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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF STONE COUNTY
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number ST-90
☒ Farmers and Merchants
Property Name Bank

Owner Bank of Mountain View
Address c/o Charles Lowe

Location ☒ Mountain View AR 66

East Main St.

Significant Date/s 1910

Mountain View, AR 72560

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Farmers and Merchants Bank Building is situated east of the courthouse square on Main Street, the square's southern boundary. The two story 1910 bank, is a rectangular stone constructed building covered with a flat roof with parapet. The structure's symmetrical massing contrasts its asymetrically-designed, dressed stone street facade (south). The builder, Bill Laroe, paired round-arched openings, each adorned with voussiors and keystones, at the west end of the facade. A double hung one-over-one window with transom and a single leaf door with transom appear with the arched openings. The double round-arched motif is somewhat offset by a wide segmental arched window opening articulated by an exaggerated keystone and voussiors. Two symmetrically arranged window openings mark a rather nondescript second story. However, the principal facade is nicely finished with a dentilled cornice made of a series of projecting stones and capped by stone coping.

Rusticated stone facings distinguish the secondary elevations of the building from the street facade. The second story fenestration of rectangular openings and an outside door entrance, accessible by a steel stairway and landing, characterize the east elevation that runs parallel to an alley.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1910 Farmers and Merchants Bank represents the first period of stone construction in the commercial structures in Mountain View. Though traditional in style, it represents an awareness by the builder of the Romanesque style through the stone work around the door and window openings. Bill Laroe, a local stone-mason who also constructed the 1922 Stone County Courthouse, built the Farmers and Merchants Banks, as well as other stone commercial buildings along the courthouse square in Mountain View. The two-story bank is a traditional rectangular commercial structure constructed of stone with a flat roof and parapet. The structure's symmetrical massing contrasts its assymetrical designed dressed stone street facade.

Verbal Boundary Description: Pt. NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of S12, T14N, R11W, and more fully described as commencing 20 ft. West from the SE corner of Lot 6 in the Stone County Addition to said town of Mountain View, on Main St., and running thence North 27 degrees E. 72 ft. to the NE corner of said Lot 6; thence North 32 ft.; thence East 52 ft.; thence S 27 degrees W 108 ft; thence West 23 ft. to the place of beginning, containing 1/12 acre, more or less.

Acreage: less than 1
Quadrangle Name: Mountain View

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:
Zone: 15

Easting: 579700

Northing: 3969540

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 3Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Stone County MRA
State ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Brewer, John F., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 8/25/85

Attest

22. Brewer's Mill

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

23. Case, C. B., Motor Co. Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

24. Commercial Hotel

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

25. Copeland, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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26. Davis Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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27. Hess, Thomas M., House

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National Register

for Keeper

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28. Hess, Binks, House and Barn

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29. Gammill, Orvall, Barn

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National Register

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30. Farmers and Merchants Bank

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Re #
85002228

Farmers and Merchants Bank (Stone County
MRA)
Stone County
ARKANSAS

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

Entered in the
National Register

Working No. AUG 14 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-86
Date Due: 9/12/85 — 9/28/85
Action: ACCEPT 9-17-85
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ 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 Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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: _____



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RESOURCE PHOTOGRAPH SHEET



Historic Resources of Stone County
Farmers & Merchants Bank, ST-90
Mountain View
Don Brown, photographer
1983
Negative on file at the AHPP
Viewed from the southeast



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000031