁸ *Ibid*, 83.

¹⁹*Ibid*.

 $^{^{20}}$ Ibid.

Ibid.
 Ibid.

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In 1927 Barretville Bank made its first acquisition by absorbing and operating as a branch Rosemark Bank & Trust Company; however, management closed the Rosemark location in the early 1930s due to its proximity to Barretville Bank's headquarters.²³

Bank failures were a common occurrence during the Great Depression. Nationwide during 1929, 659 banks with total deposits of \$200 million closed their doors; in 1930, 1,352 banks with deposits of \$853 million; and in 1931, 2,294 banks with deposits of almost \$1.7 billion.²⁴ Since there was no deposit insurance in those days, each collapse buried the savings of depositors, many of whom had no other resources. Barretville Bank's deposits dropped from \$310,000 on December 31, 1929, to \$107,367 on December 31, 1933.²⁵ However, three years later, deposits were slightly ahead of the 1929 figure, a reflection of strong bank leadership and the confidence of the bank's customer base. Writing about Barretville Bank's survival during the Great Depression, Paul Barret observed: "We continued to make loans during the depression, using our credit resources in the service of the community. . . ."²⁶

An advantage of a rural or small-town bank is the likelihood that the banker knows his or her customer and vice-versa. In offering advice on prudent lending practices, Paul Barret endorsed using common sense and assessing the "moral risk" of extending credit, in addition to evaluating applications and other financial information. By "moral risk" he meant the extent to which a borrower is likely to feel a moral obligation to repay a debt.²⁷

In September 1940, Barretville Bank increased its common stock to \$20,000 and the preferred stock remained at \$5,000.²⁸ At the same time, Barretville Bank purchased Union Planters' Millington branch, located near the newly-built Chickasaw Ordnance Plant, and operated that banking facility under the name "Peoples State Bank."²⁹ The town's previous bank, the Bank of Millington, had closed soon after the stock market crash of 1929.³⁰

By year-end 1940, Paul Barret was elected president of Barretville Bank, succeeding C. C. Castles.³¹ At that time total deposits exceeded \$500,000.³² By 1942, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (F.D.I.C.) recognized Barretville Bank as one of the largest "R.F.D. banks" in the United States.³³ Rural banks were identified by the post office's designation of country mail service as being "Rural Free Delivery," or "R.F.D.," and Barretville Bank's address was Barretville, R.F.D. 1, Kerrville, Tennessee.

²³*Commercial Appeal*, December 15, 1948.

²⁴ John M. Blum, *et al.*, *The National Experience*, 2nd ed. (New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc., 1968), 663-64.

²⁵ *Tennessee Banker*, February 1930, 46, and February 1934, 28.

²⁶ Tennessee Banker, February 1937, 30 and Tennessee Banker, January 1954, 12.

²⁷ *Ibid*.

²⁸ Tennessee Department of Banking Bulletin 54.

²⁹ *Tennessee Banker*, September 1940, 24. Also, *Commercial Appeal*, December 15, 1948; Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 1.

³⁰ Faye Ellis Osteen, *Millington: The First Hundred Years* (Southaven, Mississippi: The King's Press, 2002), 78; also *Tennessee Banker*, July 1965, 13.

³¹ Commercial Appeal, December 15, 1948. Also, Matthews, Early Families of the Memphis Area, 84.

³² *Ibid*.

³³ *Commercial Appeal*, January 14, 943.

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Application was made on August 1, 1944, to establish a branch in Collierville by absorbing The Peoples Bank. which had its only location there.³⁴ Subsequently, Barretville Bank's advertising often said that it was founded in 1908, based on The Peoples Bank's having been chartered in November 1908.³⁵ By 1944, Barretville Bank's capital account was in excess of \$190,000, with deposits of \$2.8 million.³⁶ Barretville Bank's size was a significant asset to Collierville, a town whose population had reached 1,000 in 1940.³⁷ The bank was located on the west side of the Collierville town square until November 16, 1948, when it moved to the north side of the square.³⁸ Eyeing further expansion, it was decided that all future branches of Barretville Bank would be called either "Peoples State Bank" or "The Peoples Bank."

Barretville Bank opened its Raleigh branch on September 5, 1947, its Whitehaven branch in 1950, and its Frayser branch in 1953.³⁹

On December 28, 1948, Paul Barret purchased the 126 shares of the capital stock of Somerville Bank and Trust Company, located in Somerville (the county seat of Fayette County, just east of Shelby County) at \$600 per share.40

Using almost any criterion, by 1956 Barretville Bank was one of the most successful banks in West Tennessee. Based on capitalization (the sum of the book value of common stock, plus retained earnings), Barretville Bank was the eighth largest bank in West Tennessee, behind only the four largest Memphis banks (Union Planters, First National, National Bank of Commerce, and Commercial & Industrial Bank) plus First National Bank of Jackson, National Bank of Commerce of Jackson, and Tipton County Farmers Union Bank of Covington.⁴¹ Moreover, Barretville Bank's deposits of \$18 million made it the fourth biggest bank in West Tennessee, behind only Union Planters, First National Bank of Memphis, and Memphis' National Bank of Commerce.⁴²

By that time, Barretville Bank had two branches at Millington, and one each at Collierville, Raleigh, Frayser, and Whitehaven. Bank president Paul Barret's banking interests also included control of Somerville Bank & Trust Company, Rossville Savings Bank, also in Fayette County, and First State Bank of Henderson in Chester County.

In 1957 Barretville Bank completed the sale of its branches closest to Memphis, namely those at Raleigh, Frayser, and Whitehaven, to Union Planters.^{43.} Those sales were reflected in the growth of assets of Barretville Bank from \$11 million on June 30, 1956, to over \$17 million on December 31, 1959.⁴⁴

By then, Barretville Bank had a well-established correspondent relationship with Union Planters that called for Union Planters to facilitate wire transfers, conduct out-of-state business transactions, accept deposits, and

³⁴ Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 5.

³⁵ *Ibid*, 1.

³⁶ *Ibid*, 1. ³⁷ *Ibid*, ³⁸ *Ibid*, 2.

³⁹ *Ibid*, 5-6. Also, *Commercial Appeal*, December 15, 1948.

⁴⁰ Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 6.

⁴¹ Matthews, Early Families of the Memphis Area, 84-85.

⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ Longwith, Since Before the Yellow Fever: A History of Union Planters Bank, Memphis, Tennessee, 96, 159.

⁴⁴ Tennessee Banker, January 1960, 33.

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perform other services on behalf of Barretville Bank.⁴⁵ As a result of that connection, as well as strong personal relationships among several of their respective officers, Union Planters avoided operating branches in communities primarily served by Barretville Bank, and vice-versa. When Union Planters decided to have its own presence in Raleigh, Frayser, and Whitehaven, Union Planters and Barretville Bank apparently preferred to maintain the arrangement of not infringing on each other's territory and thus agreed to a sale of Barretville Bank's branches in those communities to Union Planters in 1954. The roles had been reversed when, in 1940, Union Planters sold its Millington branch, located in Barretville Bank's "own backyard," to Barretville Bank.⁴⁶

Barretville Bank's resources increased by more than \$3 million during the single year 1959.⁴⁷ The surplus account grew from \$680,000 to \$700,000, and the directors declared an 8% dividend of \$42,000.48 Combined resources of Barretville Bank and its affiliates exceeded \$26 million.⁴⁹

The United States has a dual banking system that allows banks operating in any state to choose between two different sets of laws defining and regulating the activities and investments of banks.⁵⁰ National banks are regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency, and state banks are regulated by the chartering state's banking regulator, which in Tennessee is the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, previously known as the Commissioner of Banking. ⁵¹ Within this dual system, state banks can also choose to subject themselves to federal regulation by becoming members of the Federal Reserve System or insuring deposits through the F.D.I.C.^{52.} Barretville Bank, a state bank, subjected itself to federal regulation when it joined the Federal Reserve System and insured its deposits through the F.D.I.C. prior to 1948.⁵³

Until the 1980s, banks in Tennessee – whether state or national – were prohibited from establishing branches outside their home counties.⁵⁴ While Tennessee's intrastate branching restrictions were in effect, Somerville Bank & Trust Company, Rossville Savings Bank, and First State Bank of Henderson were controlled by Paul Barret, other Barret family members, and the Barret Company, Inc., rather than Barretville Bank. Due to a significant degree of common ownership, those banks were classified as affiliates of Barretville Bank. Such state-sanctioned geographic restrictions also provided a degree of protection to smaller banks, such as Barretville Bank and its Fayette and Chester County affiliates.

To celebrate its growth and success, Barretville Bank retained the Memphis architectural firm of Mahan & Shappley in July 1958 to design "alterations and an addition" to the headquarters at Barretville. This is reflected in Mahan & Shappley's records, including the reference to and description of its "Project No. 1695" on the attached copy of the firm's project list (Figure 2). Architect George Mahan, Jr., had founded the prestigious design firm of Mahan & Broadwell in 1912; it later became Mahan & Shappley; and, still later, Coleman Foster,

⁴⁵ Longwith, Since Before the Yellow Fever: A History of Union Planters Bank, Memphis, Tennessee, 88.

⁴⁶ Commercial Appeal, December 15, 1948.

⁴⁷ National Register of Historic Places; Squire's Rest, Millington, Shelby County, Tennessee; National Register No. 07000533; Appendix 2, 28.

⁴⁸ Ibid. ⁴⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁰ Henry N. Butler, "The Competitive Equality Doctrine and the Demise of Intrastate Bank Branching Restrictions," Tennessee Law Review, 55 (Summer 1988), 703.

⁵¹ *Ibid*.

⁵² Ibid.

⁵³ Commercial Appeal, December 15, 1948.

⁵⁴ Tennessee Code Annotated Section 45-2-614.

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Architects.⁵⁵

Nathan/Evans/Taylor was founded in 1958 by Francis Gassner and Thomas Nathan.⁵⁶ The current firm of Evans Taylor Foster Childress, Architects, is the successor firm to Mahan & Shappley.⁵⁷

Photographs of the Barretville Bank headquarters building prior to those modifications are not available; however, its appearance is depicted on an adjustable metal calendar that advertised Barretville Bank during the 1950s and a copy of such depiction is attached to this



form as Figure 4 and is inset right. Exterior building details appear to have been influenced by Craftsman or Spanish Colonial Revival styles, with exposed rafters and knee braces supporting a small hipped porch.

According to the January 1960 issue of Tennessee Banker magazine, the then recently-completed expansion and remodeling of the bank's headquarters at Barretville included the addition of "an imposing facade of brick, stone, and stucco" The new boardroom at Barretville Bank's headquarters is shown in Figure 5, c. 1965. The bank also modernized the branches at Millington and Collierville, as referenced in Figure 2, Mahan & Shappley Project Ledger, Projects 1694 (June 1958) and 1700 (Feb. 1959). It was reported that the headquarters and those two branches became "modern in every detail."⁵⁸

Union Planters' correspondent banks "provided large sums of non-interest bearing funds that could be lent out [by Union Planters] at rates from four to six percent."⁵⁹ Throughout the 1950s Union Planters continued to emphasize correspondent banking.⁶⁰ By 1962, however, the account balances of correspondent banks at Union Planters had plunged dramatically – from \$103 million in 1961 to \$76 million in 1962, and the downward trend continued.⁶¹

Although precise figures for Barretville Bank's deposits with Union Planters are not available, it seems reasonable to assume that by the early 1960s Barretville Bank, like other "country banks" doing business with Union Planters, was keeping more of its own deposits in order to make additional and larger loans to its customers, thus increasing its profits instead of allowing Union Planters to benefit from the "spread." The areas

⁵⁵ Judith Johnson, The Art of Architecture. Judith Johnson & Associates, Inc., accessed July 30, 2018,

https://www.judithjohnsonpreservationservices.com/ resources.html.

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⁵⁷ *Ibid*.

⁵⁸ *Tennessee Banker*, January 1960, 33.

⁵⁹ Longwith, Since Before the Yellow Fever: A History of Union Planters Bank, 96.

⁶⁰ *Ibid*.

⁶¹ *Ibid*.

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served by Barretville Bank were becoming more prosperous due to growth of the Naval Air Station and the Naval Air Technical Training Facility at Millington, as well as new and expanded factories south of Millington. To the east, in Arlington, there were new manufacturing facilities and a new 1,500-bed medical facility built by the state. Carrier Corporation built a massive heating and air conditioning equipment plant at Collierville. Freed-Hardeman Junior College in Henderson (later a four-year college and then a university) experienced increased enrollment and financial support. After World War II, suburbs of ranch houses and auto-oriented commercial shopping centers encompassed formerly rural areas to the north, south, and east of Memphis. For the communities like Barretville that remained predominately rural, local farmers enjoyed increased productivity and profits due to larger-scale farming and greater mechanization (resulting in more and bigger farm equipment loans) and more comprehensive and generous agricultural price supports by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Compounding those beneficial developments, except for a branch of First National Bank of Memphis that opened in Millington in the early 1960s, Barretville Bank and its branches enjoyed very little competition from other banks, due in part to the pre-emptive effect of Barretville Bank's able and experienced managers, with deep roots in their respective communities, but also attributable to the previously-described relationship with Union Planters and Tennessee's general prohibition against a bank establishing branches outside its home county.

Solidly profitable, ensconced in an expanded, attractive, up-to-date headquarters, and armed with substantial surplus capital, Barretville Bank initiated an aggressive expansion of branches and affiliates during the period of good economic times that commenced in 1960.

On March 14, 1960, Barretville Bank opened a branch at The Plaza Shopping Center in Millington at a cost of \$45,000.00.^{62.} As noted in the directors' minutes, "the shift of business enterprises and residential areas in Millington was toward The Plaza and away from U. S. Highway 51."⁶³

A merger agreement between Rossville Savings Bank and Somerville Bank & Trust Company was consummated on October 1, 1960.^{64.} A new, modern bank building was completed at Rossville and the bank moved operations on September 11, 1961.^{65.} Assets of Rossville were \$1 million, thus making the combined assets of the two banks approximately \$6 million.^{66.}

To satisfy longstanding requests from local residents and businesses, Barretville Bank established a branch at the intersection of U.S. Highways 70 and 64, in an area (Shelby Center) later annexed by the town of Bartlett.^{67.} Again the firm of Mahan & Shappley was hired to design the building, and the contractor was Claude Irwin. This branch, known as "The Peoples Bank, Shelby Center," commenced operation on April 1, 1961.^{68.} Its total assets increased from \$85,052.11 on the first day of operation to a remarkable \$935,818.54 on December 15, 1961.^{69.} The investment in the building and land was \$165,254.81.^{70.} Considered "one of Shelby County's most

⁶² Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 7.

⁶³ Ibid.

⁶⁴ Ibid, 8.

⁶⁵ Ibid.

⁶⁶ *Ibid*, 7.

⁶⁷ *Ibid*, 1-2.

 $^{^{68}}$ *Ibid*, 1-2 and 8.

⁶⁹ *Ibid*, 8.

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beautiful bank branches," the Shelby Center facility boasted walnut paneling, tall, narrow windows, and curved walls in the lobby.^{71.} It also had a drive-through window, a night depository, and loan and bookkeeping departments.^{72.}

Due to the growth of businesses and residential areas in Collierville, especially to West Poplar and areas northwest of the town square, Barretville Bank officers and directors discussed how the Collierville branch could better serve its customers.^{73.} Parking on the town square was in short supply and oftentimes customers were unable to find parking places there. Consideration was given to a drive-in window at the Collierville branch, but the only place it could be installed was on the north wall facing the alley, and delivery trucks sometimes blocked the alley for several hours each day. Management considered the feasibility of another branch located on West Poplar with adequate parking space and a walk-in/drive-in window.^{74.} Barretville Bank directors voted on March 27, 1964, to make application to the FDIC to establish a branch at 595 West Poplar. This branch opened for business on November 18, 1964, at a cost of \$76,430.83.^{75.}

In February 1965, the Board of Aldermen for the town of Arlington passed a resolution requesting that Barretville Bank open a branch in that municipality.^{76.} The aldermen cited the fact that the state of Tennessee was building the 1,500-bed Arlington Developmental Center and construction of a 600-acre industrial park had commenced.^{77.} The bank's board authorized Paul Barret as president to make application to establish a branch at 12013 U.S. Highway 70 in Arlington.^{78.} That branch opened on October 16, 1965, with Ellis Townsend as manager.^{79.} During the next 10 years Barretville Bank acquired several parcels of land in Millington, Collierville, Bartlett, and Arlington for future expansion.^{80.} New alarm systems were installed at the headquarters building and at branches in Arlington, Shelby Center, Collierville (town square location), and on U.S. Highway 51 in Millington.^{81.}

Paul Barret, president and member of the Board of Directors, died May 4, 1976. An obituary noted that Barretville Bank then had 13 offices and branches in southwest Tennessee.⁸² Deposits were \$64.3 million. capitalization, \$6.3 million, and total assets, \$73 million.^{83.}

During Paul Barret's long tenure as head of Barretville Bank, and particularly during the 1950s and 1960s, notable persons often called on him at his office in the bank. Abe Plough (1892-1984), founder of Plough, Inc., maker of St. Joseph aspirin, Coppertone suntan products, Maybelline cosmetics, and many other products, had his black, chauffeured limousine pull up to the front door of the bank on many Saturday afternoons so that he could visit with Paul Barret. Because of his political office and influence, candidates for Tennessee governor,

⁷⁶ *Ibid*.

⁷⁰ Ibid.

⁷¹ Tennessee Banker, May 1961, 23.

⁷² *Ibid*.

⁷³ Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 2.

⁷⁴ Ibid.

⁷⁵ *Ibid*, 2 and 9.

⁷⁷ *Ibid*.

⁷⁸ Ibid.

⁷⁹ *Ibid*, 9-12.

⁸⁰ Ibid. ⁸¹ Ibid.

⁸² Memphis Press-Scimitar, May 5, 1976. Also, Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 2, 12, and 16. ⁸³ Barretville Bank Condensed Statement of Condition, June 30, 1976.

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U.S. Senate, and many local offices came to the bank on numerous occasions. A notable event of a different sort occurred in the late 1960s, when a young bank robber pointed a gun at a Barretville Bank teller and demanded "all the money." Paul Barret, who happened to be standing nearby, calmly said, "Son, we're just a country bank. We don't have any money here." Of course, that statement was untrue, but the bewildered thief ran out of the bank and sped off in his car. He was later apprehended and prosecuted.

Paul W. Barret, Jr. (1923-1999), succeeded his father as president of Barretville Bank in 1976. In October 1989, Money magazine named Barretville Bank "one of the safest banks in America," based on capital strength. Paul Barret, Jr.'s office remained in the original headquarters building until January 1997, when the bank ceased operating there and moved to a new building at 9105 Barret Road in Barretville.⁸⁴ During the next three years the bank used the original headquarters building for storage. The present owner took title in 2009. Barretville Bank became Barret Bancorp in 2000, and it was sold to Trustmark Bank for over \$100 million in 2001.⁸⁵

The only other Shelby County bank buildings on the National Register of Historic Places are Bank of Commerce and Trust Company Building (a Classical Revival structure built in 1929, NR Listed 05/04/1980), the 12-story, Modernist-style Memphis Bank & Trust Building (built in 1962, NR Listed 07/17/2013), and Tri-State Bank Building on Beale Street, which originally housed Robert Church's Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company (built in the early 1900s, NR Listed 02/11/1971). The first two banks served primarily commercial interests, and the third, individuals and businesses in the African American community. These buildings on the National Register are located in downtown Memphis.

In contrast, Barretville Bank was a country bank that played a significant role in the financial well-being and development of rural Southwest Tennessee. Paul Barret and other managers and directors of the bank skillfully navigated the Great Depression, maintained a beneficial relationship with the much-larger Union Planters that went beyond correspondent banking, and astutely bought and sold existing branches and established complementary new branches. The Barretville Bank & Trust Company building served as the headquarters of a significant rural banking network that experienced profitability every year during the period of significance continuing until it was sold in 2001.

⁸⁴ Krosp, "History of Barretville Bank and Trust," 2, 12, and 16.

⁸⁵ Trustmark Bank, "Mergers and Acquisitions, Acquisitions, Bank & Thrift Company Deals," accessed November 2, 2018, https://www.snl.com/irw/mna/100464.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):		Primary location of additional data:
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)		State Historic Preservation Office
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previously determined eligible by the National Register		Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark		Local government
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recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #		Other
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #	Nam	ne of repository:

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10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property 0.19	USGS Quadrangle Brunswick, 408SE
Latitude/Longitude Coordina	tes
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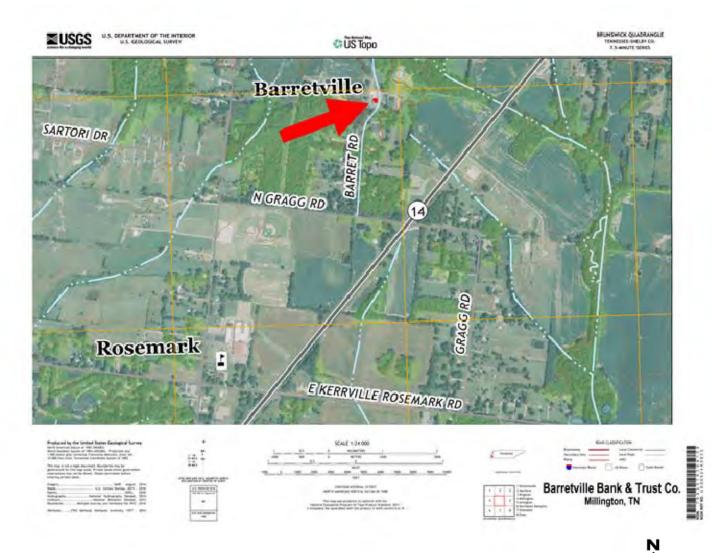
Verbal Boundary Description

Located in Shelby County, the eastern boundary is Barret Road, the southern boundary extends from the corner of the commercial building behind the Barretville Bank & Trust Company encompassing the parking lot and a small part of Shelby County Register of Deeds Parcel D0108 00515, the western boundary is in front of the commercial building and just inside boundary line of Shelby County Register of Deeds Parcel D0108 00093, and the northern boundary is the north property line of parcel D0108 00093.

Boundary Justification

These are boundaries that have been historically associated with the Barretville Bank & Trust Company and include appropriate setting for the commercial property.

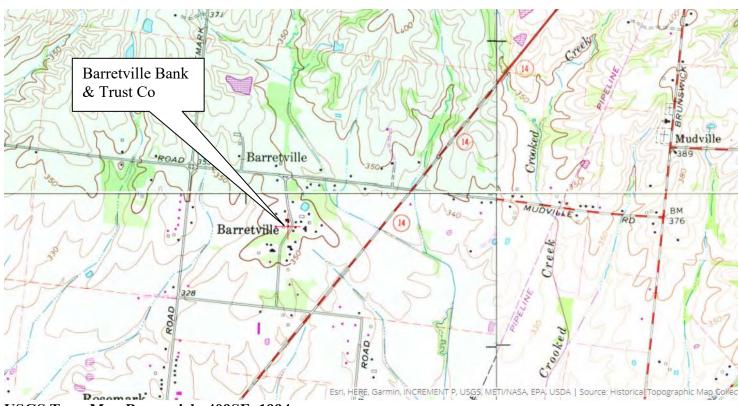
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Aerial Location Map, Brunswick, 409SE

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Boundary Map, Brunswick, 409SE (Squire's Rest indicated for reference only)

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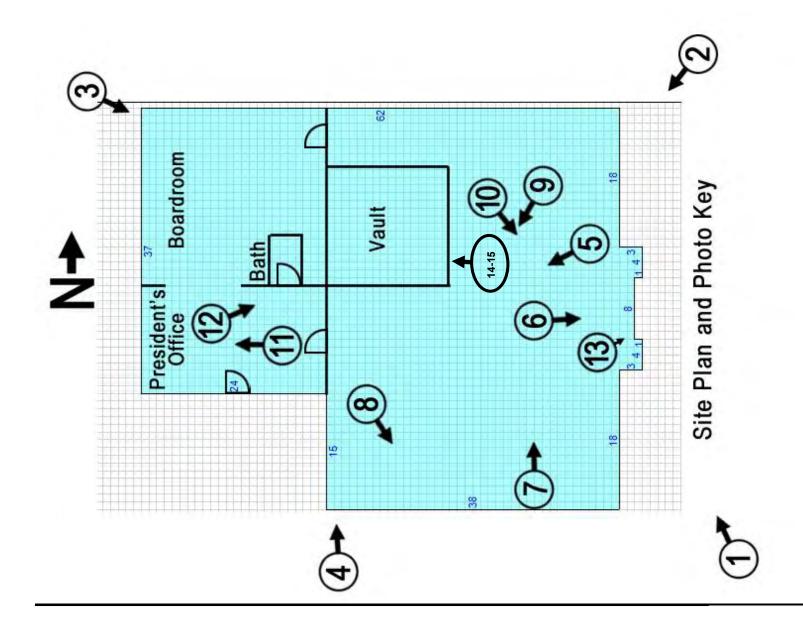
Photo Log

Name of Property: Barretville Bank & Trust Company Building City or Vicinity: Millington County: Shelby State: TN Photographer: Judith Johnson Date Photographed: 7/15/2018

- 1 of 13. East façade from across Barretville Road with setting. Photographer facing northwest.
- 2 of 13. East façade and north side elevation. Photographer facing southwest.
- 3 of 13. West rear elevation and north side elevation. Photographer facing south east.
- 4 of 13. South elevation. Photographer facing north.
- 5 of 13. Interior-main lobby. Photographer facing southwest.
- 6 of 13. Interior-waiting area. Photographer facing east.
- 7 of 13. Interior- teller's cage. Photographer facing southwest.
- 8 of 13. Interior-office. Photographer facing southeast.
- 9 of 13. Interior-cashier's cage facing vault. Photographer facing southwest
- 10 of 13. Interior-Detail-teller's cage
- 11 of 13. Interior-President's Office with board room to right. Photographer facing southwest.
- 12 of 13. Interior-President's office and private bath in rear addition. Photographer facing east.
- 13 of 13. Detail-Lobby terrazzo
- 14 of 15 Interior-Bank Vault door
- 15 of 15 Interior-Bank Vault interior

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Site Plan and Photo Key



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Figure 1. Bank president Paul Barret in his office circa 1952, photo from collection of Paul Matthews

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Figure 2. Mahan & Shappley Project Ledger, July 1958, collection of Paul Matthews

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Figure 3. Barretville Bank & Trust circa 1961, collection of Paul Matthews

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Figure 4. Image of pre-1958 bank building, collection of Paul Matthews

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Figure 5. Barretville Bank Board of Directors in boardroom, N.D., collection of Paul Matthews































UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination			· · ·		
Property Name:	Barretville Bank and Trust Company Building					
Multiple Name:	,					
State & County:	TENNESSEE, Shelby					
Date Rece 3/28/20		st: Date of 16th Day: 5/7/2019	Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List 5/13/2019	:		
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Abstract/Summary Comments:	large, urban banks in Mempl	his. Focusing on small c enure, and this original fa	nch system that rivaled some of the communities and small customers, the acility remained the headquarters nce).			
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Reviewer Jim Ga	abbert	Discipline	Historian			
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If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.





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March 25, 2019

Ms. Joy Beasley Keeper of the National Register National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228 Washington, DC 20240

National Register Nomination

Barretville Bank and Trust, Shelby County, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Beasley:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct nomination for listing of the *Barretville Bank and Trust* to the National Register of Historic Places. We received no comments.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, please contact Holly Barnett at (615) 770-1098 or Holly.M.Barnett@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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Claudette Stager Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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