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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Peoples Bank and Loan Building

other name/site number: LA0026

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2. Location

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street & number: SW Corner of Spruce and 3rd Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Lewisville

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Lafayette code: AR 073 zip code: 71845

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Classical Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof Asphalt
 walls BRICK/TERRA COTTA other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

Summary

Located at the southwest corner of an unnamed alley and Spruce Street (State Hwy. 29) in Lewisville, the Peoples Bank and Loan Building is a single-story, frame and brick masonry bank building designed in the Classical Revival style.

Elaboration

Located at the southwest corner of an unnamed alley and Spruce Street (State Hwy. 29) in Lewisville, the Peoples Bank and Loan Building is a single-story, frame and brick masonry bank building designed in the Classical Revival style. Its rectangular plan is relieved only by the central recessed porch on its eastern elevation. Its built-up tar roof, and brick and terra cotta walls are supported upon a continuous cast concrete foundation.

The eastern or front elevation is composed of the brick and terra cotta entrance pediment. Two brick pilasters set upon concrete bases and finished with concrete capitals flank two terra cotta Ionic columns set *in antis*, and all of which support a concrete entablature that features the words "Peoples Bank and Loan Company." The pediment directly above is ornamented with a projecting cornice and dentil course, and further adorned with the date "1915" engraved into the center of the tympanum. This entrance configuration is attached to the front of the brick bank building, which is itself ornamented with a raised brick parapet that rises above the pediment. The double-leaf entrance beneath the pediment is framed with quoins and surmounted with a transom. Two tall windows flank the entrance.

The northern elevation originally featured eight tall windows (two have since been filled with brick) and the western elevation is fenestrated with a single central small window. The southern elevation is a party wall.

The Peoples Bank and Loan Company Building is in good condition.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1915-1945

Significant Dates: 1915

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Witt, Siebert & Co.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
___ See continuation sheet.

Summary

The Peoples Bank and Loan Building is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Lewisville as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County.

Elaboration

Built in 1915, the Peoples Bank and Loan Building was designed by the Texarkana architectural firm of Witt, Siebert and Co. It was designed for a bank that opened its doors during the heyday of the lumber boom in Lewisville, when the success of that industry brought considerable financial success to many of the local residents. For this reason the Peoples Bank and Loan Building is associated with the historic context *Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties)*, 1870-1945 by virtue of its direct associations with growth experienced in Lewisville as a result of the arrival of one of the railroads that played an influential role in the growth and development of Lafayette County. It is thus significant under Criterion A as one of the few surviving commercial buildings in Lafayette County constructed during the boom in the timber

industry brought on by the arrival of the railroad years before; it is also significant under Criterion C as the best surviving example of a Classical Revival commercial building in Lewisville.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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See Railroad Era Resources of Southwest Arkansas (Lafayette, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties), 1870-1945, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

Table with 6 columns: UTM References, Zone Easting, Northing, Zone Easting, Northing. Rows A, B, C, D with numerical values and underlines.

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the western edge of Spruce Street with the southern edge of 3rd Street, proceed westerly on said edge for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 50 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the building's southern party wall; thence proceed easterly along said line to its intersection with the western edge of Spruce Street; thence proceed northerly to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that is known to retain its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Sater _____ 4-15-96
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- _____ entered in the National Register _____
_____ See continuation sheet.
- _____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register _____
- _____ See continuation sheet.
- _____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register _____
- _____ removed from the National Register _____
- _____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Financial institution

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: _____



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