

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

MRA No. 51

Property Name Hiwasse Bank Building Property Owner Douglas Banks
Location Main Street of Hiwasse, Hwy 279 Address Hiwasse, AR 72739
Construction Date c. 1890 Survey No. 0694

DESCRIPTION

The Hiwasse Bank Building is a modest one-story brick commercial building with an all-glass front divided into three parts by cast iron stanchions. Two of the bays are display windows with wood trim, the third being the entrance door surrounded by sidelights and a transom. The all-brick facade over the windows is dominated by a long horizontal brick panel, defined on four sides by a corbelled brick frame. The exterior of the building is otherwise without ornament. The interior is undivided except for a small brick partitioned room at the northwest rear corner, which was probably the bank's security room. The ceiling still bears its original ornamental pressed metal panels. Exterior walls are covered with deteriorating original plaster. The wood floor seems sound.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Hiwasse Bank Building, built c. 1890, is a surviving significant reflection of the scale, material, and simplicity of small-town commercial architecture of the period. Standing beside it is a similar brick commercial front, built perhaps a generation later and less well preserved. The two buildings also share a concrete platform which raises their entrances above the level of the street. The Bank Building's appealing modularity remains unchanged except for the scars of neglect. A sheet metal canopy, probably as crude and unsophisticated as the one still attached to the neighboring building, has been removed. The building, although it once housed the Bank of Hiwasse and subsequently many other commercial enterprises, is now unoccupied and deteriorating.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description From the intersection of State Highways 79 & 279, proceed

Quadrangle Name Hiwasse, Ark.-Mo. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 380440 Northing 4032410

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CONT.

south on Highway 279 100 feet to the northeast corner of the property and the point of beginning. Proceed west 135 feet, then proceed south 100 feet, then proceed east 135 feet, then proceed north 100 feet to the point of beginning.

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