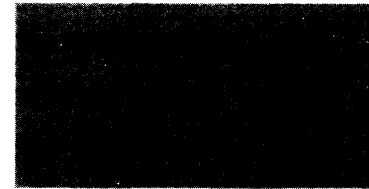


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic First National Bank Building

and/or common Timmerman Building

2. Location

street & number 101 ~~South~~ Cotton Street N/A not for publication

city, town Andalusia N/A vicinity of congressional district II

state Alabama code 01 county Covington code 039

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name S. Daniel Shehan & William T. Kiepura

street & number 101 South Cotton Street

city, town Andalusia N/A vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Covington County Courthouse

street & number Court Square North

city, town Andalusia state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The First National Bank Building is a six story (plus a basement and mezzanine) commercial building. The foundation is steel reinforced concrete which encloses the basement and is completely underground at the front (west end) of the building. The foundation is about four feet above ground level at the rear (east end) of the building. Ventilation to the basement is provided through two grated openings in the sidewalk on the north side of the building.

The structure of the building is steel reinforced concrete poured in place. All floors are 4" reinforced concrete slabs covered with a 4" layer of cinders and then a pine wood floor. The basement has a brick floor. The north and west exterior walls are 16" thick brick and stone. The east and south walls are 12" thick brick.

Photos #1 through #8 show the exterior decorative elements. There are nine bays on the north wall, two bays on the west wall, one bay on the east wall, and five bays on the south wall.

The roof is 4" reinforced concrete covered with felt and tar. There is one chimney (photo #3) on the south side near the rear of the building.

The main entrance (photo #10) has double, brass framed glass doors which were probably added in 1937. The original double doors (which are still stored in the basement) are wood framed glass similar to the ones on the side entrance (photo #11). Photo #12 shows the other side entrance, which is to the elevator lobby.

Windows on the front and north side of the building are wood sash windows with a single pane in each sash (photo #5). The first story has large arched windows with a rosette between each window (photo #1). The upper stories have double windows (photo #1). The windows on the rear and south side of the building are metal framed sash windows with two panes in each sash (photos #2 and #3).

Photo #13 shows an interior view of the bank area on the ground floor in 1943. Note the marble wainscoting and the ceramic tile floor. This area has undergone the most alteration through the years. In the sixties the marble teller wall was taken out, wood paneling was glued on the walls over the marble, and the ceiling was lowered to about ten feet. In August and September of 1981, the paneling was removed, the marble cleaned, the suspended ceiling removed so that the beautiful molding in the ceiling could be seen, and the room redecorated (photo #14). Although a new floor has been laid in the main room, the original ceramic tile floor is still being used in the hall at the rear of the main room and in the elevator lobby at the rear of the building. Photo #15 shows a portion of the main room as the paneling was being removed and one of the large arched windows. The beautiful molding in the ceiling and around the beams is shown in photo #16.

The second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth stories remain unaltered. At present the walls are in need of refinishing; some of the woodwork needs refinishing or replacing. Some of the woodwork on windows needs replacing; all needs refinishing. New windows have been put in the sixth story (photo #7).

The building contains two Otis elevators--both operable. One was installed in 1921, and the other was installed in 1937.

A beautiful clock which was added to the building in 1939 by the Commercial Bank, has been restored and now chimes the quarter hours and hours with its Westminster chimes (photo #9).

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1920-1921 **Builder/Architect** Frank (Tubby) Lockwood/Little, Cleckler and Company

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

COMMERCE/ARCHITECTURE:

The First National Bank Building is significant as southeast Alabama's only "skyscraper" and as the work of Frank Lockwood, one of Alabama's most noted architects in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is also significant for its associations with Andalusia's major banking insitutions.

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Architect Frank Lockwood (1865-1936) designed for the bank Andalusia's first and only building on the skyscraper scale, and Little, Cleckler and Company of Anniston, Alabama constructed the building for \$115,000.

Frank Lockwood, one of the South's most noted architects, designed numerous other buildings in Alabama, notably the Federal Building in Montgomery; wings to the Alabama Capitol; addition to the First National Bank of Montgomery; Smith, Morgan, and Tutwiler halls, and gymnasium at the University of Alabama; Marion Military Institute; Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montogmery; the Episcopal churches at Dothan, Troy, and Talladega; the orphanage at Troy; the Houston Hotel at Dothan; and court houses in Andalusia, Baldwin County, Conecuh County, Escambia County, and Calhoun County.

The First National Bank was established in 1901 (Charter number 5970, district 6) by prominent local businessmen. It made such rapid progress as it served the business and manufacturing interests of Andalusia that by 1922 it had constructed and occupied a beautiful six story office building known as the First National Bank Building. In 1928 the First National Bank merged with the Andalusia National Bank under the name of Andalusia National Bank. Unfortunately, the new bank was forced to close its doors following a run in October 1932--a victim of the national depression. The bank's affairs were taken over by a receiver.

Serveral months later the Commercial Bank was founded and opened for business July 1, 1933, at another location. In 1937 the Commercial Bank purchased the First National Bank Building, re-conditioned the first story, and moved in in March. Later that year many of the offices in the building were re-conditioned as well as some being added on the sixth story, which had been used as a large civic room. The Commercial Bank also added a beautiful clock with four faces and Westminster chimes to the northwest corner of the building.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1
 Quadrangle name Andalusia Quadrangle scale 1:2400

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Verbal boundary description and justification

(See Continuation sheet)

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

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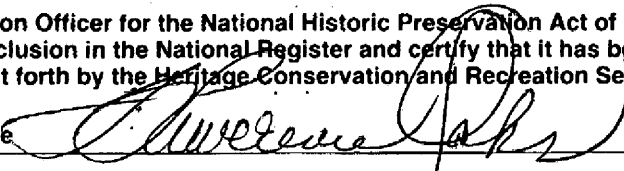
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name/title S. Daniel Shehan, Member
Covington County Historical Society
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 street & number South Three Notch Street telephone (205) 222-7813
 city or town Andalusia state Alabama

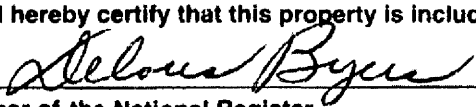
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 22, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
	Entered in the National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>8/20/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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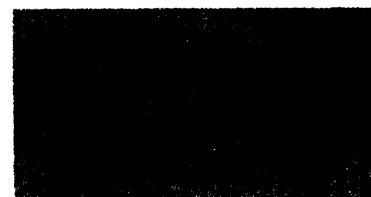
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The Commercial Bank grew rapidly, and by 1958 it had to move to a new location on Church Street. The First National Bank Building was then purchased by Frank Timmerman to house the Timmerman Insurance Agency. The building still housed numerous attorneys, doctors, and business offices. It was still the largest office building in Covington County. Gradually, however, the building's tenants moved out until the building was completely abandoned by the end of 1972. After serving the business and professional community for some fifty years, the building seemed doomed. Most people thought its usefulness was over; however, a few could see a great future for it.

In 1981 the building was purchased by William T. Kiepora and S. Daniel Shehan and renamed First National Bank Building (The name had changed with each new ownership). The first new business to reopen the building was Covington Square, an ice cream parlor and sandwich shop, owned by Harriet and Bud Boarwright and Dan Shehan. The First National Bank Building is not only a part of Andalusia and Covington County's proud past but also shows promise of being a star in their bright future.

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Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Public Square, and running thence South with the East line of the sidewalk on the East side of Cotton Street, a distance of 25 feet, and running thence East a distance of 100 feet; thence North a distance of 25 feet, and running thence west along the South line of the sidewalk on the South side of Coffee Street a distance of 100 feet to starting point.