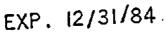
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General Description

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Name: Bank of Carthage

Address: Carthage, Arkansas

County: Dallas

Congressional District: Pourth

Current Owner: S. W. Treadwell

Address: Carthage, Arkansas 71725

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction:

Stylistic Influence: Classical Revival

Original Use: Bank

Present Use: Vacant

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 541100/3770260

Acreage: less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Carthage

12 lts. in Block 98 Lot 6 and 12 lots in Block 99

Condition

Excellent

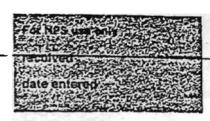
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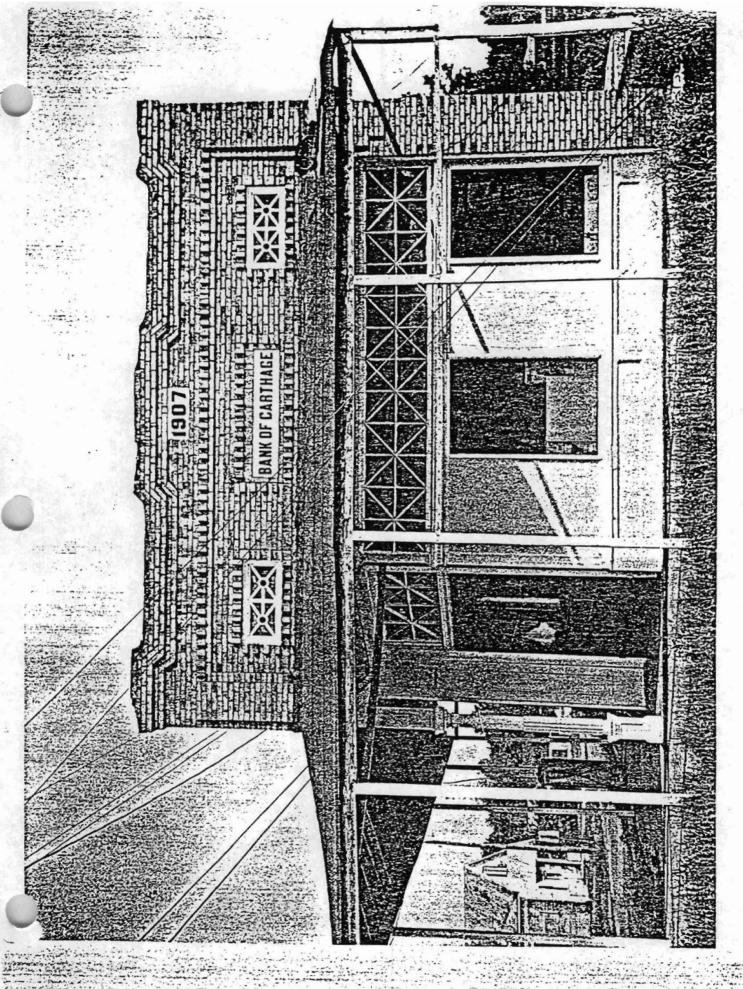
(Downtown, Carthage, AR)

Physical Description

Like Thompson's small-town commercial building designs, this one-story building is arranged so that the entrance is recessed and placed on a diagonal at the building's corner and a single free-standing column supports the corner of the structure. In this instance, the column is of cast iron with simple capital and a middle fluted section. The building is constructed of light salmon-colored brick resting on a cast stone foundation. A high parapet, inset with decorative brick inset panels, is crowned with stone coping which has a slightly raised central portion. Set in the center of this parapet is a stone bearing the date 1907, and beneath this, on the upper storefront is another stone panel inscribed "Bank of Carthage." Prominent features are the decorative transom windows with spoke-like mullions radiating from the center, which surmount the plate glass windows flanking the doorway. The double-leaf door has single-light panes. A pressed tin ceiling lines the small porch at the corner.

Statement of Significance

This 1907 Charles L. Thompson bank design for a very small Arkansas town makes an instructive comparison with two other small-town commercial buildings designed around the same time, the Bank of Waldo (1907) CO-008 and the Home Accident Insurance Company in Fordyce (1908) DA-011. The Bank of Carthage is the most modest of the three, reflecting the early-twentieth-century prosperity of Carthage, a commercial center of a lumber community. As is the case with many Thompson buildings, it is the only standing historic commercial structure in a small Arkansas town. The building presents an impressive facade in its small-town streetscape. The one-story small brick building features a recessed entrance on a diagonal at the building's corner. A prominent decorative detail on the building is the set of decorative transom windows with spoke-like mullions. The only alterations to the original design is the addition of a shed roof canopy and the painting of two window panes.



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