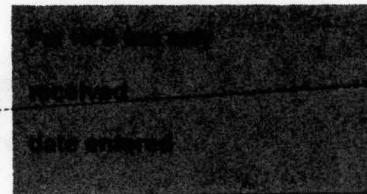


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: DA-011

(Thompson, TR)  
Congressional District: Fourth

✓ Name: Fordyce Home Accident Ins. Co.

Current Owner: Lyon Read-Mix, Inc.

✓ Address: 300 Main

c/o William Lyon

✓ Fordyce, Arkansas

Address: Fordyce, Arkansas 71742

✓ County: Dallas

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction: 1908

Stylistic Influence: Romanesque/Classical Revival

Original Use: Insurance Company

Present Use: Commercial- shops

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 554420/3741380

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Fordyce  
S. 40' of lt. 6, Block 4

Condition

☒ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

☐ Ruins

☐ Unexposed

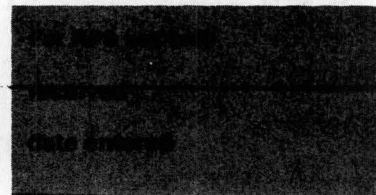
☒ Unaltered

☐ Altered

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Code: DA-011 ( 300 Main, Fordyce, AR)

Physical Description

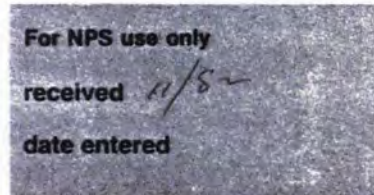
This two-story building designed by Charles Thompson around 1908 represents the most stylish and impressive version of several similar small-town commercial structures. A corner site with the recessed entrance of the building placed on the diagonal and flanked by two wings forms the principal arrangement for these designs. This building, located on a corner of Fordyce's Main Street, features a prominent corner tower capped by terra-cotta domical roof with finials. Its rich facade faced with gray-brown brick features brick bands resembling rustication along the second story. On the ground floor stone pilasters with simple molded capitals frame large plate glass windows. On the second story pilasters with Ionic capitals align with the plainer pilasters below. Alternating circular and rectangular decorative metal vents pierce the attic level. A stone cornice with modillions adds to the decorative flair. Above this rises the parapet with stone coping. The arched entrance porch at the corner features large masonry blocks and a free-standing granite column with attic base on high stone plinth which supports the corner. The capital of this column is over-scaled and carved in a fanciful foliate design. The beveled glass double leaf door is crowned by an arched transom with leaded glass came. The ceramic tiles of the porch floor spell out the name of the building: "Fordyce Home Accident Insurance Company." A secondary entrance leading to offices upstairs is located at the end of the Main Street block.

Statement of Significance

The Fordyce Home Accident Insurance Company in Southern Arkansas was designed by Charles L. Thompson in 1908. This building is representative of the most elaborate version of several small-town commercial structures. As in the Bank of Waldo (CO-008) and the Bank of Carthage (DA-013), the Fordyce Home Accident Insurance Company features a recessed corner entrance. All three of these southern Arkansas commercial structures were built for a Mr. A. B. Banks, a local entrepreneur. The two-story building in Fordyce is of brick construction and features an impressive corner tower capped by a terra-cotta domical roof with finials. The building is basically Queen Anne in massing with some Romanesque details in the squat columns supporting the entrance portico, stone voussoirs, and classic pilasters.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources  
State Arkansas Ashley Co & others

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Dean House Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Mayfield 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

2. Pugh House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

3. Walker House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

4. Domestic Science Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Mayfield 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

5. Columbia County Jail

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 12/22/82

Attest

6. Jackson Hall

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

Return PWA 12/13/82

7. Bank of Waldo

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

8. Coca-Cola Building

Entered in the  
National Register

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Attest

9. First National Bank of Morrilton

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

10. Fordyce Home Accident Insurance Company

Substantive Review

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Substantive Review

Fordyce Home Accident Ins. Co. (Thompson, Charles  
L., Design Collection TR)  
Dallas County  
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/20/82  
☐ 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 Andrus  
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 ☐ no7. 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 Reference \_\_\_\_\_

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





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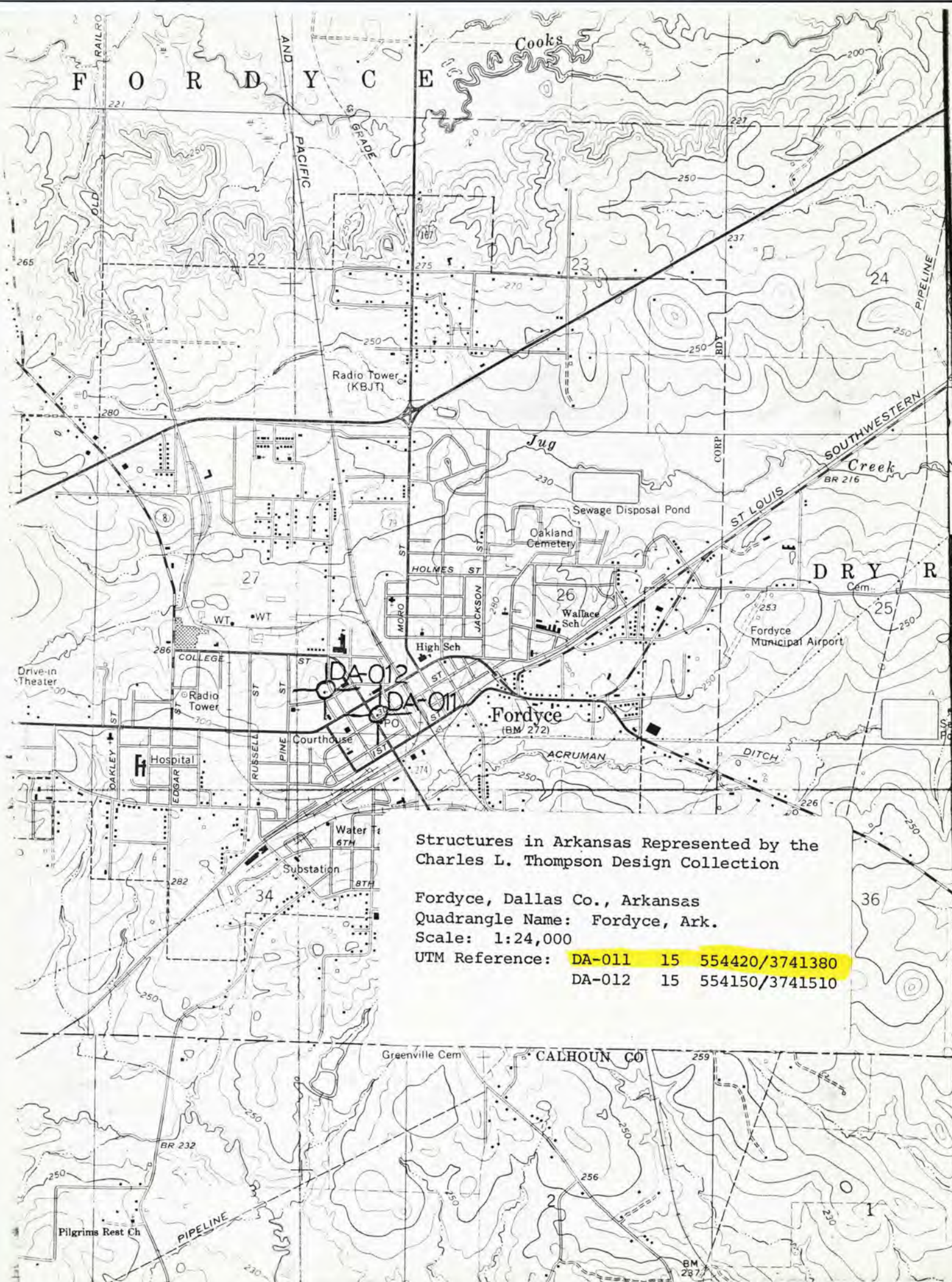
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300 Main, Fordyce, Arkansas

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April, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP  
Viewed from the Southwest







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Charles L. Thompson Design Collection

Fordyce, Dallas Co., Arkansas  
Quadrangle Name: Fordyce, Ark.  
Scale: 1:24,000

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