

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

For HCERS use only

received FEB 24 1982

date entered MAR 25 1982

MAR 25 1982

1. Name

historic Bank of Kingston

and/or common Madison Bank and Trust

2. Location

street & number 101 Public Square N/A not for publication

city, town Kingston N/A vicinity of congressional district Third

state Arkansas code 05 county Madison code 087

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Steve Smith, President, Jim McDougal, Chairman of the Board, Bank of Kingston

street & number 101 Public Square

city, town Kingston N/A vicinity of state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Circuit Clerk's Office

street & number Madison County Courthouse

city, town Huntsville state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Survey

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

city, town Little Rock state Arkansas

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

The Bank of Kingston is a free-standing one-story stone structure situated on the north side of Kingston's town square. Built in 1911 by local contractor Smith Bradshaw at a cost of \$2,580.99 (a figure that appalled some of the bank's founding stockholders), the bank building is the most architecturally outstanding structure in the commercial streetscape of this rural Northwest Arkansas town. Although its principal elevation presented a typical storefront, an unusually unassuming treatment for a bank building, the use of galvanized pressed metal on three elevations gives the building a distinctive appearance. While the metal applied to the building's side elevations is not ornate, the principal elevation features a richly decorated frieze, cornice and parapet that truly exploit the decorative potential of the material.

ELABORATION

The symmetrical principal (south) facade of the Bank of Kingston is an unaltered wood paneled storefront which is composed of a centrally located, recessed entrance and two flanking display windows. Two vertical lights set on wood paneled bases and surmounted by transoms form the storefront windows. Splayed side-walls, containing like detailed vertical lights on wood panels, provide a smooth transition into the entry area. This main entrance is comprised of double doors, each featuring one rectangular light over four-panel base, with transom. A cloth awning, supported on a metal frame and extending across the full width of the principal elevation, shades the storefront. The building's prominent pressed tin entablature and parapet attractively complete the principal facade. An unornamented architrave, bearing the sign "Bank", caps the storefront and a band of ovolo moulding separates the architrave from the entablature's distinctive frieze. Fluid scroll designs embellish the frieze. Above the frieze, a slightly projecting cornice is articulated with pressed metal translations of dentils and modillions. The parapet that caps the entablature features a decorative raised pattern that creates the appearance of a balustrade. Documents found in the bank's original safe indicate that the exterior and interior pressed metal was purchased from Mesker & Brothers of St. Louis, Missouri and shipped to Arkansas by rail.

The bank's east and west elevations are distinguished by pressed metal veneer fabricated in imitation of masonry. Otherwise these side elevations are uninterrupted and undistinguished. In 1981 the bank was extended to the rear (north). However, sympathetic use of pressed tin siding renders this one-story addition relatively undistinguishable from the predominant original section of the building. Further, the addition is virtually invisible from the public square and thus does not intrude upon the integrity of the bank's fine principal facade. The entire building has recently been painted in period colors of beige with maroon, black, and white trim.

The interior of the Bank of Kingston, the subject of recent restoration, retains the same integrity of original fabric that so distinguishes the building's exterior. In plan, the banking room and its lobby occupy the front half of the structure, offices are located behind it, and a conference room occupies the rear addition. The teller's

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED FEB 24 1982

DATE ENTERED

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

7

PAGE

2

cage is quite classical in design featuring Ionic colonnettes and dentiled cornices that frame the teller's windows, egg and dart moulding, paneling, beading, and applied garlands. As on the exterior, pressed metal contributes significantly to the quality of the interior design. The pressed tin walls, cornice mouldings and ceiling panels are replete with ornate designs. The interior of the rear addition continues the esthetic established in the original banking room by utilizing new pressed tin components obtained from the same firm that provided the original fabric. The banking room floor is covered with white tiles and the "1911" construction date is inlaid in a darker color tile. Two original safes have been restored and one, a barrel safe manufactured in 1916, occupies the banking room lobby. The building is heated by a replica of an 1895 wood heater.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1911 **Builder/Architect** Smith Bradshaw, contractor

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bank of Kingston is a fine example of rural Northwest Arkansas commercial architecture, unusual for a bank building, unique in its streetscape, and significant to the town of Kingston's commercial history. As the first and presently the only banking institution in Kingston and one of only three banks in Madison County to survive the depression of the 1930s, the Bank of Kingston has been at the foundation of the town's commercial development since it was chartered in April 1911. Most of the community's merchants and civic leaders were included as original stockholders. The bank's founder and first president, Joel N. Bunch, was prominent in Madison County's commercial development since the 1880s, a critical time in Kingston's history for the town rebuilt slowly after the Civil War, and his enterprises included a grocery store, the Kingston Milling Co. (saw, grist and flour mills) and the town's first industry -- a wagon spoke plant. The bank building's outstanding architectural character, exhibiting a fine survival and great integrity of original fabric, enhances its historic significance. Its literal storefront design is unusual for a bank building in Arkansas where, even in rural areas, this building type is invariably treated with a self-consciously "high style", often Classical, facade or vested with some degree of monumentality in the downtown streetscape. Nonetheless, in spite of its modest scale and proportions the Bank of Kingston is architecturally prominent, deriving its stature from the creative use of decorative pressed metal on its interior and exterior alike. The quality and effect of this material is particularly evident on the building's actively ornamented entablature and parapet. The building's painstakingly restored interior also reflects the structure's historicity and architectural eminence. Still appearing much as it did at the time of its construction, the Bank of Kingston remains an important and unique example of the bank building type in Arkansas, closely tied to the development of its community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Goodspeed's History of Northwest Arkansas (1889); A History of Kingston (1972); "Pioneer Identity Retained by Kingston", Carroll County Historical Quarterly (1976); "Death Claims Joel N. Bunch", Madison County Record, 18 August 1927 p.1; "Statement of Condition, Bank of Kingston", 2 March 1912; "Minute Book, Bank of Kingston", (1911 - present: Report of the State Bank Department, 1913 - 1980

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Kingston Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	5	4	5	3	4	0	5	3	9	8	9	5	2	5
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Zone Easting Northing

B

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Zone Easting Northing

C

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	Not Applicable	code	county	code
-------	----------------	------	--------	------

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Don Brown, Historian
Ethel Goodstein, Architectural Historian

organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date May 8, 1981

street & number 500 Continental Building telephone (501) 371-2763

city or town Little Rock state Arkansas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Wilson Stiles

title SHPO

date 2-12-82

For HCRS use only

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

Delores Byers

Entered in the
National Register

date 3/25/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
RECEIVED	FEB 24 1982
DATE ENTERED	

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 1

Verbal boundary description and justification:

Commencing at the NW corner SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15 Township 16 North Range 24 W. Thence South on Section line 32 rods thence S 88° E 5 rods 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ links for a beginning point. Thence S 88° E 25 feet. Thence N 20° E 190 feet to a stone in the center of the Kingston Branch. Thence S 88° W 25 feet. Thence S 20° W 190 feet to beginning point. Said land being on the north side of the Public Square in the town of Kingston and being a part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15 Township 16 North Range 24 W.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Bank of Kingston
State, County: AR, Madison
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 2/24/82-486
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 3-25-82 / 4-10-82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3/25/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Entered in the _____
National Register _____
photos ✓
maps I 82002/22

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

Entered in the _____
National Register _____

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	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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County

Bob Dunn, Photographer.
Photograph taken 30 April 1981
Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program

View of the townsquare from the southwest.
Photograph 1 of 7.

FEB 24 1982



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County

Bob Dunn, Photographer.

Photograph taken 30 April 1981.

Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program

Front (south) elevation from the southwest.

Photograph 2 of 7.

FEB 24 1982



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County.

Bob Dunn, Photographer.

Photograph taken 30 April 1981.

Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program

Front (south) elevation, cornice detail
from the south.

Photograph 3 of 7.

FEB 24 1982



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County.

Bob Dunn, Photographer.

Photograph taken 30 April 1981.

Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program

View from the northwest.

Photograph 4 of 7.

FEB 24 1982



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County.

Bob Dunn, Photographer.

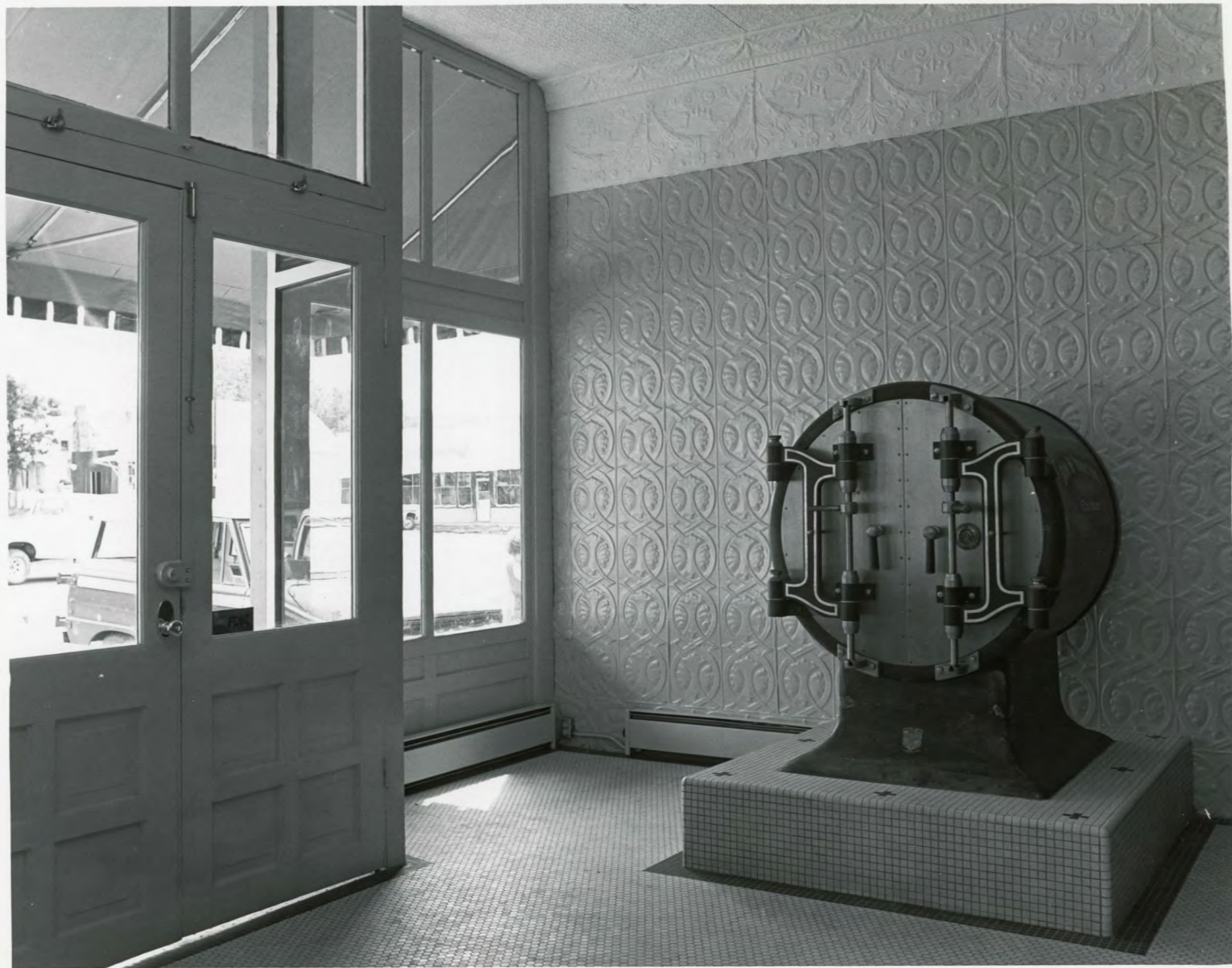
Photograph taken 30 April 1981.

Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program

Rear (north) elevation from the northeast.

Photograph 5 of 7

FEB 24 1982



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County.

Bob Dunn, Photographer.

Photograph taken 30 April 1981.

Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program.

Interior. Banking room from the northeast.
Photograph 6 of 7.

FEB 24 1982



Bank of Kingston, 101 Public Square,
Kingston, Arkansas. Madison County.

Bob Dunn, Photographer.

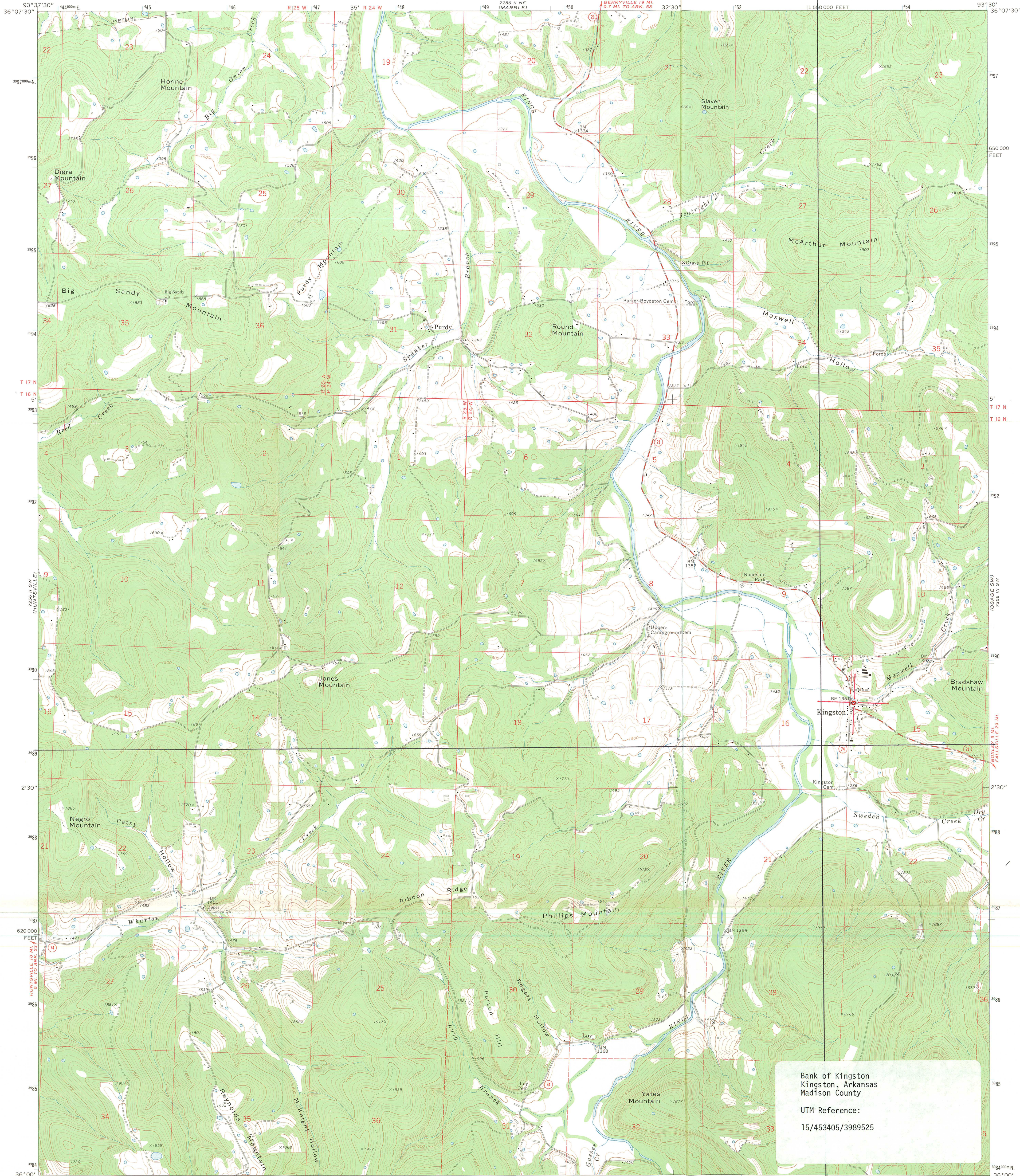
Photograph taken 30 April 1981.

Negative filed at Ark. Hist. Pres. Program.

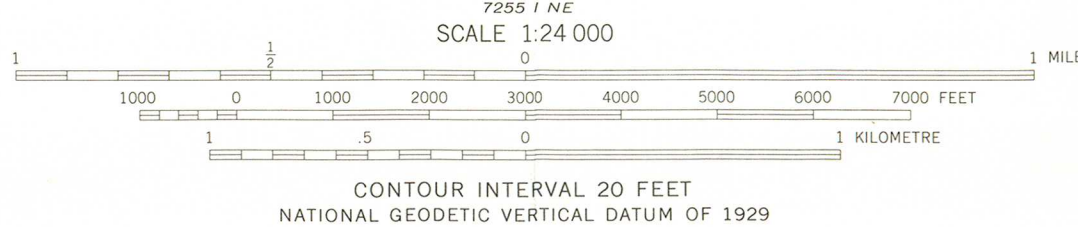
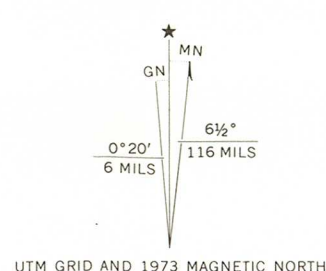
Interior. Banking room. Detail of
teller's cage.

Photograph 7 of 7.

FEB 24 1982



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Arkansas coordinate
system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route



KINGSTON, ARK.
N3600—W9330/7.5
1973
AMS 7256 II SE—SERIES V884



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

Phone: (501) 371-2763

February 17, 1982

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
440 G Street N.W.
Washington D.D. 20240



Re: National Register nominations:
Garrison House, Texarkana, Arkansas
Bank of Kingston, Kingston, Arkansas
Terry Block Building, Bentonville, Arkansas

Carol
Dear ~~Ms.~~ Shull:

We are enclosing for your review three nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. The properties are: Augustus Garrison House, Texarkana, Arkansas; Bank of Kingston, Kingston, Arkansas; Terry Block Building, Bentonville, Arkansas. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

I would like to bring to your attention that the Terry Block Building in Bentonville, Arkansas was granted a preliminary certification of significance August 4, 1980 and a preliminary certification of rehabilitation on August 1, 1980.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure

WS/js

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered MARCH 25, 1982

Name

Location

✓ Bank of Kingston

Kingston
Madison County

Notified

Honorable Dale Bumpers
Honorable David H. Pryor
Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt

Southwest Regional Office

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Wilson Stiles
Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Continental Building, Suite #500
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

For further information, please call the National Register at (202) 272-3504