

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-32  
Property Name Bank of Clarendon  
Address 125 Court  
City Clarendon, AR  
Significant Date/s 1924

Owner Mrs. H. W. Everett  
Address 508 Walker  
Clarendon, AR 72029

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The 1924 Bank of Clarendon is a one-story buff brick building with a brown brick facade. The Classical Revival-influenced building stands on the site of the original Bank of Clarendon building established in 1900. It is located on Court Street across from the Courthouse. The brown brick facade faces north and contains four brick pilasters with cast-stone architrave. Above the architrave is a slightly raised copper cornice. The words: "BANK OF CLARENDON" are incised in the cast-stone architrave. There is a central wooden double-door entrance with a cast-stone surround containing the dates "1900 1924" incised between the entrance and the transom. The entrance is flanked by identical sets of wooden framed windows. On the east side of the building are a row of brown brick quoins running up the side. There are also two windows similar to the windows in the front facade. A small interior brick chimney is located on the east side, as is a one door entrance on the far left corner.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1924 Bank of Clarendon building is significant as a reminder of the banks organized in the early 1900's in Clarendon by many of the prominent citizens of the town. The Bank of Clarendon was organized originally in 1900 on this same site as part of the ground floor of the Mabelle Theater. The theater burned in the early 1900's, and the bank shut down. The bank was reopened in 1924 in the newly constructed building on the old site of the first bank at Court and Second Streets. The bank then lasted until the mid-1930's when it was absorbed by another local bank. After the bank folded, the building was used as various shops and stores. It is now vacant. James. S. Thomas was the founder and President of the Bank of Clarendon. Thomas was also President of both the Clarendon Telephone Company and the Clarendon Electric Light and Ice Company. He was also associated with the Manning, Lee and Moore Law Office (CL-27), also on Court Street. Other influential men who served as directors were Parker C. Ewan, William Jefferies (of the Jefferies Lumber Company), John P. Lee (a prominent lawyer and later Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas), and Orth C. Galloway of the Galloway Lumber Company).

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Verbal Boundary Description: Original\_Town\_of\_Clarendon  
East\_30\_Lot\_6\_Block\_11----

Acreage: less\_than\_one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon\_Ark.

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone: 15

Easting: 654010

Northing: 3840460



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HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON  
Jeff Lewellen, photographer  
Negatives at AHPP  
Viewed from the Northwest