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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic Bank of Rogers Building

and/or common The Rogers Historical Museum

2. Location

street & number 114 South First Street not for publication

city, town Rogers vicinity of congressional district Third

state Arkansas code 05 county Benton code 007

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ms. Opal Beck

street & number 114 South First Street

city, town Rogers vicinity of state Arkansas 72756

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Benton County Courthouse

city, town Bentonville state Arkansas 72756

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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

The Bank of Rogers Building is a rectangular, two-story brick structure wedged between two commercial buildings on South First Street in Rogers, Arkansas. The principal (east) facade is faced with finished limestone. The height and setback of the small row of commercial structures of which the Bank of Rogers is a part are uniform.

The principal facade of the bank is classically detailed, the design most closely fitting the mode of Renaissance Revival architecture. The extensively altered interior houses the Rogers Historical Museum. The interior alteration does little to detract from the architectural significance of the building because that significance rests entirely on the rich articulation of the principal facade.

The front of the building is actually divided into two principal facades. One facade abuts the sidewalk; the other sits back several feet from the facade fronting the sidewalk. The inner facade is viewed through a large arched opening. The space between the two facades forms a porch-like alcove.

The facade adjacent to the sidewalk resembles a triumphal arch; a large arched opening is centered in the wall. The opening is framed by polished marble columns and stone piers that equal the columns in height. The capitals of the marble columns are foliated while the piers are topped with roughly faced square capitals. The columns and piers support paneled imposts. A large semi-circular arch with articulated stone voussiors and keystone springs from the imposts. The arch is positioned in the lower part of the second story of the exterior facade. Two pilasters flank the arch and support an entablature and pediment that project from the wall. Above the pediment the outer facade terminates in a stepped parapet with ogee coping.

The second or inner facade wall is dominated by a large first floor entrance that opens under a segmental arch. The entrance is comprised of a single leaf door with sidelights and a fan light that has recently been painted with a railroad scene. The second story of the inner wall is also dominated by a large arch, in this instance one that is semi-circular. The arch surrounds paired rectangular sash windows. The space of the tympanum of the arch that is not occupied by the sash windows is filled with fixed-in-place lights.

Since the Bank of Rogers is abutted on both its north and south elevations by adjoining buildings, very little of the structure other than the principal elevation is visible. The remaining exterior walls that are visible (west elevation and upper story of the rear of the north elevation) are of simple and unadorned brick construction. The windows on the north elevation are alterations. The significant principal elevation (east) has experienced few and only minor alterations.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1906 **Builder/Architect** A. O. Clark, Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bank of Rogers Building is a locally important example of Second Renaissance Revival architecture. Like many Renaissance designs, the principal (east) facade reflects the characteristics of a triumphal arch, with a large Roman arch and pediment dominating this two-story elevation. The significance of the design stems not only from the merit of the composition, but also from the absence of resources of similar quality in the Rogers area that bear the stamp of the Renaissance Revival. Commercial significance complements the building's architectural significance. The building was the third structure to house the Bank of Rogers (1883-1914), one of the two earliest banks established in the city. The bank, a source of capital for businessmen and other residents of Rogers, was an important factor in the early commercial development of the community. Two banks succeeded the Bank of Rogers in the use of the building. In 1976 the Rogers Historical Museum occupied the building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Black, J. Dickson. History of Benton County. Little Rock: International Graphics Industries, 1975.
Folkner, Warren. Interview, February 19, 1976.
Rogers Daily News. April 22, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Rogers Quadrangle

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The north 1/2 of lot 8, block 8, of the Original Town of Rogers

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mike Shinn, Historian

organization Ark. Historic Preservation Program

date 3/13/80

Suite 500, Continental Building
street & number Main and Markham Streets

telephone 501/371-2763

city or town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

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

John B. ...

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3-26-80

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

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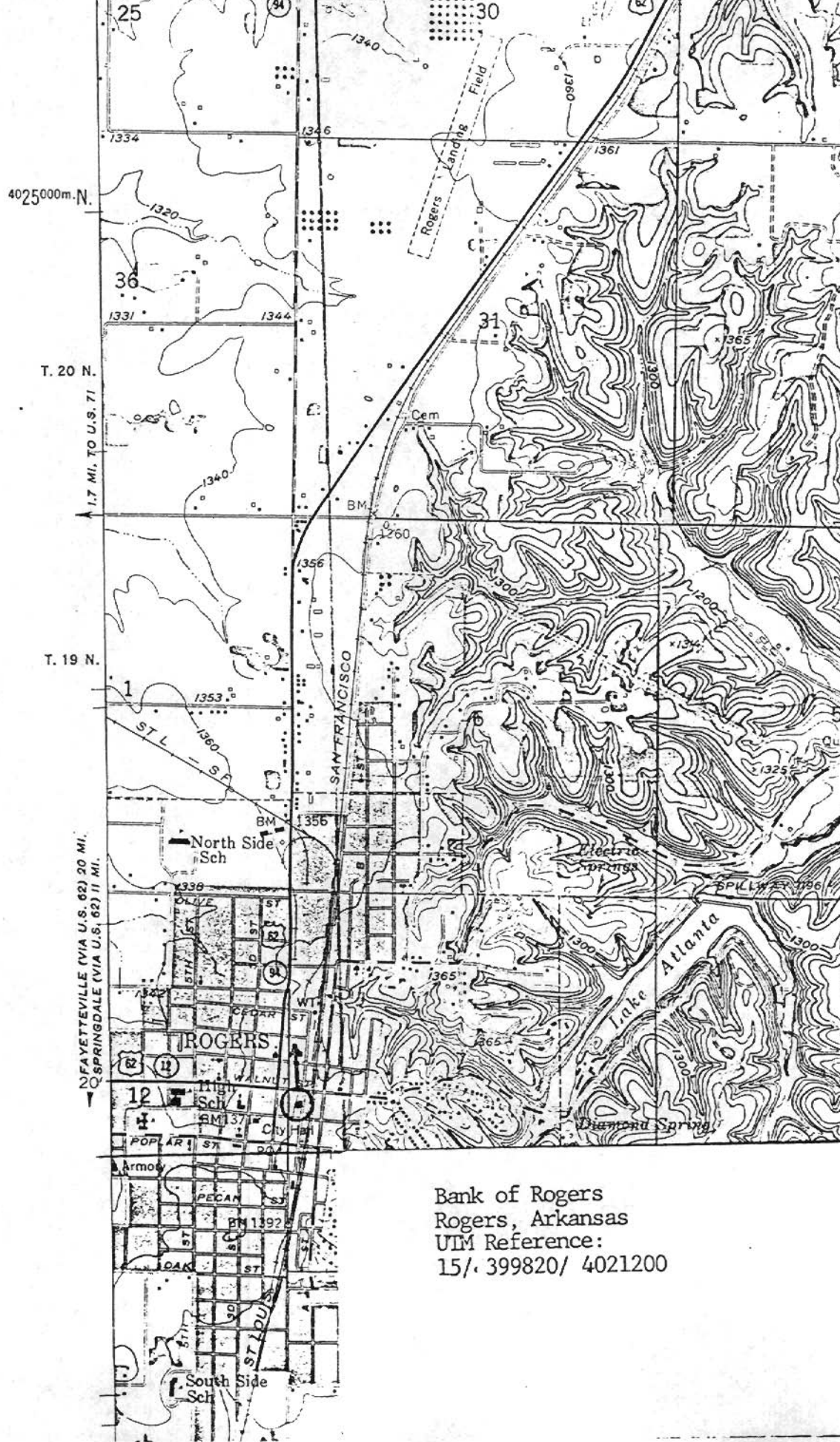
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Chief of Registration

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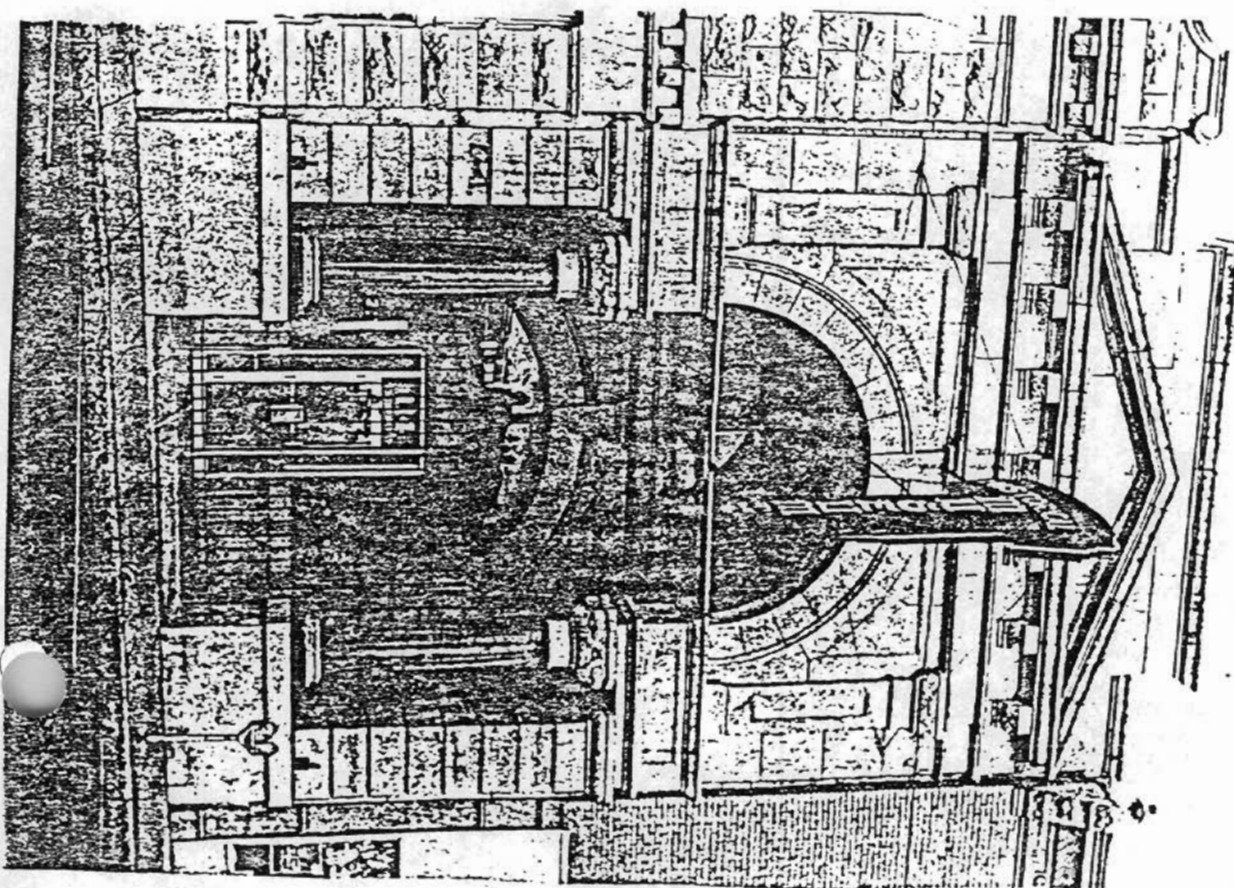
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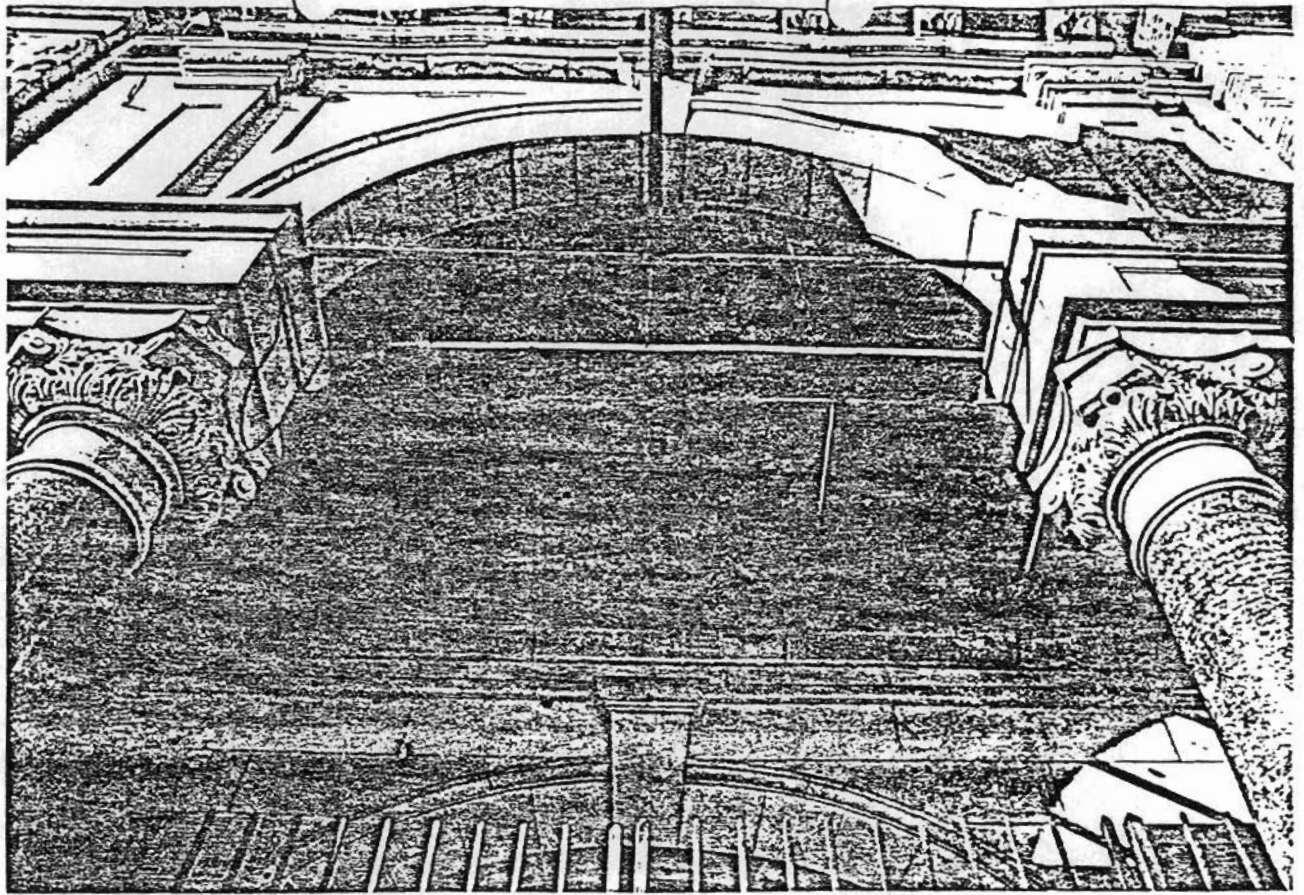
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Rogers, Arkansas
Mike Shinn
1978

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Principal (east) facade viewed from the
the east
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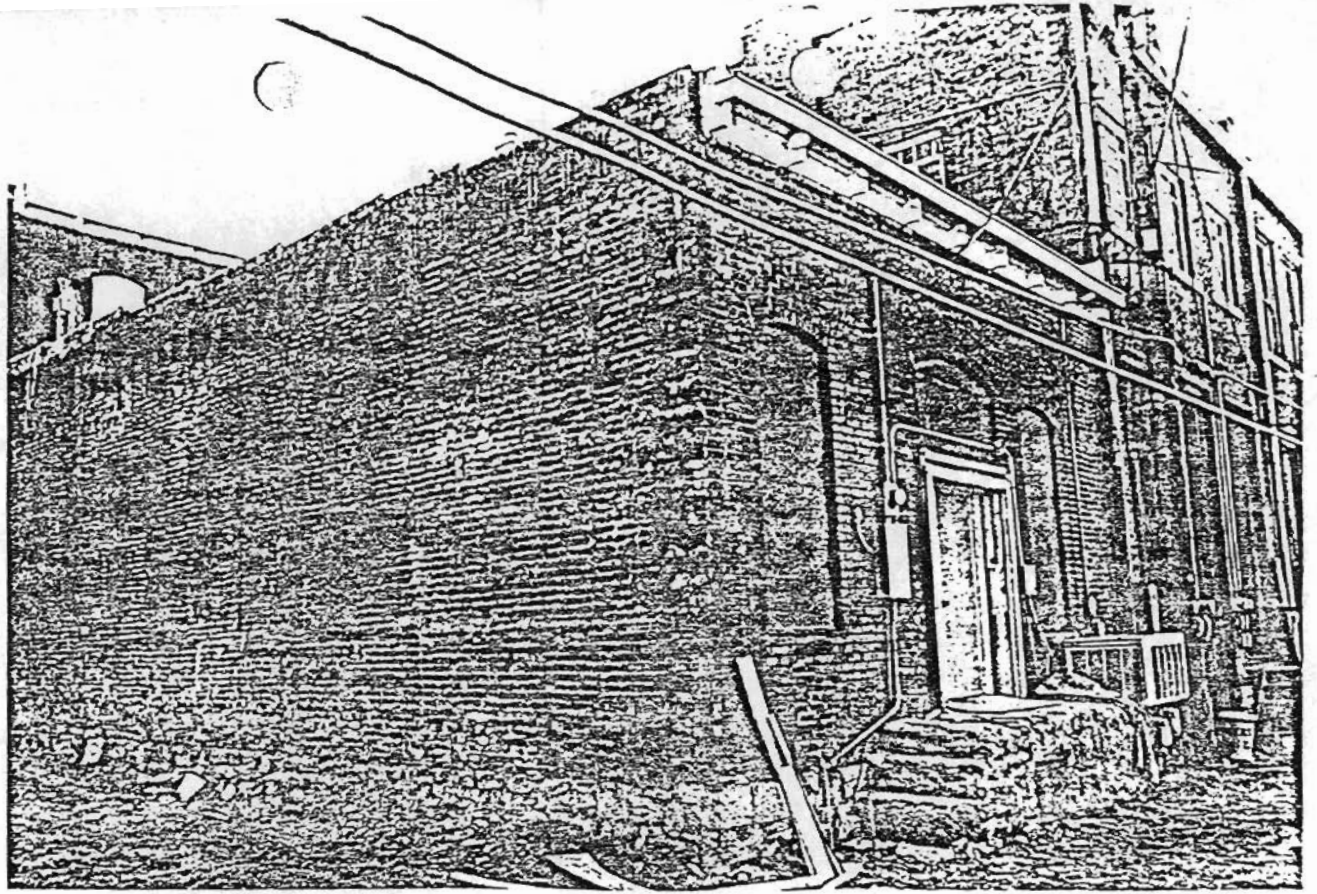




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Detail of the Principal (east) facade
viewed from the east
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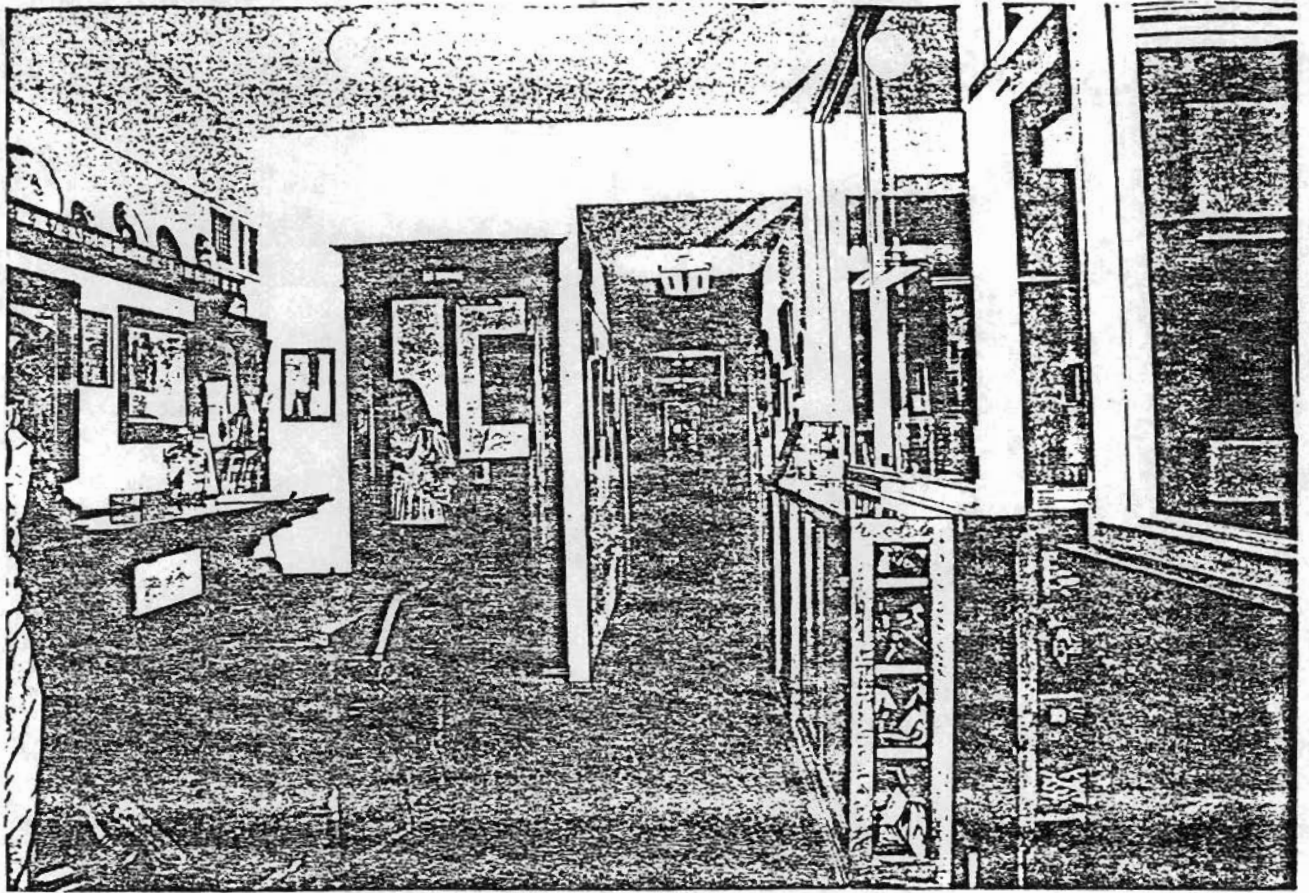


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Two story structure in right of photo
is the north and west elevations of
Bank of Rogers viewed from the north-
west

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Bank of Rogers
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1976
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
First floor interior looking west
from the entrance
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