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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PU-168

Congressional District: 2

Name: Federal Reserve Bank Building

Current Owner: Federal Partners, Inc.
c/o Hooper-Bond

Address: 123 West 3rd Street

Little Rock, AR

County: Pulaski

Address: University Tower Building
Little Rock, AR 72204

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson and Harding

Date of Construction: 1924

Stylistic Influence: Neo-Classical

Original Use: Bank

Present Use:

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15/566750/3844900

Acreage: less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: W ½ of Lots 1, 2,
Block 76, Original City

Condition

____ Excellent
☒ Good
____ Fair

____ Deteriorated
____ Ruins
____ Unexposed

____ Unaltered
____ Altered

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Physical Description

The 1924 Federal Reserve Bank Building is a three-story, modestly detailed, Neo-Classical design constructed of reinforced concrete faced with limestone. The primary, or 3rd Street elevation is symmetrical and the elevated bronze entry doors are flanked by four engaged Doric columns which divide the facade into five, two-story window bays. A stone eagle rests atop the date plate which is located on the entrance surround. The Louisiana Street facade features two large square columns framing a bay of two-story windows. Windows throughout the building are metal casements with stationary panes above. A horizontal band of attic windows, sandwiched between two cornice lines, and a simple parapet crown the building. Although ornamentation is sparse, there is a large emblem centered on the parapet above the main entrance and medallions along the frieze are centered above the columns.

Statement of Significance

The Little Rock branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis opened in 1919 and occupied office space in the Southern Trust Building on West 2nd Street. Property was purchased in 1921 at the corner of 3rd and Louisiana Streets but construction of a new bank building did not begin until early in 1924. The decision to locate the building on Louisiana was indicative of a reorientation of the financial community's facilities southward from 2nd to Louisiana Street. Local architects Charles Thompson and Thomas Harding designed the structure, paying close attention to the special requirements of a Federal Reserve bank. The Federal Reserve Bank remained in this building until 1966 when they moved to a new and larger structure on West Capitol Avenue. The building has recently been adapted for use as a vault and security facility.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Charles I. Thompson Design Collection TR
State Pulaski County, Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

149. Exchange Bank Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

150. Federal Reserve Bank
BuildingEntered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

151. Moore Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

152. Hall Building

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

153. Democrat Printing &
Lithograph Co. Bldg.

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

154. Beal-Burrow Dry Goods Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

155. YMCA Building

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Attest

156. Waters--Pierce Oil Company Building

Entered in the
National Register

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157. Rose, U.M., School

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National Register

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158. Nichol House

Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Federal Reserve Bank Building (Charles L.
Thompson Design Collection TR)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

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

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Working No. 218986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 10/23/86 - 11/8/86
Action: ACCEPT 10-23-86
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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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: _____



FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING -PU-168

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas

Viewed from northwest

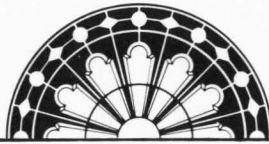
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Negatives on file at AHPP

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000032



ARKANSAS
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
PROGRAM

September 17, 1986

Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
100 "L" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Federal Reserve Bank- PU-168
Exchange Bank- PU-169
Moore Building- PU-170
Little Rock, Pulaski County
Amendment to Charles Thompson Thematic

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nominations for the Federal Reserve Bank, Exchange Bank, and the Moore Building. These are submitted as amendments to the "Structures in Arkansas Represented by the Charles L. Thompson Design Collection- A Thematic Group" that was listed as a thematic nomination December 22, 1982. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer

WS/TJ/jv

Enclosure/s



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