



CURTIS TUNNELL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512) 475-3092

November 13, 1985

Duane Gage  
TCJC NE Campus  
828 Harwood Rd.  
Hurst, Texas 76054

Dear Duane:

The State Marker Committee has completed their review of the First National Bank Building marker application. Because of several considerations, they have determined that it is not eligible for a building marker. The committee was concerned that changes, including the introduction of aluminum windows and doors, altered the original design of the structure, which was of a plain commercial style not uncommon in Texas. They felt the structure might, however, be the appropriate location for a subject marker on the "History of Banking in Mansfield". Since such a marker review would require a new narrative and additional history, I am enclosing the original documentation with this letter.

We hope the committee's decision has in no way discouraged the applicants. Not every old building can qualify for a marker. We would encourage consideration of the committee's suggestion to broaden the topic to cover more of the history of Mansfield's early banking institutions.

If we can further explain the committee's decision, please do not hesitate to contact me or Frances.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director  
Research and Markers

cc: Mansfield Historical Society



CURTIS TUNNELL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512) 475-3092

August 9, 1985

Duane Gage  
TCJC NE Campus  
828 Harwood Road  
Hurst, TX 76054

Dear Duane:

Our staff has made a preliminary review of several recent Tarrant County marker applications. Before we can proceed with our evaluations, however, we need some additional information.

1. BIOCCHI BUILDING: We need a historic photo of the structure. Also, we need closer photos of the window details. Since they are single pane, they appear to be replacements for an earlier configuration.
2. FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING: We need a historic photo. *Mansfield*
3. DEVITT HOUSE: We need a historic photo. Also, since our policies require that a structure be in a "good state of repair" to qualify for a marker, we need more information about the current state or proposed restoration of the building. For example, our photos show missing shingles, rotten wood, asbestos skirting, etc. Since the photos do not always show the kind of detail we need, we would like for your commission to review the home and give us their opinion of its condition. They do not need to follow any set standards, but we would like to know if they feel it is in a condition that would not reflect unfavorably on the Tarrant County or state marker program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director  
Research and Markers

DKU/lm

cc: Ruth Reiter Stone

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*



Mansfeld Mill, 1860

## Mansfield Historical Society

101 East Broad Street  
P.O. Box 304  
Mansfield, Texas 76063

Telephone (817) 473-4250  
August 28, 1985

Dan K. Utley, Director  
Research and Markers  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Utley:

This letter is in response to your request for a historic photograph of the First National Bank Building in Mansfield. A photograph of the interior dated c. 1917 was submitted with the marker application.

The Historical Society has a collection of over 500 photographs of Mansfield, and the enclosed photo of a circa 1912 street scene showing the two-story brick bank building in the background is the only one available. My father-in-law, A.S. Gibson leased the property in 1935, and the bank vault was still in the center of the main floor. There is a photograph of this on file. He bought the building from the Hackler estate in 1943, and it remained in the Gibson estate until 1983.

I hope that the enclosed photograph will be satisfactory. We are anxious to have the marker for a 1986 dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

Beryl S. Gibson

cc: Duane Gage  
Tarrant County Historical Commission



*Over South Road*

82143

Mansfield Street Scene

Date: c. 1912

Photographer:

Location: West side of Water St.

3 x 5 B&W copy

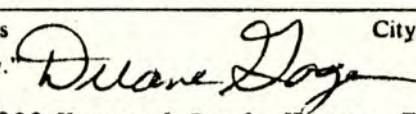
Donor:

Business

---

# APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

**Texas Historical Commission  
Research and Markers Department  
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711**

Title of marker (subject to revision by THC staff) <b>FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING</b>		
Marker location (street address or highway number; include name of cemetery, building, park, etc., if applicable; if on highway right-of-way or in a small community, briefly explain how to get there from the nearest town) <b>121 North Main Street, Mansfield, Texas 76063</b>		
City or nearest city shown on Texas Highway Department road map <b>Mansfield</b>	County <b>Tarrant</b>	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site For example, "Subject is 1/2 mile SW of marker site." <b>On site</b>	Surface to which marker will be attached (if not on post) <b>Brick building</b>	
Owner of marker site <b>Matthew Crocker</b>	Address <b>121 North Main St., Mansfield, TX</b>	City, Zip Code <b>76063</b>
Sponsor of marker <b>Mansfield Historical Society</b>	Address <b>P.O. Box 304 Mansfield, TX</b>	City, Zip Code <b>76063</b>
Person to whom marker is to be shipped <b>Matthew Crocker</b>	Address <b>as above</b>	City, Zip Code <b>as above</b>
NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.		
Signature of County Chairman "I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy." 	Address <b>TCJC NE Campus 828 Harwood Road Hurst Texas 76054</b>	City, Zip Code <b>Hurst Texas 76054</b>

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative history *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee.

5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

### SUBJECT MARKERS

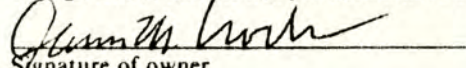
- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) . . . . . | With tax<br>\$175 \$183.75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker with post . . . . .               | \$575 \$603.75             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker without post . . . . .            | \$525 \$551.25             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker with post . . . . .               | \$325 \$341.25             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker without post . . . . .            | \$250 \$262.50             |

I(We) request RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

### BUILDING MARKERS

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker with post . . . . .    | With tax<br><del>\$175</del> <del>\$183.75</del> <b>\$181.75</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker without post . . . . . | \$175 \$183.75   |

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 15, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

  
Signature of owner

### PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker . . . . . | With tax<br>\$75 \$78.75 |
| <i>Allow 2 months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.</i>                   |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medallion paperweight . . . . .                                      | \$25 \$26.25             |
| <i>Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording.</i>                       |                          |

### DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign . . . . .   | With tax<br>\$65 \$68.25 |
| <i>These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.</i> |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)                  |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green and White (for interstate highways)  |                          |
| 18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign . . . . .  | \$65 \$68.25             |
| <i>In black and white only. For city and county roads.</i>  |                          |
| <i>Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement.</i>   |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With arrow pointing straight ahead   |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With arrow pointing left   |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With arrow pointing right  |                          |

### OTHER

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Register plaque . . . . .                                 | With tax<br>\$ 35 \$ 36.75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12" x 6" supplemental plate . . . . .                              | \$ 65 \$ 68.25             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy 11) . . . . .     | \$110 \$115.50             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement medallion (see policy 11) . . . . .                    | \$ 65 \$ 68.25             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) . . . . .   | \$ 10 \$ 10.50             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) . . . . . | \$ 10 \$ 10.50             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze seals (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) . . . . .   | \$ 50 \$ 52.50             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze plates (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) . . . . .  | \$135 \$141.75             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificates of commendation . . . . .                             | 50¢ each                   |

Tax exempt #3-00061-4057-5

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

By

Beryl Steele Gibson  
Mansfield Historical Society  
P.O. Box 304  
Mansfield, Texas 76063

The First National Bank Building located at 119 North Main Street in Mansfield, Texas is a two-story brick structure with cast iron sills and piers. The title of abstract indicates the date of construction as 1904, and the name of the contractor is unknown.<sup>1</sup> It is one of 17 historic buildings in the 124-year-old commercial district which extends approximately 450 feet along both sides of Main Street bounded by Oak Street on the north and Broad Street on the south. The 1890 plat of the original townsite of Mansfield shows the 25 x 100 feet building site as the north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot No. 4, Block 2 fronting on the west side of Water Street (now Main Street).<sup>2</sup>

The original townsite of Mansfield was a part of the Thomas J. Hanks  $\frac{1}{3}$  league of land survey, Patent No. 246, issued on February 2, 1838. The land was described as located "in Robertson District on Cedar Bluff Creek in the Cross Timbers."<sup>3</sup> In 1853, the  $\frac{1}{3}$  league of land, or 1477 acres, was sold to Wm. M. Simpson for \$1000.00 by Thomas Hanks, the father of Thomas J. Hanks, deceased.<sup>4</sup> The third transaction of the land was on September 26, 1862 to Julian Feild for \$3791.50.<sup>5</sup>

Julian Feild (1825-1897) and his business partner, Ralph Sandiford Man (1825-1906), came to southeast Tarrant County in 1859 and built a steam-powered grist mill. The Mansfeild Mill is considered to be the beginning of the town of Mansfield.<sup>6</sup>

The settlement that developed in the mill vicinity was approved for a post office with Julian Feild as the first postmaster on March 1, 1860.<sup>7</sup> The post office was named as "Mansfeild", a combination of the names of the two

mill partners. However, repeated misspellings over the years resulted in the acceptance of the conventional spelling as "Mansfield."

In 1870, the townsite was surveyed and platted by John Peter Smith of Fort Worth.<sup>8</sup> Old abstracts and deeds give evidence that the plat was recorded at the Tarrant County Courthouse, but it was apparently destroyed in the courthouse fire on March 29, 1876, and it was not refiled. A second plat of the townsite was filed on July 29, 1890 when Mansfield was incorporated.

The first deed of record for the site of the bank building was a quit claim deed from E.D.L. Tims to A.B. Pyles and R.E. Morison dated December 11, 1891. Pyles and Morison, as business partners, then mortgaged the property in 1894 to Troy Hackler for \$700.00. The property description was given as "One Stone house (Brick) and Lot 25 x 80 feet fronting 25 feet on Water Street and running back 80 feet to Oak Street known as Lot 4 Block 2 as shown by said town plat of Mansfield."<sup>9</sup> There were two obvious errors in this description of the location. The street back of the lot is Walnut Street not Oak Street, and the lot is 25 x 100 feet.

The original brick building on the lot was probably destroyed by a fire in the business district on July 4, 1901.<sup>10</sup> The lot was deeded in 1903 to Troy Hackler for the \$700.00 indebtedness.<sup>11</sup>

Abner Pyles (1852-1897) was born in Calhoun County, Alabama and came to Texas about 1870 with his father, Lewis Pyles (1800-1877).<sup>12</sup> The family settled on a 160-acre farm near Mansfield in Johnson County.<sup>13</sup> On June 5, 1877, Abner Pyles married Martha Berry, a daughter of Rev. Charles W. Berry and Louisa (Appleby) Berry.<sup>14</sup> Abner and Martha Pyles had eleven children, one of whom died as an infant in 1878.<sup>15</sup> Their impressive two-story house at 309 East Broad Street, which was built about 1886, is still standing and in good condition. Mr. Pyles was a successful merchant and owned three buildings in the business district, one of which he operated with his brother, Newton Pyles, as a furniture and undertaking business.<sup>16</sup> His business interests required

regular trips to Fort Worth with wagon and team which meant spending the night at the old Fort Worth wagon yard near the Tarrant County Courthouse. He made such a trip on November 28, 1897, and he was found dead near his wagon.<sup>17</sup>

Mattie Pyles' eleventh child, Annie Blackburn Pyles, was born five months<sup>18</sup> later.

The Pyles family is well remembered in Mansfield to this day.

Mattie Pyles is said to have life with determination. She ran a boarding house and the older children worked from the time of her husband's death until the family moved to California in 1909. They returned often to Mansfield to visit and, on one occasion in the 1930's, the entire family came and the whole town celebrated with a reunion at their old home.<sup>19</sup>

In 1886, R.E. "Emmett" Morison (1855-1916) and Abner Pyles established a mercantile business in the original brick building that was on the site.<sup>20</sup> Emmett Morison played an important role in Mansfield's history as a farmer, merchant, and as the town's Marshall from 1881 until his death in 1916, with the exception of one term.<sup>21</sup> Long-time residents remember him as a firm and fair peace officer with an even temperament. He was born in Virginia and came to Texas in 1860 with his father, J.W.S. Morison. The family settled first in Johnson County, then Hood County and finally Tarrant County in 1865. He married Florence Moody on March 20, 1888.<sup>22</sup> She was a daughter of Capt. Thomas O. Moody (1821-1877) who organized Mansfield's Company K, 7th Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers, Sibley's Brigade, CSA.<sup>23</sup> Emmett Morison was shot and killed on Main Street by Claude "Wampus" Patterson on November 8, 1916.<sup>24</sup>

Troy Hackler acquired the 25 x 100 feet business lot in 1904 and erected the two-story, 25 x 80 feet brick building. It was designed for use as a bank on the street floor and doctors' offices on the second floor. It is reasonable to assume that the brick was made in Mansfield, since it is known that there was a brick yard in Mansfield as early as 1860 when Julian Feild and Ralph Man



built the grist mill.<sup>25</sup> The ruins of the old brick yard are still on the site just north of the business district.

Documents or hard evidence concerning the organization of the bank could not be located. One source named Samuel T. Marrs as the first president. He was followed by John Bratton and then Earl Holland as the last president. A.J. Dukes was a member of the Board of Directors. A photograph of the bank's interior made about 1917 shows Frank Mayfield at the cashier's window on the left, Earl Holland standing in the center of the picture, George Hackler (Troy Hackler's son) seated at the desk, and John Bratton is probably the person seated on the far right. (Attachment No. 1) The mounted tarpon on the wall was a prized possession of A.J. Dukes' wife, Nancy (Boydston) Dukes. It was displayed for years in a glass case on the front porch of the Dukes' house.<sup>26</sup>

The First National Bank was the second bank established in Mansfield, the first being the Mansfield State Bank in 1885. A second bank was needed, because Mansfield was the center of trade for the large farming economy in southeast Tarrant County in the early 1900s. The bank served the community for 23 years until it closed in 1927 because of insufficient funds. The bank's failure was caused by the embezzlement of funds for private investments by an officer of the bank. The event is well remembered by persons still living, because many families lost their life's savings since this was before the time of federal insurance for depositors. It was several years before the depositors were repaid, because the deficit had to be made up by the banks' officers and stockholders. The bank re-opened as the Farmers and Merchants Bank, but it was closed again in 1932 when President Roosevelt declared a month's moratorium for all banks. The F and M Bank did not re-open, and the Mansfield State Bank assumed its assets.<sup>27</sup> After the bank closed, the building was leased for various businesses until it was sold to A.S. Gibson in 1944 for \$1800.00.<sup>28</sup>

In 1983, Matthew Crocker purchased the historic building from the Gibson estate for \$35,000.<sup>29</sup> The painted lettering, "First National Bank," was still visible across the facade. (Attachment No. 2) There was an extensive restoration, but much of the original structure was left intact. However, the lettering was covered with a coat of paint. Mr. Crocker is a certified public accountant, and the second floor was designed for his seven-room office space. The street floor is leased as a newspaper office.

The 81-year-old building and its owners have had a significant impact on the business community of Mansfield. The first owner, Troy Hackler (1836-1906) was born in Virginia, a son of George and Frances (Boyer) Hackler. The family moved to Cass County, Missouri in 1840. In 1862, Troy Hackler went to Arkansas and enlisted in the Trans-Mississippi Department, Confederate States Army. He participated in 37 engagements and was wounded at Ashley Station, Arkansas. In 1865, he migrated to southeast Tarrant County and that same year married Mary Harris, a daughter of Phebe Harris-Wyatt and a step-daughter of Calvin Wyatt who came to Texas about 1860. Mary Hackler died in 1868. In 1871, Mr. Hackler married Annie Belcher, a foster daughter of John L. and Susan Wyatt.<sup>30</sup>

John L. Wyatt (1818-1885) and Calvin Wyatt were brothers, and they are both buried in the Johnson's Station Cemetery located between Mansfield and Arlington, but there are no dates on Calvin Wyatt's grave marker. John L. Wyatt was described by a local writer as Mansfield's first banker:

#### The Money Lender

Financial transactions were accomplished without difficulty unless the creek happened to be up, in which case the borrower waited for it to "run down" before visiting "Uncle Johnnie Wyatt" who lived north across Walnut Creek. Applications for a loan might be made to "Uncle Johnnie" or to his wife, "Aunt Susan." Neither hesitated longer than to exchange news and learn the amount required before reaching in between the feather bed and the mattress, and the transaction was completed without the formality of taking a note. Being a neighbor - that is, somebody knew or heard of - was endorsement enough.<sup>31</sup>

The probate of John Wyatt's estate supports this claim. He willed his

entire estate, except for minor bequests, to "... Troy Hackler and Anna Hackler his wife (who is as dear to me as if She was my own Daughter) I give and bequeath all and singular my entire estate both real and personal goods and chatels ...." The tax records listed the estate as 1049 acres.<sup>32</sup> Descendants of Troy Hackler still live in Mansfield, and his house on East Broad Street, built about 1880, is now being restored.<sup>33</sup>

The second owner of the bank building was Ashley S. "Sid" Gibson (1884-1958) who was a descendant of another pioneer family in southeast Tarrant County. Sid Gibson's grandfather, Garrett Gibson (1803-1875), was one of four brothers who came to Texas from Illinois in 1852 and settled four miles northwest of Mansfield. The family established a church/school and cemetery and the settlement came to be known as the Gibson Community. It was listed as one of 12 Tarrant County voting precincts in 1860.<sup>34</sup> The Gibson Cemetery was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1983. One of Garrett Gibson's sons, McNary Gibson, operated one of the first stores in Mansfield's business district.<sup>35</sup> Four sons, Daniel, Thomas, William and Aaron served in the Confederate States Army.<sup>36</sup>

A.S. Gibson and his son, Ira Gibson, operated a grocery store in Mansfield from 1935 until 1973. Their first building on the north side of the bank building was totally destroyed by fire in July 1947. The First National Bank Building survived the fire intact. The building was leased for various business purposes, including for a short period, the public library. It remained the Gibson estate until 1983.

The First National Bank Building is considered as a primary contributor to the potential historic Main Street commercial district. The facade has been altered, but the building is in excellent condition. We believe that its contribution to Mansfield's heritage should be preserved and acknowledged.

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Stewart Title Company, Fort Worth, Texas, Abstract No. 86531, June 20, 1944, p. 18. Copy of agreement taken from Tarrant County Deed Records, Bk. 192, p. 350, March 11, 1904. Original abstract on file with Mansfield Historical Society.
- 2 Tarrant County Plat Records, Vol. 63, pp. 53-54.
- 3 Stewart Title Company, p. 3. A copy of deed taken from TCDR, Vol. 1100, p. 128, January 17, 1849.
- 4 Ibid., pp. 4-5, TCDR, Book A, p. 441.
- 5 Ibid, p. 6. TCDR, Special Warranty Deed, Book A, p. 442.
- 6 Beth Harrison Canright, "Mansfeild Mill," Application for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1983.
- 7 Civil Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Microfilm Tape No. 841-127.
- 8 Fort Worth Mail-Telegram, Historical Edition, 1896.
- 9 Stewart Title Company, pp. 8-9.
- 10 Charley Bratton, "Historical Facts About Mansfield," Tarrant County News, no date. The writer, Charles F. Bratton (1871-1940) was born in Mansfield and lived in the community all of his life. His report of the historical events is believed to be accurate.
- 11 Stewart Title Company, pp. 13, 17. TCDR, Book 176, p. 340 and Book 179, p. 6.
- 12 Letter from Thomas J. Pyles, Laurens County, S.C., June 4, 1871, to Milton Pyles (address not given). Copy of letter in the Pyles Family Record on file with the Mansfield Historical Society.
- 13 Johnson County Deed Records, Book U, p. 453, July 23, 1870.
- 14 Tarrant County Marriage Records, Vol. 1, p. 137.
- 15 Mansfield Cemetery Records, Mansfield Public Library.
- 16 Mansfield Hawkeye, January 18, 1895, Vol. 1, No. 16. Original newspaper on file in the Texas State Archives.
- 17 Interview with Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Holland, January 12, 1985. The Davis family lived across the street from the Pyles house on Broad Street, and she was a close friend of Annie "Abbie" Pyles.
- 18 Pyles Family Bible Records, based on Bible in possession of Thos. W. Atkinson, Jr., Corona del Mar, California.
- 19 Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Holland, op. cit.

Footnotes, (cont.)

- 20 History of Texas: Together With a Biographical History of Tarrant and Parker Counties. The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, 1895, pp. 525-526.
- 21 Letter from Thomas O. Morison, Col., USAF (ret.) to Bob Stephens, 2709 Amherst, Dallas, Texas, March 23, 1971. Copy on file with the Mansfield Historical Society. Col. Morison is a grandson of R.E. Morison and a great grandson of Capt. Thos. O. Moody.
- 22 Tarrant County Marriage Records, Vol. 4, p. 513.
- 23 Martin H. Hall, "Company K, 7th Regiment Texas Mounted Volunteers," The University of Texas at Arlington, Unpublished manuscript, January 28, 1971. Copy on file with the Mansfield Historical Society.
- 24 Tarrant County Criminal Records, File Nos. 22120, 22121, 23761.
- 25 Tarrant County Deed Records, Mansfield Pressed Company, Vol. 133, p. 85, Oct. 4, 1897.
- 26 Beryl Gibson, "John Collier Home," Application for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1984.
- 27 Interview with Ira D. Gibson, March 23, 1985.
- 28 Tarrant County Deed Records, Vol. 1655, p. 330, July 31, 1944.
- 29 Ibid., 1983 Deed Record data,
- 30 History of Texas, op. cit., pp. 491-493.
- 31 Sallie Hodges McKnight, "Old-Time Builders of Southeast End of Tarrant County Have Gone Their Ways," Fort Worth Press. No date shows on the newspaper clipping but probably c. 1930.
- 32 Tarrant County Probate Records, Cause No. 546, 1885.
- 33 Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey: Mansfield. Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County, 1983, p. 36. Copy on file with the Texas Historical Commission.
- 34 Research Data: Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Texas, Federal Writers Project, 1941, Vol. 9, p. 3276.
- 35 Tarrant County Deed Records, Vol. 45, p. 554, Sept. 7, 1885.
- 36 Confederate Military Records, National Archives.

## Bibliography

- Bratton, Charley. "Historical Facts About Mansfield," Tarrant County News, no date.
- Canright, Beth Harrison. "Mansfield Mill," Texas Historical Commission, 1983.
- Civil Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
- Confederate Military Records, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
- Fort Worth Mail-Telegram, Historical Edition, 1896.
- Gibson, Beryl. "John Collier Home," Texas Historical Commission, 1984.
- Hall, Martin H. "Company K, 7th Regiment Texas Mounted Volunteers," The University of Texas at Arlington, Unpublished Manuscript, January 28, 1971.
- History of Texas: Together With A Biographical History of Tarrant and Parker Counties. The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, 1895.
- Interview with Ira D. Gibson, March 23, 1985.
- Interview with Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Holland, January 12, 1985.
- Johnson County Deed Records.
- Letter from Thomas O. Morison, Col., USAF (ret.) to Bob Stephens, March 23, 1971.
- Letter from Thomas J. Pyles, Laurens County, S.C. to Milton Pyles, June 4, 1871.
- Mansfield Cemetery Records, Mansfield Public Library.
- Mansfield Hawkeye, January 18, 1895.
- McKnight, Sallie Hodges. "Old-Time Builders of Southeast End of Tarrant County Have Gone Their Ways," Fort Worth Press, no date.
- Pyles Family Bible. Records. A copy of the compiled data is in Mansfield Historical Society files.
- Research Data: Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Texas. Federal Writers Project, 1941.
- Stewart Title Company, Fort Worth, Texas, Abstract No. 86531, June 20, 1944.
- Tarrant County Criminal Records.
- Tarrant County Deed Records.
- Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey: Mansfield, Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County, 1983.
- Tarrant County Marriage Records.
- Tarrant County Plat Records.
- Tarrant County Probate Records.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

MANSFIELD, TEXAS

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The First National Bank building is a two story, brick bearing masonry building with cast iron storefront piers and entry sill. The building was constructed in 1904 for use as a bank on Main Street in Mansfield, facing East. The back of the building is on Walnut Street, to the West. The building is 25 feet wide by 80 feet in length, with a party wall to adjoining buildings on the North and South sides. The bank occupied the first floor and included a large iron walk-in safe that has since been removed. The second floor was originally designed with a large, wide hall for use as a waiting room, and a series of six rooms on the South side of the building for lease as Doctor's offices.

Local history relates that brick used for the building, both finish and commons, were made and fired at the local brick yard in Mansfield, about one half mile from the construction site. This is related by Mr. Forrest ratton, a third generation carpenter living in Mansfield. Brick were made by a pressing process, and were selected for an unusually hard, fired surface facade. Mortar joints are narrow, about one eighth inch wide. Quality of the masonry work is very high on the building. Special rounded shapes are used to create a large, six inch radius "bullnose" at each jamb of the brick piers on the storefront. The brick facade is run as common coursing, with no bonding courses visible on the facade. Mortar on the facade is struck as a flush rodded surface. The plain brick facade is carried up to within twenty courses of the top of the parapet. At that point it breaks into a projecting header course with a denticulated course above that, capped by another projecting header, and returning for four more common bond courses at the plane of the wall below. The headers and denticulated courses are again repeated, and again followed by four more common bond courses. The next three courses corbel out over each other, bringing the top four common bond courses of the parapet overhanging the facade by about three inches. Storefront brick appears laid as a veneer over the commons used for the twelve inch thick masonry facade wall. Three second floor windows facing the street have two course rowlock flat arches over the windows. Second floor windows have smooth finish fine grain white limestone sills.

Cast iron used for the sills, two storefront supporting piers, and for the lintel over the storefront opening were manufactured by Mosher Iron Works, Dallas, Texas. The original storefront wood spandrels and display windows, recessed entry doors, and door to the second level have all been replaced in subsequent remodelling. Transom windows exist, and have been in place for a length of time (according to local memory, since the 1940's, at least). However, the woodwork for these transom windows is relatively crude and poorly fashioned. It is speculation whether these were replacements during the great depression of original work, or whether this work was locally fabricated at the time of the building's construction. Recent remodel work removed corrugated metal closures over these windows, and a corrugated metal awning installed during the 1950's. A contemporary pair of bright aluminum frame glazed doors was installed flush with the storefront piers, replacing the original recessed entry, again in the 1950's. This work was retained with the recent remodelling.

All wood double hung windows in the building on the second floor and at the back have had their wood sashes removed, and aluminum double hung windows inserted and installed in the old window frames. All six doctor's offices on the second floor had one south facing window each, with the two office spaces facing west on the second floor having one and two windows on that facade, respectively.

First level windows originally had iron bars over the windows. These were removed in the recent remodel work, with installation of the aluminum double hung windows. The large rear door was likewise replaced with a glazed hollow metal door, with a large transom glass pane completing the opening.

Brickwork at the rear is common bond, with no header courses, joints flush struck, with windows having the same two course rowlock flat arches over the windows, and the same limestone sills. The door opening, wider than the windows, has a three course rowlock flat arch, slightly higher than the window arches. All brick used for the party walls and rear wall facades are commons, with approximately three eighth inch mortar joints. Rainwater is collected in a gutter at the rear wall, between the party wall parapets, and discharges into one downspout at the north west corner of the building.

Interior work for the remodel included a new suspended acoustic ceiling, new air conditioning, and new lighting for the first floor. A new carpet covers the original wood floor. The old wood ceiling, of 1x4 tongue and groove with beaded grooves at each side and at the center of the plank, are still installed above the suspended ceiling. New partitions have been added for offices and for a dark room for the present occupant. The original wall separating the working space from the back room has been kept intact. Existing stairs to the second floor remain as originally constructed, including the closet on the first floor under the stairs. As previously stated, all second floor partitions remain as originally constructed. Later additions include installation of a full bathroom in the north west room on the second floor, sometime in the 1940's according to former owners. Recent remodeling work has added a closet for the new airconditioning equipment on the second floor, with one wall of the closet continuing across the old, wide hall dividing it into two spaces with an access door between. All new second floor doors are two panel doors, matching the design of the original doors. New, heavy texturing has been applied to the old plaster walls, along with new paint and wood base. The old wood ceiling has been left exposed on the second floor, and damaged areas replaced with matching milled pieces.

The building was built before electricity came to Mansfield in 1917, so all installation of electric services is not original. The building was planned for cast iron stoves, either wood or coal burning, with the flues located in the party walls. Gas service was later added, and the building was served by exposed gas space heaters. The full HVAC system the building now has was added in the latest remodel.

The main street facade still had the original brick exposed until the last remodel, with the painted sign, "First National Bank" clearly visible on the facade. The recent remodel work painted the facade brick a light red, after the owner was advised of damage that could be caused by cleaning the existing brick by the Contractor.

--Arthur Weinman A.I.A.







CURTIS TUNNELL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 475-3092

Dear County Chairman:

Enclosed is a copy of the 1984 edition of the marker application form. Please note that we have made several changes in the application in an effort to make it more useful:

1. The form has been condensed from eight pages to six. By eliminating some outdated material, we were able to add several new sections, including: Questions and Answers, The Marker Process, and the standards for evaluating building markers. We hope the new information will help your program.
2. The insert (the actual application) is the only part we need returned to our office. That will allow you to "recycle" the other part. If you run low on the application page, please feel free to have it photocopied.
3. The application form now includes all the items our agency offers, including bronze replacement wreaths and stars for the 1936 markers.
4. In order to save space, we eliminated the sample history. If, however, there is a request for one, please let us know and we will supply a copy. If you specify the topic (church, cemetery, individual, etc.), we will supply one that is comparable.
5. Please note on the application that there is a place for the signature of the property owner, if the application is for a building marker. By signing the form, the owner will be acknowledging their review of the marker rules and policies.

If you have any questions about the new marker form, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director  
Research and Markers

DKU/cy  
Enclosure

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*

VOLUME 1041

COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY ET AL | FILE NO. 1190 | R O  
 TO | REL ASSETS | RELEASE OF ASSETS TO AGENT OF SHAREHOLDERS  
 GEO. W. HACKLER | KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That whereas, a meeting of the shareholders of The First National Bank, Mansfield Texas, called by <sup>the</sup> Comptroller of the Currency, after giving due notice thereof as required by law, was held on the 28th day of September 1928, for the purpose of electing an agent or continuing the receiver for the bank as provided by section 3 of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act authorizing the appointment of receivers of national banks, and for other purposes," approved June 30, 1876, and the acts amendatory thereof, approved August 3, 1892, and March 2, 1897.

And whereas, at such meeting George W. Hackler, was duly elected such agent, and the required bond has been executed and filed by the shareholders to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, conditioned, as required by law, for the payment and discharge in full of any and every claim that may hereafter be proved and allowed against said banking association by and before a competent court and for the faithful performance and discharge of all and singular the duties of the trust:

Now, therefore I, J. W. McIntosh Comptroller of the Currency, and I, G. P. Rogers, receiver of the bank, do hereby transfer and deliver to George W. Hackler, the agent aforesaid of the said banking association, all and singular the undivided or uncollected or other assets and property of said association now in our hands or subject to our order and control, or in the possession or subject to the order and control of either of us, for the purposes contemplated by said act.

Signed in triplicate.

Washington D. C. October 8, 1928

J. W. MCINTOSH  
 Comptroller of the Currency

Mansfield Texas Oct. 15, 1928

G. P. ROGERS  
 Receiver of "The First National Bank"  
 Mansfield, Texas

FILED FOR RECORD OCTOBER 17, 1928 AT 4:36 P. M. #36409  
 RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1928 AT 1:45 P. M.

CHESTER HOLLIS, COUNTY CLERK,  
 TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.

BY *A. J. ...* Deputy

1111

MISS VIOLA MIDDLEBROOK | STATE OF TEXAS |  
 TO | TRANSFER OF N & L | |  
 THE MUTUAL HOME ASSN | COUNTY OF TARRANT | KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Miss Viola Middlebrook, a feme sole never having been married, of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, for a valuable consideration to me in hand paid by The Mutual Home Association, a corporation also domiciled in said City of Fort Worth, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby assign, transfer sell and convey unto said Association one certain promissory dated September 12, 1924, described as Note No. 3 in the sum of Sixteen Hundred (\$1600.00) Dollars bearing interest at rate of eight per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, executed by Ernest Reardon and his then wife...

Other news items:

Sallie Watson, dau. of Wm. Watson, died of diptheria. *f. 11*

Wm. Reynolds of Gibson -----

Una & Ula Pyles are back in the store.

C. B. Gentry of Gibson -----

J.J. Nesom - Druggist (*see census recs in Gibson file*)

Groceries - Mayfield & Stewart

T.C. Graves - Dry Goods

A.A. Dunn - Groceries

J. H. Wright

J. W. Yeates - Druggists

Mansfield Cemetery *Level 3/4*

The Mansfield Hawkeye , Friday, Jan. 18, 1895, Vol.1, No. 16.

Original on file in State Archives of Texas

A. B. & N. C. Pyles - Undertakers & Furniture Dealers

(over)

*file Mansfield 3/4*

CALL NO. Tarrant Co. Deed Records

TOPIC First Nat'l Bank

Author (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Article \_\_\_\_\_

Periodical \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vol. \_\_\_\_\_

Pages \_\_\_\_\_

Page Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

Summary-Evaluation:

Book 32, p. 171

Book 95, p. 565

Book 9-2 pg 63 - Judgement

Book 176, p. 340

Charter No. 1701, 6 April 1904

Comptroller of Currency, Adm. of Nat'l Banks.

Check No. 20217

Board of Directors

S. S. Myers

Froy Hackler

Andrew Bratton

L. C. Jackson

Jay Snow

J. H. Spencer

W. H. Snow

W. S. Murphy

J. M. Elliott

Mr. S. C. Watson was sent here from Santo, Texas (Palo Pinto Co) around 1930. He worked about 1 year as a collector for F & M. Bank.

<sup>of Mrs.</sup>  
Mr. Bartle worked there first, Mr. Bartle died, & Watson took his place.

Watson worked for Uncle "Lede" Davis -

Mrs. Watson was not much help - she couldn't remember much - and she never entered the bank except a few occasions - did not remember seeing fish - and did not know anyone in the picture.



CURTIS TUNNELL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*file - 1st Nat Bank  
folder*

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

June 11, 1985

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 475-3092

Duane Gage  
TCJC NE Campus  
828 Harwood Road  
Hurst, TX 75064

RE: FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
16" x 12" Building Marker without Post

Dear Mr. Gage:

This letter is to notify you that we have received the above referenced marker application.

The application first will be reviewed and evaluated by the Texas Historical Commission staff. Should additional information be needed, you will be contacted. After any deficiencies have been corrected, copies of the application will be sent to the members of the State Marker Committee, who will make the final determination of the topic's acceptability for marking.

You will be notified as soon as the committee makes its decision. If the topic is approved for marking we will request payment at the time of notification. If not approved, the application will be returned along with a letter of explanation.

Because of the variables involved in the marker process and because we must coordinate our orders with the schedule of a contracting foundry, we would ask that the dedication dates not be set until you have received notice that the marker has been shipped.

We appreciate your interest in preserving the history of Texas.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director  
Research and Markers

DKU/cy

cc: Matthew Crocker  
Mansfield Historical Society

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
received
date entered

Continuation sheet List of owners and inventory Item number 4 & 7

Page 6

- Other known property*
- (25) 103 - blt. 1900. A two-story brick that was evidently built at the same time as the Masonic Building adjacent on the south (26). The buildings share a common brick facade, and the window frames on the upper level are identical. The Masonic Lodge's cornerstone is placed in the fronts of both buildings. There are three transom windows on the street floor and three tall windows on the second floor. The building was occupied as a hardware store from the early 1900's until the mid-1970's; first as Ramsey and McLane, then as Back and Bradford and, in later years, as E. C. Bradford Hardware. The sale and repair of carriages was a major part of the business. The elevator is still in place that was used to raise the buggies to the second floor level. It is now occupied as a florist and antique business.

Secondary contributor and listed with No. 34 in Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey.

J. R. Martin, P. O. Box 888, Arlington, Texas 76010

- (26) 101 - blt. 1900. A two-story rectangular brick with an angled corner bay. The building shares a common facade with the building on the north (25). The two storefronts are divided by cast-iron piers. It remains largely intact and displays skillful brickwork. The corner stone is inscribed as:

*Mansfield*

MANSFIELD LODGE  
No. 331 A. F. & A. M.  
Chartered July A. L. 5870  
Erected May A. L. 5900

The Mansfield Lodge No. 331 has met on this site since c. 1870. The first building was dedicated in 1875, and a second in 1879. The present building was constructed by Midlothian contractor, W. H. Price and enlarged at the rear by Mansfield contractor Jay Grow. The building was sold in 1984, and the new owner plans to restore the building.

Primary contributor. Lists as No. 34 in Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey.  
Kelly L. Dame, 1301 E. Dallas St., Mansfield, Texas 76063

- (27) The site of the Man and Feild Mill that was built in 1860 is at the southeastern corner of the district. The site received an official Texas Historic subject marker in 1984. The land has been owned by the City of Mansfield since 1919. In that year a Memorial Hall building was erected in memory of the servicemen of World War I, and a granite marker inscribed with their names was also placed on the site. This frame building was designed after the Chautauqua building in Waxahachie, Ellis County and was used for community activities, public library, and city secretary's office. In 1952, a brick structure was built to house the city offices, and it is now occupied by the Mansfield Police Department.

There is a survey record for each of the structures in the proposed historic district on file at the Mansfield Historical Society. Volunteers did the research for Mansfield's 1983 historic resources survey and collected extensive supporting documents. These include

# 40 Steele

TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev. 8-82)

1. County Tarrant City/Rural Mansfield  
 2. Name First National Bank BUILDING Address 119-121 Main  
 3. Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Block/Lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. USGS Quad No. \_\_\_\_\_ UTM Sector \_\_\_\_\_ Site No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900  
 7. Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Original Use bank Present Use commercial  
 10. Description A 2-story rectangular brick commercial building with one storefront consisting of 3 bays, cast iron piers, transom windows, and rounded corner brick piers. On the 2nd story, there are 3 wood frame double hung windows with simple sills and flat segmental arched brick lintels and denticulated brick courses. A faded painted sign  
 11. Present Condition good; enclosed transom windows; awning; painted brick. "First National Bank"  
 12. Significance \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) part of a row of commercial buildings  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNATIONS PHOTO DATA  
 TNRIS No. \_\_\_\_\_ Old THC Code \_\_\_\_\_ B&W 4x5's \_\_\_\_\_ Slides \_\_\_\_\_  
 RTHL  HABS (no.) TEX-  35 mm Negs.  
 NR:  Individual  Historic District YEAR DRWR ROLL FRME ROLL FRME  
 Thematic  Multiple-Resource  
 NR File Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

				to		
				to		
				to		



12. SIGNIFICANCE (significant historical information associated with original or subsequent owners; original or subsequent uses; role of the resource in development of the area; and/or significant events associated with the resource):

The Masonic Lodge has met at this site since 1870. The property was purchased from a Mr. Coulson, and the first building was dedicated in 1875. The original cornerstone is still in possession of the Lodge. A second bldg. was erected in 1879 and the present brick bldg. was erected in 1890.

Over the years, the downstairs has been rented as a dry goods store, barber shop, and insurance office. The Mandelstamm family were in the dry goods business here for many years. The Stone Bros. owned a general merchandise store at the turn of the century.

13. RELATIONSHIP TO SITE (if moved, where from and date): \_\_\_\_\_

14. BIBLIOGRAPHY (sources consulted): Fort Worth Democrat, June, 1875!  
Tarrant County Tax records.

15. INFORMANT(S): Beryl S. Gibson and Susan Pesola

*If time permits - get a copy of 1875 newspaper account & name book giving tx.*

Oral Interview - 5/10/85

1

### 1ST NAZL.

WALNUT ON WEST SIDE -

FRANKLIN STOVES? NONE SHOWN - FLUES THRU ROOF

@ PERIMETER WALLS - NO FIREPLACES

NOT CERAMIC TILE - LINOLEUM - ON WOOD

"DEADIED" T & G IX & W. W / MOUND EDGE GROOVES

REPLACEMENT STONEFRONT -

EXISTING C.I. COLUMNS

REPLACEMENT DOORS

TRANSOM WINDOWS PTD. ON WOOD?

NEW ALUM. WINDOWS IN OLD SASH OPENINGS, FRAME  
INTACT -

DOORS INTERIOR, "REPLICAS" - ? -

STONEFRONT - MAYBE ORIGINAL TRANSOM -

GUTTER & DOWNSPOUT IN BACK, SPILL OVER NEAR WALL,  
PARAPET AT FRONT & SIDEWALLS - SINGLE D.S.

ELECTRICITY? NO - MANSFIELD GOT ELECTRICITY IN  
1917

FRANK MANSFIELD - PHOTO - 1917 OR 1918

BLDG. BUILT 1904

PRESSED BRICK PER FORREST STATION -

MANSFIELD BRICK?

FORREST STATION - 3RD GEN. CARPENTERS

PICTURE OF BRICK YARD -

### MASONIC BLDG.

BUTTER WORK BRICK - ? - LOCAL NAME? LOCAL  
PLANT NAME?

CANDY IN OLD PHOTO - G.I., TRAN LATER FLAT,  
PHOTO IN 1900 W/FAMILY

1910 - REAR ADDITION -  
EXISTING 2ND FLOOR WINDOW

CORNER WINDOW CLOSURE ORIGINAL

BLDG. AS ONE, IN SPITE OF SEPARATE PLATS -

~~STONE BROS. HOWRE.~~

HOPSON HOTEL ACROSS WALNUT

STONE BROS. DRYGOODS

BACK & BRADFORD DRYGOODS

IMPT. BLDG. - MASONS -

CONCRETE 1875 - FIRST -

RD. PADDLE - DOWN FOR DEDICATION

CORNERSTONE REPLACED WITH DUPLICATE BY MASONS  
UPON SALE OF BLDG.

TWO PLATS AS ONE BLDG. -

BROAD STREETS - MASONIC, CORNER OF MAIN &

BROAD STREETS W/ WALNUT BEHIND

TOWN WELL AT INTERSECTION OF BROAD (WATER)  
& MAIN

CURVED G.I. IN ORDER, PARTIAL CURVED, PARTIAL OPEN  
IN SECOND -

GAS STREET LIGHT - NOT ELECTRICITY - TELEPHONE  
LINES -

TELEPHONES IN 1880S - 1880'S TELEPHONE

3 different owners - 1910, AUTO IN SMALL PHOTO -

IN PHOTO, STORE NAME PAGE -

BRICKYARD PHOTO

INSIDE PHOTO OF BANK, SAME ONE -

SIZE OF MASON BLDG. - 25' X 80' , 25' X 100'  
50' X 80' + 25' X 20'

2500 S.F., 2500 S.F. = 5000 S.F., AFTER ADDITION -  
2 SEPARATE OWNERS - ALWAYS 2 TITLES W/ COMMON LAND  
DEEDS, NEVER SHOWN BUT WITH 2 SEPARATE OWNERS -  
BUILT FOR 2 SEPARATE OWNERS -

1877 - DEED FOR PROPERTY -

1st - 1870

2nd - 1875

3rd - 1900

LOWER ROOM, NORTHWEST CORNER, VAULT

1879 - MAN WENT TO ST. LOUIS - DIED BEFORE  
DEEDING TO LODGE -

ADDITION 1910, - BOTH PLOTS 25' X 100'

FRANKLIN STOVES, NO FIREPLACE -

ALL STONE SILLS -

MOSHER IRON WORKS -

ALL WOOD JOISTS - NO COLUMNS INSIDE BUILDINGS -

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS - 1897 - FINALLY WITNESSED & SIGNED -

26 JUNE 1897 REGISTERED.

DIED 1874 -

MASONS HAVE MET ON SITE SINCE 1870. NOT SURE WHERE FIRST MET, BEFORE THAT DATE

1873, CORNHILL STONE & PRAMIE BLDG.

CONTRACTOR:

~~CHARLES WALKER~~

FROM MIDDELTHURN, ~~CHARLES WALKER~~ W.H. PRICE

SEVERAL BLDGS. IN MANSFIELD

J. GPOUR - CONTRACTOR FOR ADDITION.

STONE HAD ANY GOODS FOR SHORT WHILE BACK & BRADFORD - 1970'S

MASONS SOLD BLDG. IN 1983 -

SECOND FLOOR - KARATE CLASS

2 TENANTS ON STKS., LONG TERM LEASES.

CORNHILL STONE "FIELD"

CONTRACTOR FOR BANK UNKNOWN.

BANK ARCHITECT? NO -

STONE SILLS - SANDSTONE - NORTH - SQUARE SILLS,

RUSTICATED ON SOUTH

MANSFIELD LODGE #331

AF&AM

CHARTERED JULY AL 5870 (1870)

BUILT MAY AL 5900

RED GRANITE SECOND CORNHILL STONE

LOOK FIRST WITH THEM

C.I. SILLS, POSTS, & HEADINGS

GIFT SHOP, ALL TRANSOM, STOREFRONT MARBLARD  
 MOSAIC IRON WORK  
 MASONS BLDG. - ALL TRANSOMS INTACT, PTD. LOWER  
 STOREFRONT ADDED  
 DOUBLE TRANSOM WINDOWS  
 SECOND FLOOR TO 1ST FLOOR LEAKAGE PROBLE.  
 DOTY PHILLIPS REAL ESTATE  
 DINING CORNER, LOWER COURTYARD, LIPPIA PTD.  
 CORNER SQUARED, ADDITION -  
 ADDED PARTITION FOR BARBERSHOP & REAL  
 ESTATE  
 FAN WINDOWS ALL INTACT - NEED WORK -  
~~THESE~~ ADDED RESTROOM, "PIKE EXIT" -  
 ORIGINAL "BACK ROOM" - PLASTER COMING OFF  
 WALLS - DIRECT OVER BRICK -  
 ADDITION - 1910 - S.M. WALL -  
 WALL WITH CORNICE, PLASTER ON WALLS  
 AT STAIR  
 OLD ELECT. LINE NAILERS  
 1x4 T&G, GROUNDED @ 2" O.C.  
 WD. POST @ STAIRS TO SECOND LEVEL  
 WD. JOISTS - 25' CLEAR SPAN TO CENTER  
 DRAWING WALL -  
 PRN. FOR 1ST. FRANKLIN STOVE  
 BRICK - ROMAN - 1ST 1900 BETTER THAN 1910  
 1910 EXPANSION TIE ROD -  
 NEEDS POINTING @ LOWER LEAVES (2'-6" -)



WINDOWS INTACT - 3 PANS  
~~ALL~~ 1 of NINE D.M.  
 ONE WINDOW FILLED, S. SIDE -  
 CENTER WINDOW FILLED, ENTRY FILLED, DOOR  
 ADDED - ALL OPEN - ORIG. -  
 OPEN STONE FRONT  
 LOWER QUALITY WORKMANSHIP -  
 SPREAD TIE -  
 ORIGINAL WOOD AT PERMITTER -  
 2nd. FLR. WINDOWS -  
 STV. STAIRS - ADDED RECENTLY - 1984  
 BLOCK ADDITION TO FLR. SHOP -  
 20' x 25' - 1 window filled, 1 = door -  
 FIRST FLOOR FLOOR SHOP ADDITION - BUGGY ELEV.  
 W/ INSIDE PASSAGE ~~AT~~ BETW. BLAU. & DOUBLE  
 DOORS TO OUTSIDE, IN LINE - SOLID CARRIAGES -  
 4 CABLES - HAND PULL ROPE OPERATION -  
 WOOD POSTS AT ELEV., COUNTER WEIGHT OPP. SIDE  
 TO DING. - WOOD ~~STAIRS~~ LADDER TO 2ND -  
 WOOD STAIRS, 2ND FLR., OPP. SIDE OF ELEV. -  
 NO SIDE RAILS -  
 SUBV. CLL. @ 2ND FLR. ORIG. PLASTER,  
 MASONRY BRICK WALL, ORIG. WD. FLR. -  
 BAD ROOF LEAKS -  
 ORIG. CLL. IN STORAGE - 1 XT W/ "BEADED"  
 CLL. - SAGGING BADLY -  
 NONE OF DOORS OR PARTITIONS ORIGINAL ON  
 SECOND LEVEL - ~~THESE WERE ALL ORIGINAL OR~~

1/2"  $\phi$  ROPE LOOP ON WINDLASS.

BACK  $\&$  BRADFORD HARDWARE.

NO WINDOWS FACING NORTH, 25' x 80'

1ST NAZI. BANK -

NOT SURE TRANSOMS ORIGINAL - RELATIVELY  
CRUDE, COMPARED TO GOOD QUALITY OF MASONRY -  
LESS FINISHED - ALL SQUARE STOCK - ALL GLASS  
STOPS SQUARE - PTD. OVER - BEEN THERE ABOUT  
40 YRS. (1945 ON)

CONCRETE SMOOR

WESTERN AUTO BEFORE

GROCERY STORAGE BEFORE

GROCERY BEFORE

BANK BEFORE

CLOSET UNDER FRONT STAIR - ORIG. WOOD  
NEEDED -

CENTRAL PARTITIONS, PLANK. NEW -

BACK PARTITION EXISTING -

TOOK IRON BARS FROM BACK WINDOWS -

BANK VAULT STILL THERE IN BACK

WOOD FLOORS, NO CRAWL SPACE -

'47 FINE, BLDG. NOT DAMAGED -

BULLNOSE MOLDED BRICK AT CORNERS -  
PINK MORTAR - LOOKS LIKE FINE WORK -

WINDOWS - CANOE USE BRICK -

REPLACEMENT STAIR RAIL & NEWEL POST  
WINDOWS INSERTED INTO EXIST. FRAMES w/  
NEW INSIDE TRIM -  
EXIST. 2ND. FLR. PARTITIONS AS ORIGINAL -  
REPLACEMENT MATCHING DOORS -  
NEW CLOSET & DIVISION FOR HALL -  
BATH FIXTURES ADDED IN WEST END, FOR  
BLDG. USE AS HOUSING AFTER WWII  
HALL ALMOST 12' WIDE - DOCTOR'S OFFICES, WAITING,  
AREA - 1928 PLUMBING -  
EXIST. & NEW 1X4 "BEADED" CLL -  
LOW END OF ROOF - SAGGING JOISTS -  
CUP WATER AT LOW END -  
SOUTH WINDOWS, 2ND LEVEL - SIX.  
3 WEST, 3 EAST -  
NONE FACING NORTH  
OLD PHOTOS? NOT YET -  
ELECTRICAL NEEDED -



MANUSFIELD (SIC)  
CORNERSTONE

MASONIC BUILDING - MANUSFIELD

\* BUILT 1900 (CORNERSTONE REF.)

ADDITION, 1910 TO WEST

BUTTER  
WORK  
BRICK? →

HAND FINED (IMITATED?) ROMAN BRICK  
TWO COLONS - NOT LOCAL - IMPORTED -  
NO CORNICE - ONLY SMALL  AT CORNER  
WINDOW ON  ORIGINALLY PILLAR  
ORIGINAL 2ND FLR. & 1ST FLR. WOOD WINDOWS IN  
PLACE - NEED RESTORATION, ONE OR TWO REPLACE.

\* WOOD PILL ORIGINALLY WHAT IS NOW?

LARGE STONE CURB STONES -  
G.I. METL. CANOPY OVER WALK AT TRAMWAY HEAD.  
BACK ENTRY TO STAIR TO LODGE OVER CRASIED  
RETAIL? ON TO HOPSON HOTEL

ORIGINAL TENANTS, *Dry goods*  
STONE BRGS. ~~Hardware & Coal~~ ~~Hardware~~

\* ? 1ST FLR.

HOPSON HOTEL across st.  
MASON'S LODGE BRICK & Bradford ~~Hardware~~  
Hardware

\* BLDG. SIZE 25 X 80 + 25 X 100

\* PLAT SIZE 25 X 100 + 25 X 100

\* CORNER LOCATIONS MAIN STREET  
? Broad (Water) Street  
? Walnut

Addition 1910  
by Jay Green

Contract on  
~~Street~~  
W.H. Price of Middlebury

HEATING?

WD. STRUCTURE? Wd. or C.I. COLUMNS INTERIOR:

~~BRICK~~ Re-treated ~~is~~ LIMESTONE WINDOW SILLS -

BUT BLATANTLY BRNED IN  
SAYS ?



CONVINCING SAYS ?

FIRST NATL. BANK BLDG. - MANSFIELD

TWO STORY BRICK BLDG. 25' X 100' O.W.  
CAST IRON SILL & FRONT STONE FRONT PIERS  
DESIGNED AS BANK - 1ST FLR.



DOCTOR'S OFFICES - 2ND FLR.

CONSTRUCTION 1904 PER ABSTRACT

BRICK MADE IN MANSFIELD -

BRICK YARD EARLY AS 1860

RUINS OF BRICK YARD STILL EXIST. N. OF C.B.P.

FARMER'S BANK - OLD FARM COMMUNITY

PAINTED FACADE W/ "FIRST NATL. BANK" STILL EXIST. IN  
1983

RESTORATION (NO. MEMORIAL) INCLUDED:

REMOVAL OF MET. CANOPY (ALUM.)

PTG. & REPAIR. 1ST FLR. W.D. STONE FRONT

\* NOT ORIGINAL DOORS ON MAIN OR ON \_\_\_\_\_ ST.

REPLACE WINDOWS IN ORIG. WOOD FRAMES

W/ ALUM. (REMOVE OLD SASHES, ALUM. INSERTS.)

MET. CEILING'S STILL IN PLACE

\* HEATING? FIREPLACES & FRANKLIN STOVES?

\* ~~SINGLE STAIR TO 2ND FLOOR~~

FRONT & REAR 1ST FLR. MAIN BLDG. ENTIRAS

\* FRONT & REAR STAIRS TO SECOND FLOOR

\* NAME OF BACK STREET \_\_\_\_\_

\* CORNER WORK ON PLAIN FACADE ZON?

LIMESTONE 2ND FLR. WINDOW SILLS -

\* CERAMIC TILE 1ST FLR. OF BANK INTACT?

\* W.D. T. & G. 1ST FLR. CLB. INTACT?

- \* METAL ZNA. PIN. CLG. INTACT?
- \* ORIGINAL WD. STOREFRONT? OR REPLACEMENT?  
WD. FLOOR & ROOF JOIST STRUCTURE - SIZE & SPACING,  
T. & G. - B.V. ROOF, DRAINS TO REAR -  
BLDG. FACES ~~WEST~~ EAST
- \* BUTTRES & D.S.? OR PARAPET & SLUPPERS TO D.S.?
- \* TRANSOM WINDOWS ENCL. W/ ALUM. IN PHOTO -  
OPENS NOW? ORIGINAL?
- \* BLDG. BUILT w/ ELECTRIFICATION? OR ADDED?

Pressed Brick

### OUTLINE

- 1) AS ORIGINALLY BUILT
- 2) CONSTRUCTION
- 3) ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

MASONIC BLDG.

"Butterwork brick construction" ?

What happened to the items deposited in the first cornerstone? c. 1873

- Copy of sacred writings
- Roll of members of Lodge
- Constitution and by-laws
- Message of Gov. Coke
- American and English coins
- Copies of Fort Worth Democrat and Standard

1873 - "a cornerstone was purchased and a frame building erected on our present location"

1900 "the Lodge erected our current two-story bldg. with the Grand Lodge setting the cornerstone on May 12, 1900 "

"A Short History of Mansfield Lodge No. 331 by Homer Boyd, P.M.  
1978 - 79



MANSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
404 EAST BROAD STREET  
MANSFIELD, TEXAS 76063

beginning of the Stuckey individual merchant business was on March 15, 1912, the establishment of the firm Hopkins Company. His partner was his brother, Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Stuckey located at Longview with a capital of \$2,250. The first store had only one show window and the store was twelve and one-half feet wide. While the start of the business was a very moderate one at the dissolution of the partnership of Hopkins and Stuckey on January 1, 1920, Mr. Hopkins received \$65,000 to represent his share in the business. Since then the organization has been known as the J. F. Stuckey Company, which has an investment of \$250,000 and does an annual business of over half a million dollars.

The crisis of Mr. Stuckey's commercial career and was successfully passed in the panic of 1907. He had borrowed from the bank on an unsecured note the money to pay his partner, Mr. Hopkins. It was less than a year when the note of 1921 found him still owing this note also large sums on his stock of goods. He advised the bank he would pay five thousand dollars every ten days, and then made a trip to New York to secure extension of time from his creditors. He sold his diamonds, mortgaged his land, and since the law did not permit mortgaging his home he sold it and put the money in the business. By these strenuous measures he tided over the threatening period, going through a littler grayer but with the vital force and with the same determination to succeed. Since then the name Stuckey has writ large over the commercial affairs of Texas. The J. F. Stuckey Company now has five of the finest department stores in that part of the state, located at Longview, Jackson Center, Atlanta and Beckville.

Mr. Stuckey was one of the organizers of the Money Syndicate, located at 303 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and is one of the stockholders and directors. This syndicate now handles buying for more than one hundred and fifty stores in Texas and in other states. Mr. Stuckey is a director in the Retail Dry Goods Association of Texas.

While his personal business record is an example of achievement rarely encountered, he has been equally as forceful and useful in his leadership in community affairs. He served one year as president of the Longview Chamber of Commerce, is county councillor of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce for Gregg County and is one of the men chiefly responsible for getting the permanent location of the Texas Chamber of Commerce established at Longview. This problem was finally settled early in 1928 at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce at Dallas. Mr. Stuckey was chairman of the committee that reported before the directors and after guaranteeing a beautiful building at the cost of forty thousand dollars, erected according to plans which Mr. Stuckey had drafted, the directors formally entered into a contract giving Longview the permanent headquarters of the regional chamber.

Mr. Stuckey and his committee returned to the entire town was at the train to give a welcome as a returning conquering hero. He once called a meeting of the business interests and explained what had been done and secured at Dallas, and before he left the floor a sum of twenty-one thousand dollars had been

subscribed to make good his promise for a permanent building. That building is one of the finest homes occupied by any Regional Chamber of Commerce in the state.

Mr. Stuckey was also chosen chairman of the Gregg County committee to secure the quota for the Rotary State Meeting at Corsicana in April, 1928. As chairman of the finance committee for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he has likewise exemplified his power and resourcefulness in financial matters. When the church was confronted with the question of raising a sum of money for the Missionary Society he promptly made plans and raised a thousand dollars for that purpose on one Sunday morning in less than ten minutes. He is also a steward of the church. Mr. Stuckey is a director of the J. H. Atkinson Canning Company, is president of the Longview Country Club, is a Knight Templar Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

In any discussion of his business affairs and achievements Mr. Stuckey constantly thinks and frequently unconsciously expresses himself in terms "We," thus giving tribute to Mrs. Stuckey, to whom he has assigned a large measure of credit for all that he has accomplished. Mr. Stuckey and Miss Sallie E. Hopkins were married in 1903. She was reared at Leesburg, Texas, daughter of T. T. and Josie (Laney) Hopkins. Her father was a merchant. Mrs. Stuckey was educated at Leesburg. She has stood by and helped him in his business and in the later years of their prosperity she had found many other opportunities for valuable service, particularly in the planning and carrying out of measures for a more beautiful community. Her particular hobby is beautifying the lawns and yards of the people of Longview. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, member of the City Plan Commission, of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce.

SAMUEL T. MARRS was a native of the Mansfield locality of Tarrant County and spent his useful life in that community, a farmer, land owner, merchant and banker.

He was born six miles from Mansfield in May, 1859, and died at his home in Mansfield January 22, 1917, at the age of fifty-seven years, seven months. Both his own and his wife's family were Kentuckians. His father, A. K. Marrs, served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil war, was taken prisoner and held two years, and after the war returned to Tarrant County, where he had settled some years before. He lived at his home farm five miles north of Mansfield until his death at the age of fifty-seven. He married Nancy Ragland, a native of Kentucky, daughter of P. J. Ragland, who was a Kentucky planter and slave owner, and was also an early settler in Tarrant County, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. Nancy Ragland was born in Kentucky and died at the home five miles north of Mansfield at the age of fifty-four.

Samuel T. Marrs, only son of his parents, attended school at Mansfield, and his early manhood was devoted to farming and stock raising. He was one of the leading business men of Mansfield for many years, at first a hardware merchant, and subsequently took a prominent part in the organization of the First National Bank and became the first president of that institution. Ill health compelled him to retire from this position, and in his last years he devoted his time to

*Aganah*  
*7 east*  
*P. J.*

the supervision of his investments and farm interests. He was a man of strict honor, courteous, faithful in the discharge of his obligations, and enjoyed fully the respect and esteem of his community. He had for a number of years been a member of the Masonic fraternity and was treasurer of the Baptist Church and a Democrat in politics.

*Cassandra*  
 Samuel T. Marrs married, December 20, 1880, Miss ~~S~~assandra Back. They were married at her home five miles north of Mansfield. Mrs. Marrs, who survives her husband and resides in Mansfield, is a daughter of Jacob Back, a native of Kentucky, who settled in Tarrant County, Texas, about 1850, at about the same time the Marrs family came to the state. Jacob Back was a Confederate soldier, joining from Tarrant County and serving under General Jackson. After the war he followed farming in Tarrant County until his death. He married Nancy Murphy, who was born in Kentucky, daughter of William Murphy, a banker and slave owner. Mrs. Nancy Back died at the age of sixty-two. Of her six sons and two daughters only two are now living, Jacob and Mrs. Marrs. Jacob Back is a retired farmer at Mansfield, and by his marriage to *Alida* Lythia Munsey has two sons and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Marrs became the parents of six daughters. Gordie Myrtle, born October 11, 1884, is the wife of W. A. Fitts, a traveling salesman at Fort Worth, and has one son. Nana Lee, born June 26, 1886, is the wife of Pettis Pipes, a music teacher at Sherman, Texas. A. Maude, born January 17, 1893, is the wife of Henley Brindley, a farmer near Maypearl in Ellis County, and has two children. Eulalia Alma, born July 13, 1896, is the wife of Clyde Turner, a traveling representative for a wholesale grocery house at Durant, Oklahoma, and they have one daughter. Maggie E., born February 16, 1900, is the wife of L. R. Myer, football coach at the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. Ruth Maurine, the youngest child, was born November 26, 1903, and is the wife of Dr. Zach Boboe, a physician at Fort Worth.

FRANK O. MONTAGUE. While there is much yet to be done in behalf of the agriculturists, a most remarkable advance has been made in their condition through the service rendered by the highly trained county agents, men especially educated for their work, who are able through natural ability and training to solve many of the problems of the farmer, to encourage greater production, to interest the rising generation in the basic industry of agriculture, and keep the young people in their home neighborhood, which, for so many cogent reasons, is so desirable. One of these valuable men worthy of more than passing mention because of what he has accomplished is Frank O. Montague, county agent of Nacogdoches County.

Frank O. Montague was born in Kosse, Limestone County, Texas, October 3, 1892, a son of W. E. and Elizabeth (Partin) Montague, natives of Alabama and Texas, respectfully. The mother died about 1895, but the father survives and is residing in Rockdale. For a number of years he was a planter, but then became a rural mail carrier, and so served for twenty years. He is a Mason and Woodman of the World, and belongs to the Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather was John Montague, a native of South Caro-

lina, who moved to Alabama prior to the war between the states, in which conflict he served as a gallant soldier. He was a plantation owner, but after the close of the war taught school in Alabama for a time. The maternal grandfather was a rancher of Uvalde, Texas, and lived to be eighty-six years old.

After he had completed the courses of the public schools and Rockdale High School Frank O. Montague entered the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and was graduated in animal husbandry in 1915. For a short time he fed cattle in Texas Experiment Station No. 10 at Bryan, after which for eighteen months he was in the Bureau of Animal Industry, West Point, Mississippi. He was then transferred to the State College, Auburn, Alabama, as assistant beef cattle specialist for the state and federal governments, and remained there for some eighteen months. From there he was transferred to the State College, Auburn Agricultural College, where he taught animal husbandry for two years. Going then to Opelika, Alabama, he operated a private farm for four years; and then, for the succeeding two years he served as county agent for Wilkes County, Georgia, and in 1925 was transferred to Nacogdoches County, Texas.

Upon coming to Nacogdoches County Mr. Montague immediately inaugurated a very progressive program which includes the following: Boys and Girls Club Work, the production of Cotton Queen of the South for two years, the corn champion of Texas in 1927, the most completed records of club work of any county in Texas for 1926, the carrying of the largest delegation of farm people from Nacogdoches County to the annual farmers short course in 1927, and has achieved many other things. In soil construction he advocates terracing and the use of fertilizers. He has raised the production of cotton in the county from about 14,000 bales to 38,000 bales. The county now uses more commercial fertilizers than any other county in Texas; more food and feed crops are produced than ever before in the history of the county; and more terracing is being done than ever before, with most admirable results. Mr. Montague, through his tact and the awakening of the co-operative spirit, has been able to eliminate the feeling that existed between the city and country people, and they are working together more harmoniously than ever before in their history. Through his energy he has been able to accumulate a fund that allows him to give larger cash prizes to the Boys and Girls Clubs than those paid by any other county, the amount being about \$1,400 annually. In chicken raising he has accomplished much, now having two hatcheries in Nacogdoches, and these are proving a source of interest and encouragement to chicken raisers throughout all of this region. Through his offices a large creamery has been located in Nacogdoches, and this has proven a great stimulus to the dairy interests, which have largely increased. At different times he holds farmers institutes, at which he has good music furnished by the local band, and his speeches on agricultural subjects are listened to with great interest. He is a born leader, a sympathetic friend, and a man who is able to win the warm and effective support of all with whom he is associated. Like his father he is a Mason and Woodman of the World, and a strong believer in fraternal life. The Christian Church has in him one of its most

*Marguerite Melone -*

FIRST NATIONAL BANK - Marker application

1st pres. - Samuel T. Marrs 1859 - 1917

*2nd pres. - John Bratten*  
2nd pres. - Earl R. Holland 1880 - 1927

Son of John Marion Holland and Nancy Parker (Murdock) Holland

Wife - Clara Warren Holland 1875 - 1963

lived in Feild house on Oak St. after Mr. Dukes died.

G.O. Bartel 1875 - 1929 cashier of bank

*Edna Holland - wife of Earl Holland, Jr.*

February 27, 1985

Federal Reserve Bank  
Archives Division  
400 South Akard Street  
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

I am writing an application for a Texas historical marker for the First National Bank Building in Mansfield, and I need to document the facts of its operation. I cannot locate any papers or evidence locally to support its history.

The bank was organized about 1904 by Troy Hackler with Samuel Marrs as the first president. Earl Holland was the president when the bank closed in 1927 because of insufficient funds. It was reorganized as the Farmers and Merchants Bank which was taken over by the Mansfield State Bank in the early 1930's.

Any information that you may have will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beryl S. Gibson



*Steele - Here is everything  
regarding the First Nat'l Bank -  
from charter to Notice of Insolvency -*

Comptroller of the Currency  
Administrator of National Banks

*Kate*

Washington, D. C. 20219

May 11, 1988

Ms. Kate McDonald  
3724 Linden Avenue  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Dear Ms. McDonald:

This is in response to your letter dated February 24 which was received in my office on March 7 for processing.

You requested any information we have that would list the names of the founders or board of directors for the First National Bank of Mansfield and Arlington National Bank.

The only documents we could locate concern the First National Bank of Mansfield and they are enclosed.

I am sorry that we could not locate anything concerning the other bank.

Sincerely,

Frank Vance, Jr.  
Public Affairs Specialist

Enclosure(s)

FV:lc

# Treasury Department,

Office of Comptroller of the Currency,

Washington, D. C. April 6, 1904.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Mansfield," located in the Town of Mansfield in the County of Tarrant and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now, therefore, J. Williams B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Mansfield," located in the Town of Mansfield in the County of Tarrant and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office  
this Sixth day of April, 1904

J. Williams B. Ridgely  
Comptroller of the Currency.

No. 7201

7

CERTIFICATE RELATIVE TO AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Charter No. 7201

THE First NATIONAL BANK OF Mansfield, Texas ✓

(Date) January 11th. 1927.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the First National

Bank of Mansfield, Texas, held on January 11th. 1927 ✓

thirty days' notice of the proposed business having been given, at which shareholders were present, in person and by proxy (no director, or other officer, clerk, teller, or book-keeper acting as proxy), representing 162 shares of capital stock,

section of the Articles of Association was amended to read as follows:

Resolved that the Articles of Association of the First National Bank providing for Nine (9) Directors be and is hereby changed from Nine (9) to Seven (7) and that the number of said directors shall consist of Seven in number until further changed.

*The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:*

NAME OF SHAREHOLDER	RESIDENCE	NAME OF PROXY	No. OF SHARES
E. E. Bewley	Ft. Worth, Texas	J. B. Chorn ✓	10
J. F. Bradford Estate	Mansfield, Texas	J. B. Chorn	15
E. C. Bradford	Mansfield, Texas		5
J. Bratton	" "	J. B. Chorn	10
A. Bratton	" "	J. B. Chorn	5
E. H. Chorn	" "		10
J. B. Chorn	" "		5
Jay Grow	" "		10
E. R. Holland	" "		15
B. H. Martin	Ft. Worth, Texas	J. B. Chorn	5

90

NAME OF SHAREHOLDER	RESIDENCE	NAME OF PROXY	No. of SHARES
R. E. McMillan	Mansfield, Texas		90 5
C. A. Smith & Sons	" "		5
J. A. Smith	" "		5
J. W. Spencer	Ft. Worth, Texas	J. B. Chorn	35
J. N. Thomas	Mansfield, Texas	J. B. Chorn	20
Mrs. R. J. Watson	Arlington, Texas	J. B. Chorn	2
			<u>162</u> ✓



Note - Copy sent from Comptroller  
was blurred - *K.H. M.P.*

AGAINST RESOLUTION.

NAME OF SHAREHOLDER	RESIDENCE	NAME OF PROXY	No. OF SHARES

Total number of shares voted in favor of the resolution ..... 162 ✓  
Total number of shares voted against the resolution ..... 0 ✓  
Total number of shares voted at the meeting ..... 162 ✓  
Total number of shares represented at meeting ..... 250 ✓  
Total number of shares of capital stock of bank

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the shareholders of this bank held January 11<sup>th</sup> 1927 ✓



*[Signature]*  
President or Cashier.

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF CAPITAL STOCK.

ANSWERED  
JUL 11 1904  
Org. Div.

JUL 7 - 1904, 190

To the Comptroller of the Currency,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is hereby certified that the Fifth installment,  
Twenty Five Hundred and no  
dollars (\$ 2500.00), has been paid in on account of the  
Capital Stock of The First National Bank of  
Hansfield the certification of payments to date being as follows:

First installment (at organization).....	\$	<u>12,500.00</u>	✓	<u>Apr 6-04</u>
Second " .....		<u>2,500.00</u>	✓	
Third " .....		<u>2,500.00</u>	✓	
Fourth " .....		<u>2,500.00</u>	✓	
Fifth " .....		<u>2,500.00</u>		
Sixth " .....				
Total .....		<u>\$22,500.00</u>		

H. O. Mabry  
Cashier.

STATE OF Texas  
COUNTY OF Tarrant } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to this 7 day of July, 1904

OFFICIAL SEAL  
OF  
OFFICER.

T. G. Davis  
Notary Public.

N. B.—The second and subsequent payments need not be restricted to 10 per cent each, as the capital stock of the bank may be paid, if desired, in advance of the time required by law. Do not include in certificates a fraction of a dollar. No payments on account of subscriptions to the capital stock should be carried to stock account, nor entered in reports of condition, as capital stock, until date of certification to this office. Pending such certification payments should be carried in a separate account to the credit of shareholders and entered in reports to this office as "Liabilities other than those stated." (Item 20.)

# OATH OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF Texas  
County of Tarrant } ss.

ANSWERED

JUL 14 1904

Org. Div.

Chief Comptroller  
JUL 1 1904  
OF CURRENCY.

Cut the printed notice from the newspaper and attach here.

### Notice of Authority to Commence Business.

No. 7201.  
Treasury Department, Office of  
Comptroller of the Currency,  
Washington, D. C.  
April 6, 1904.

Whereas by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that The First National Bank of Mansfield, located in the town of Mansfield, in the county of Tarrant and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

NOW THEREFORE I, William B. Ridgely Comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that The FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Mansfield, located in the town of Mansfield in the county of Tarrant and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 6th day of April, 1904.

Signed,  
Wm. B. Ridgely,  
Comptroller of the  
Currency.

SEAL OF  
OFFICER.

*J. H. Stanberry*

Being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the publisher of The Mansfield Sun a weekly newspaper published in the Town of Mansfield County of Tarrant, State of Texas

and that the annexed advertisement of the Comptroller's certificate authorizing the First National Bank of Mansfield, Texas

to begin the business of banking has appeared in each issue of said paper for a period of at least sixty days, beginning the 14 day of April, and ending the 16 day of June, 1904.

*J. H. Stanberry*  
before me, a Notary Public in and  
presaid, this 28 day of June, 1904

*J. M. Elliott*  
Notary Public  
Tarrant Co Tex

*[Handwritten initials]*

96194

SPECIAL

No. 7201

APPLICATION

TO ORGANIZE

"The First National

Bank of Mansfield, Texas

Capital, \$ 25,000.

Filed, March 1, 1904

Population, 1,200

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

Washington, March 1, 1904

With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the organization of the above-named bank will be authorized.

*[Signature]*  
Comptroller

Approved:

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Signature]*  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE A NATIONAL BANK.

The name of the place should form a part of the title, thus "The First National Bank of A—," but the name of the State should not be included.

Consideration will not be given to an application for a title including the word "First," if a National Bank exists or has existed at the given locality; nor to an application for a title identical with that of a National Bank heretofore in existence, nor to one materially similar to that of a National, State, or other bank existing in the place.

Page 1,200

Ft Worth Tex, 190...

To the Comptroller of the Currency,  
Washington.

Feb 18/1904  
Not with L. F.

Sir:

Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, being natural persons, and of lawful age, intend, with others, to organize a National Banking Association, under the title of "The First National Bank of Mansfield,"

to be located at Mansfield, County of Tarrant, State of Texas

with capital of \$ 25,000<sup>00</sup> to succeed the bank of

We request that the title be reserved for a period of sixty days and the necessary organization papers and instructions sent to

W H Grove at Ft Worth Texas

[This application must be signed by at least five prospective shareholders, and indorsed as indicated.]

SIGNATURES OF APPLICANTS.	RESIDENCES.	BUSINESS.	FINANCIAL STRENGTH, IN FIGURES.
✓ W. J. Turner	Ft Worth Tex	Wholesale merchant	200,000 <sup>00</sup>
✓ J. W. Spencer	Ft Worth Tex	Banker	100,000 <sup>00</sup>
✓ S. T. Warr	Mansfield Tex	Farmer	40,000 <sup>00</sup>
✓ A. S. Hunt	Mansfield	Farmer	9,000
✓ J. M. Thomas	"	Physician	15,000

The signers of this application are known to be reputable citizens, and the foregoing information in reference to their business and financial standing is, in my opinion, correct.

\* W. G. Casper M C  
10th Dist Texas

\*Signature of Member of Congress, judge of court, or other prominent public official.

K 4

NOTICE OF INSOLVENCY OF NATIONAL BANK



TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

Address reply to  
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1927

DCC

Organization Division .....



Dear Sir:

You are advised that The ... First National Bank,

Mansfield, Tex., #7201

is insolvent, and was on ... this day.

placed in charge of ... Jas. E. McKinney ... Receiver.

cap. \$25,000  
✓  
Respectfully,

E. W. Stearns.

Deputy Comptroller.

*JF*  
*Recd 2/10  
5-19-27  
J*

*Pu*  
*H*

17

No. 7201

ANSWERED  
MAR 29 1904  
Org. Div.

No. 1.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

The *First* National

Bank

OF

*Manfield Texas*

2-3831

Office Comptroller  
APR 5 1904  
OF CURRENCY

Office Comptroller  
MAR 28 1904  
OF CURRENCY

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.—Form No. 41.  
(Ed. 1-14-1903—2,000.)

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

For the purpose of organizing an association to carry on the business of banking, under the laws of the United States, the undersigned subscribers for the stock of the Association hereinafter named do enter into the following Articles of Association:

*First.* The title of this Association shall be\* "The First National Bank of Mansfield, Tarrant County, Texas."

*Second.* The place where its banking house or office shall be located, and its operations of discount and deposit carried on, and its general business conducted, shall be the town of Mansfield, Tarrant County, Texas.

*Third.* The Board of Directors shall consist of nine Shareholders, and the following named persons: S.T. Marrs, T. Hackler, A. Bratton, L.C. Jackson, Jay Crow, J.W. Spencer, W.H. Grove, H.P. Mabry & J.M. Elliott are hereby appointed Directors of this Association to hold their offices as such until the regular annual election takes place, pursuant to the fourth article of these Articles of Association. ~~The first meeting of the shareholders for the election of Directors shall be held at~~

on the \_\_\_\_\_, or at such other place and time as a majority of the undersigned shareholders may direct.

*Fourth.* The regular annual meetings of the shareholders for the election of Directors shall be held at the banking house of this Association on the second Tuesday of January of each year; but if no election shall be held on that day, it may be held on any other day according to the provisions of section 5149 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and all elections shall be held according to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, not inconsistent with the provisions of the National Banking Law, and of these articles.

*Fifth.* The capital stock of this Association shall be Twenty five \_\_\_\_\_ thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; but the capital may, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, be increased at any time by shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock, according to the provisions of an act of Congress approved May 1, 1886; and in case of the increase of the capital of the Association, each shareholder shall have the privilege of subscribing for such numbers of shares of the proposed increase of the capital stock as he may be entitled to according to the number of shares owned by him before the stock is increased.

*Sixth.* The Board of Directors, a majority of whom shall be a quorum to do business, shall elect one of its members President of this Association, who shall hold his office (unless he shall be disqualified, or be sooner removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board) for the term for which he was elected a Director. The Directors shall have power to elect a Vice-President, who shall also be a member of the Board of Directors, and who shall be authorized, in the absence or inability of the President from any cause, to perform all acts and duties pertaining to the office of President except such as the President only is authorized by law to perform, and to elect or appoint a Cashier, and such other officers and clerks as may be required to transact the business of the Association; to fix the salaries to be paid to them, and continue them in office, or to dismiss them as, in the opinion of a majority of the Board, the interests of the Association may demand.

The Directors shall have power to define the duties of the officers and clerks of the Association, to require bonds from them, and to fix the penalty thereof; to regulate the manner in which elections of Directors shall be held, and to appoint judges of the elections; to make all by-laws that it may be proper for them to make not inconsistent with law, for the general regulation of the business of the Association and the management of its affairs, and generally to do and perform all acts that it may be legal for a Board of Directors to do and perform under the Revised Statutes aforesaid.



*Seventh.* This Association shall continue for the period of twenty years from the date of the execution of its Organization Certificate, unless sooner placed in voluntary liquidation by the act of its shareholders owning at least two-thirds of its stock, or otherwise dissolved by authority of law.

*Eighth.* These Articles of Association may be changed or amended at any time by shareholders owning a majority of the stock of the Association, in any manner not inconsistent with law; and the Board of Directors, or any three shareholders, may call a meeting of the shareholders for this or any other purpose, not inconsistent with law, by publishing notice thereof for thirty days in a newspaper published in the town, city, or county where the Bank is located, or by mailing to each shareholder notice in writing thirty days before the time fixed for the meeting.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this *Eighth* day of March, 1904.

✓ 1	S. P. Inark	22
✓ 2	Iroy Hackler	23
✓ 3	A. Bratton	24
✓ 4	L. O. Johnson	25
✓ 5	Jay Brown	26
✓ 6	J. W. [unclear]	27
✓ 7	W. H. [unclear]	28
✓ 8	H. O. Mabry	29
✓ 9	J. W. Elliott	30
10		31
11		32
12		33
13		34
14		35
15		36
16		37
17		38
18		39
19		40
20		41
21		42

I certify that these Articles of Association are executed in duplicate; that one of the instruments so executed is the foregoing; and that the other, alike in all respects, is on file with said Bank.

(To be signed by President or Cashier.)

*Mansfield Tex* *March 8<sup>th</sup>*, 1904

*H. O. Mabry*  
Cashier

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.  
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.  
Form 40.—Ed. 1 16 1903 2,000.

# ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE.

*We, the undersigned, whose names are specified in article fourth of this Certificate, having associated ourselves for the purpose of organizing an Association for carrying on the business of banking, under the laws of the United States, do make and execute the following Organization Certificate:*

*First. The title of the Association shall be \* "The First National Bank of Mansfield,"*

*Second. The said Association shall be located in the town of Mansfield, County of Tarrant, State of Texas, and where its operations of discount and deposit are to be carried on.*

*Third The Capital Stock of this Association shall be Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$ 25,000.00), and the same shall be divided into Two Hundred & Fifty shares of one hundred dollars each.*

Fourth. The name and the residence of each Shareholder of this Association, with the number of shares held, are as follows:

	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NO. OF SHARES.
✓ 1	S.T.Marrs	Mansfield, Texas	30 ✓
2	J.N.Thomas	" "	10
✓ 3	Jay Crow	" "	10
4	J.Bratton	" "	10
5	J.M.Elliott	" "	10
6	L.C.Jackson	" "	10
7	A.J.Hunt	" "	10
✓ 8	A.Bratton	" "	10
9	F.B.Bynum	" "	5
10	J.C.Talley	" "	5
11	Board & Chorn	" "	5
12	A.J.Dukes	" "	10
✓ 13	Troy Hackler	" "	10
14	C.W.Hackler	" "	5
15	D.Florence	" "	25
16	M.Ballweg	" "	5
✓ 17	Jno. M.Elliott	" "	10
18	D.C.Cogdell	Cranbury, Texas	5
✓ 19	J.W.Spencer	Fort Worth, "	10
20	W.C.Turner,	" "	10
21	B.H.Martin	" "	5
22	D.W.Humphreys	" "	10
✓ 23	H.Mabry	" "	10
24	M.P.Bewley	" "	10
✓ 25	W.H.Crove	" "	10
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
32			
33			
34			
35			
36			
37			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44			
45			
46			
47			
48			

250 ✓

NOTE.—The names, etc., of all the shareholders must appear on this page.

Fifth. This Certificate is made in order that we may avail ourselves of the advantages of the aforesaid laws of the United States.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this Eighth day of March, 1904.

- 1 S. P. Marris ✓
- 2 Roy Backler ✓
- 3 U. Brattoro ✓
- 4 L. C. Jackson ✓
- 5 J. A. J. ✓
- 6 J. W. ✓
- 7 W. P. ✓
- 8 H. P. Mabry ✓
- 9 J. M. Elliott ✓
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29
- 30
- 31
- 32
- 33
- 34
- 35
- 36
- 37
- 38
- 39
- 40
- 41
- 42
- 43
- 44
- 45
- 46
- 47
- 48

NOTE.—Those that have signed the articles of association are required to sign on this page, and they must do so in their own handwriting. They must also make acknowledgment on the following page.

State of Texas }  
County of Tarrant } ss:

Before the undersigned, a Notary public of Tarrant County, Texas  
personally appeared S.T. Marrs, T. Hackler, A. Bratton, L.C. Jackson,  
Jay Grow, J.W. Spencer, W.H. Grove, H. Mabry and J.M. Elliott

to me well known, who severally acknowledged that they executed the foregoing  
Certificate for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and seal of Office this

8 day of March, 1904  
J.H. Alexander, Jr. and Co.  
Notary Public  
Tarrant Co., Tex.



ANSWERED  
MAR 29 1904  
Org. Div.

No. 7201

ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE

The Secret National

Bank

OF

Manfield  
Texas

Office Comptroller

APR 6 1904

OF CURRENCY.

Office Comptroller

MAR 28 1904

OF CURRENCY.



Liber's Grocery

about 1934 in the old First Nat'l Bank

Bldg.

Note - the bank vault -

There was a fire in the bldg.  
about 1943.

---

1949

There were 2 bldgs. on this site  
that were destroyed by fire in  
July 1947. - a cafe and our grocery  
store (formerly Waller's) The fire  
started in the lumber yard on Walnut  
St.

Note the transom windows on the  
bank bldg. on the right and the  
hdw. store on the rt.

BC.  
Jan. 1989



File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Charter No. 1534

**CHARTER**

James W. Merchants

State Bank

Manfield Texas.

Capital Stock . . . . . \$ 25000.

Filing Fees . . . . . \$ 70.00

Franchise Tax . . . . . \$ 6.48

Filed in Department of Banking this 31<sup>st</sup>

day of October, 1927

James Shaw  
Banking Commissioner.  
By W. A. Dondley  
Secretary

The First Nat Bank  
of Manfield was  
Chartered in 1906 -  
It closed because of  
insufficient funds  
in 1927. It is reopened  
as F & M Bank under  
a state charter B6

Name	Place of Residence	No. of Shares Subscribed and Paid for
W W Sutton	British Falls	30
Geo. W. Hackler	Mansfield Tex	10
L F Smith	" "	13
Harry Drifong	M.D.	10
E. L. Bainton	" "	10
J Manderson	" "	10
R. M. Thomas	" "	10
S. H. Chorn	" "	10
Wm P M House	" "	5
W. J. Turner	H North	15
George Jones	" "	5
L. J. Patten	Mansfield	25
W. P. Mauk	Inging	15
G. B. Burt	Mansfield	25
Mrs D O Bartle	" "	10
W. Harrison	" "	5
J. E. Woods	" "	5
J. A. Wilson	" "	10
R. O. Newson	Mansfield Tex	10
Ralph H Walker	" "	5
W. Dalton	" "	2
Clyde Hancock	" "	3

THE STATE OF TEXAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Mrs. P. M. House, well known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand this the 26th day of October 1927

*J. B. Cham*  
 Notary Public in and for  
 Tarrant County Texas.

<del>Baird</del>			10
<del>Mandelstamm</del>			10
R. M. House			10
E. H. Charro			10
W. M. House			5
W. J. House	St. North		15
R. G. House			5
W. J. House	Mansfield		25
W. J. House	Irving		15
G. B. House	Mansfield		25
W. J. House			10
W. J. House			5
J. G. House			5
J. G. House			10
R. P. House	Mansfield		10
Ralph H. Walker			5
J. G. House			2
C. G. House			3

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TARRANT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Mrs. P. M. House, well known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand this the 26th day of October 1927

J. B. Cham  
Notary Public in and for  
Tarrant County Texas.

26 October 1927

26 October 1927

J. B. Hancock  
Notary Public Dallas Co., Texas

<i>Harry D. Nifong MD</i>	"	10
<i>E. W. Bradford</i>	"	10
<i>J. Mandelstamm</i>	"	10
<i>R. M. Thomas</i>	"	10
<i>E. H. Chorn</i>	"	10
<i>Mrs. G. O. Bartle</i>	"	5
<i>J. H. Harrison</i>	"	15
<i>T. L. Wood</i>	"	5
<i>R. O. Newsom</i>	Mansfield	25
<i>Ralph H. Walker</i>	Swiney	15
<i>J. E. Dalton</i>	Mansfield	25
<i>Clyde Holland</i>	"	10
<i>J. A. Wilson</i>	"	5
	"	5
	"	10

*[Handwritten signature]*

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TARRANT )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared, W. W. Seeton, Geo. W. Hackler, C. F. Smith, Harry D. Nifong MD, E. W. Bradford, J. Mandelstamm, J. A. Wilson, R. M. Thomas, E. H. Chorn, C. J. Prater, G. O. Bartle, Mrs. G. O. Bartle, J. H. Harrison, T. L. Wood, R. O. Newsom, Ralph H. Walker, J. E. Dalton & Clyde Holland, known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal of office this the 26th day of October A.D. 1927

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public in and for  
Tarrant County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of TARRANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, whose names are subscribed hereto, a majority of whom are residents of the State of Texas, have this day and do by these presents voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of establishing:

A BANK OF DEPOSIT AND DISCOUNT

and of incorporating and operating the same under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas; and to that end we declare:

FIRST

The name of the corporation shall be:

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK

SECOND

It shall be located at, and its place of business shall be in, the town of MANSFIELD  
County of TARRANT, State of Texas.

THIRD

The amount of the Capital Stock shall be TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) Dollars,  
which shall be divided into 250 shares of One Hundred Dollars each, all of which has been bona fide subscribed and actually and fully paid in by the subscribers hereto, in lawful money of the United States, and is now in the custody of the persons herein below named as the first Board of Directors of the Corporation.

FOURTH

The Board of Directors shall consist of NINE stockholders, each of whom shall be a bona fide owner of at least TEN shares of the Capital Stock of the Corporation, and a majority shall be bona fide resident citizens of the State of Texas. The names of the directors selected and agreed upon for the first year are as follows:

SEETON W. W.

G. O. BARTLE

HACKLER GEO. W.

J. MANDELSTAMM

BRADFORD E. G.

G. J. PRATER

NIFONG DR. H. D.

E. H. CHOTN

C. F. SMITH

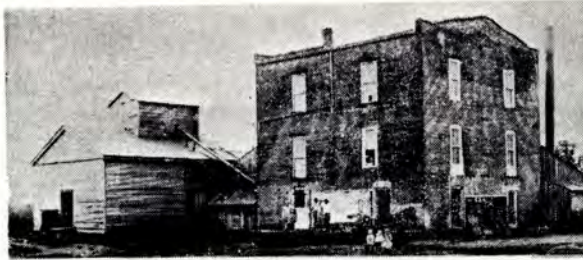
FIFTH

The Corporation shall continue and be in force for fifty years.

SIXTH

The names and residences of all the subscribers to the Capital Stock of the Corporation, and of the number of shares subscribed by each, are written below by each of said subscribers, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the subscribers to the Capital Stock aforesaid has hereunto affixed his or her name, his or her bona fide place of residence, and the number of shares of the Capital Stock of the Corporation subscribed and fully paid for by him or her, on this the 26 day of OCTOBER, 1927.



Man and Feild Mill, 1860

## Mansfield Historical Society

101 East Broad Street  
P.O. Box 304  
Mansfield, Texas 76063  
October 31, 1985

Dan K. Utley, Director  
Research and Markers  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Utley:

A marker application for the First National Building in Mansfield was submitted for your consideration in April. In August you requested a historic photograph of the building, and I sent a 1912 street scene of Mansfield showing the two-story building in the background.

We are certain that the original facade of the building has not been altered, because my father-in-law, A.S. Gibson, rented the building in 1935 and then bought it after a fire about 1942. At that time the windows and doors had to be replaced. The enclosed photograph was made in 1942 or 1943 when this work was being done. The transom windows have since been covered over. The building is now occupied by the owner, Matthew Crocker, and it is in an excellent state of repair.

This is the first marker application for Mansfield's 125-year-old historic business district, and we are anxious to hold a dedication ceremony as a Sesquicentennial project.

Please let me know if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

Beryl S. Gibson

Encl: photograph

*Copy file  
re out First Nat'l Bank.*

March 31, 1983

Ms. Beryl S. Gibson  
101 East Kimball  
Mansfield, Texas 76063

Dear Ms. Gibson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 1983, regarding the First National Bank in Mansfield.

Old bank records are not retained by this office. Your correspondence has been forwarded to the Communications Division of our Washington Office for their comment.

Very truly yours,

Marcia Munson  
Regional Director for  
Corporate Activities

MM/bcs

cc: Lenora Cross - Communications, D.C. ✓  
Reading File

E. C. WATSON, CASHIER

W. W. SEETON, PRESIDENT

MRS. G. O. BARTLE, ASST. CASHIER

# FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$29,000.00

## MANSFIELD, TEXAS

The State Of Texas,  
County Of Tarrant

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, the F & M State Bank of Mansfield, Texas, a corporation operating under the laws of the State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of \$ 55<sup>00</sup> cash in hand paid by Miss Rosa Capps, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby release from mortgage executed by W.A. Parker on February 1, 1932, to secure note of even date there-with in the amount of \$137.50, the following described chattels;

One bay mare about 10 years of age and about 15 hands high, weighing about 1000 pounds.  
One red horse mule about 9 years of age and about 15½ hands high, weighing about 1100 pounds.  
One fawn colored muley jersey cow about 6 years of age.  
One wagon.  
One set of chain harness.

Witness our hands this 12th day of January, A.D. 1933.

F & M State Bank, Mansfield, Texas

*E. C. Watson*  
Cashier.



copy

# APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Texas Historical Commission  
Research and Markers Department  
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Title of marker (subject to revision by THC staff) FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING		
Marker location (street address or highway number; include name of cemetery, building, park, etc., if applicable; if on highway right-of-way or in a small community, briefly explain how to get there from the nearest town) 121 North Main Street, Mansfield, Texas 76063		
City or nearest city shown on Texas Highway Department road map Mansfield	County Tarrant	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site For example, "Subject is 1/2 mile SW of marker site." On site	Surface to which marker will be attached (if not on post) Brick building	
Owner of marker site Matthew Crocker	Address 121 North Main St., Mansfield, TX	City, Zip Code 76063
Sponsor of marker Mansfield Historical Society	Address P.O. Box 304 Mansfield, TX	City, Zip Code 76063
Person to whom marker is to be shipped <i>NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.</i> Matthew Crocker	Address as above	City, Zip Code
Signature of County Chairman "I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."	Address	City, Zip Code

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative history *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee.

5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

## SUBJECT MARKERS

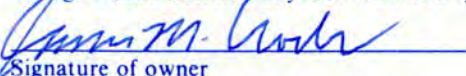
- 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) .... \$175 <sup>With tax</sup> \$183.75
- 27" x 42" subject marker with post ..... \$575 \$603.75
- 27" x 42" subject marker without post ..... \$525 \$551.25
- 18" x 28" subject marker with post ..... \$325 \$341.25
- 18" x 28" subject marker without post ..... \$250 \$262.50

I(We) request RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

## BUILDING MARKERS

- 16" x 12" building marker with post ..... ~~\$175~~ <sup>With tax</sup> ~~\$183.75~~ \$281.16
- 16" x 12" building marker without post ..... \$175 \$183.75

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 15, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

  
Signature of owner

## PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

- 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker ..... <sup>With tax</sup> \$75 \$78.75  
*Allow 2 months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.*
- Medallion paperweight ..... \$25 \$26.25  
*Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording.*

## DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:

- 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign ..... <sup>With tax</sup> \$65 \$68.25

*These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.*

- Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
- Green and White (for interstate highways)

- 18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign ..... \$65 \$68.25

*In black and white only. For city and county roads.*

*Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement.*

- With arrow pointing straight ahead
- With arrow pointing left
- With arrow pointing right

## OTHER

- National Register plaque ..... <sup>With tax</sup> \$ 35 \$ 36.75
- 12" x 6" supplemental plate ..... \$ 65 \$ 68.25
- 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy 11) .... \$110 \$115.50
- Replacement medallion (see policy 11) ..... \$ 65 \$ 68.25
- Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) ..... \$ 10 \$ 10.50
- Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) ..... \$ 10 \$ 10.50
- Bronze seals (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) ..... \$ 50 \$ 52.50
- Bronze plates (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) ..... \$135 \$141.75
- Certificates of commendation ..... 50¢ each

\* Tax exempt #3-00061-4057-5

1. LOCATION

The First National Bank Building located at 119 North Main Street in Mansfield, Texas is a two-story brick structure with cast iron sills and piers. The title of abstract indicates the date of construction as 1904, and the name of the contractor is unknown. It is one of 17 historic buildings in the 124-year-old commercial district which extends approximately 450 feet along both sides of Main Street bounded by Oak Street on the north and Broad Street on the south. The 1890 plat of the original townsite of Mansfield shows the 25 x 100 feet building site as the north 1/2 of Lot No. 4, Block No. 2 fronting on the west side of Water Street (now Main Street).<sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>1</sup> - Stewart Title Company, Fort Worth, Texas, Abstract No. 86531, June 20, 1944, p. 18. *Copy of Agreement Taken from 56LR, BK 192, p. 359, Mar 11, 1904.*

<sup>2</sup> - Tarrant County Plat Records, Vol. 63, pp. 53-54.

## 2. Owners of land

The original townsite of Mansfield was a part of the Thomas J. Hanks 1/3 league of land survey, Patent No. 246, issued on February 2, 1838. The land was described as located "in Robertson District on Cedar Bluff Creek in the Cross Timbers." <sup>(3)</sup>

- 3 - Stewart Title Company, p. 3. A copy of deed taken from Tarrant County Deed Records, January 17, 1849, Vol. 1100, p. 128.

In 1853, the 1/3 league of land, or 1477 acres, was sold to Wm. M. Simpson for \$1000.00 by Thomas Hanks, the father of Thomas J. Hanks, deceased. <sup>(4)</sup>

- 4 Ibid., pp. 4-5. TCDR Book, A. p. 441

The third transaction of the land was on September 26, 1862 to Julian Feild for \$3791.50. <sup>(5)</sup>

- 5 Ibid., p. 6. TCDR, Special Warranty Deed, Book A, p. 442.

Julian Feild (1825-1897) and his business partner, Ralph Sandiford Man (1825-1906) came to southeast Tarrant County in 1859 and built a steam-powered grist mill. The Mansfeild Mill is considered to be the beginning of the town of Mansfield. <sup>(6)</sup>

- 6 Canright, Beth Harrison, "Mansfeild Mill", February 8, 1984. Application for Texas Historical Marker, Texas Historical Commission.

The settlement that developed in the mill vicinity was approved for a postoffice with Julian Feild as the first postmaster on March 1, 1860. <sup>(7)</sup> The post office was named as "Mansfeild", a combination of the <sup>Mansfeild</sup> two mill partners. However, repeated misspellings over the years resulted in the acceptance of the conventional spelling as "Mansfield."

- 7 U.S. Post Office Records, Federal Archives, Microfilm Tape No. 841-127.

In 1870 the townsite was surveyed and platted by John Peter Smith of Fort Worth. <sup>(8)</sup> Old abstracts and deeds give evidence that the plat was recorded at the Tarrant County Courthouse, but it was apparently destroyed in the courthouse fire on March 29, 1876, and it was not refiled. A second plat of the townsite was filed on July 29, 1890 when Mansfield was incorporated. <sup>(11)</sup>

(8) Fort Worth Mail-Telegram, Historical Edition, 1895.

<sup>(9)</sup> *56 West County, Vol. 2, p. 153*  
The first deed of record for the site of the bank building was a quit claim deed from E.D.L. Tims to A.B. Pyles and R.E. Morison dated December 11, 1891. Pyles and Morison, as business partners, then <sup>mortgaged</sup> mortgaged the property in 1894 to Troy Hackler for \$700.00. The property description was given as "One Stone house (Brick) and Lot 25 x 80 feet fronting 25 feet on Water Street and running back 80 feet to Oak Street known as Lot 4 Block 2 as shown by said town plat of Mansfield." <sup>(9)</sup>

There <sup>was two</sup> ~~was an~~ obvious errors in this description of the location.

The street back of the lot is Walnut Street not Oak Street, <sup>and the lot is 25 x 100 feet -</sup> *and the*  
(9) Stewart Title Company, pp. 8 - 9.

The original <sup>brick</sup> building on the lot was probably destroyed by a fire in the business district on July 4, 1901. <sup>(10)</sup>, and the lot was deeded in 1903 to Troy Hackler for the \$700.00 indebtedness. <sup>(11)</sup>

(10) Charley Bratton, "Historical Facts About Mansfield," Tarrant County News, no date. The writer, Charles F. Bratton (1871-1940) was born in Mansfield and lived in the community all of his life. His report of the historical events is believed to be accurate.

(11) Stewart Title Company, pp. 13, 17. TCDR, Book 176, p. 340 and Book 179, p. 6.

Abner Pyles (1852-1897) was born in Calhoun County, Alabama and came to Texas about 1870 with his father, Lewis Pyles (1800-1877).<sup>(12)</sup> The Pyles settled on a 160-acre farm near Mansfield in Johnson County.<sup>(13)</sup> He married Martha Berry, a daughter of Rev. Charles W. Berry and Louisa (Appleby) Berry on June 5, 1877.<sup>(14)</sup> Abner and Martha Pyles had eleven children one of whom died as an infant in 1878.<sup>(15)</sup> Their impressive two-story house at 309 East Broad Street, which was built about 1886, is still standing and in good condition. (~~Attachments 2, 3~~) Mr. Pyles was a successful merchant and owned three buildings in the business district one of which he operated with his brother, Newton Pyles, as a furniture and undertaking business.<sup>(16)</sup> His business interests required regular trips to Fort Worth with wagon and team which meant spending the night at the old Fort Worth wagon yard near the Tarrant County Courthouse. He made such a trip on November 28, 1897, and he was found dead near his wagon.<sup>(17)</sup> Abner and Mattie Pyles' eleventh child, Annie Blackburn Pyles, was born five months later.<sup>(18)</sup>

(12) Letter from Thomas J. Pyles, Laurens County, S.C., June 4, 1871, to Milton Pyles (address not given). Copy of letter with the Pyles family record in the Mansfield Historical Society.

(13) Johnson County Deed Records, Book U, p. 453, July 23, 1870.

(14) *Tarrant Co. Marriage Records, Vol. , p. .*

(15) Mansfield Cemetery Records, Mansfield Public Library.

(16) Mansfield Hawkeye, January 18, 1895, Vol. 1, No. 16. Original newspaper on file in the Texas State Archives.

(17) Interview with Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Holland, January 12, 1985. The Davis family lived across the street from the Pyles house on Broad Street, and she was a close friend of Annie "Abbie" Pyles.

(18) Pyles Family Bible in possession of Thos. W. Atkinson, Jr., Corona del Mar, California.

The Pyles family is well remembered in Mansfield to this day. Mattie Pyles is said to have faced life with determination. She ran a boarding house and the older children worked from the time of her husband's death until the family moved to California in 1909. They returned often to Mansfield to visit and, on one occasion in the 1930's, the entire family came ~~back~~ and the whole town celebrated with a reunion at their old home. (19)

(19) Davis, op. cit.

In 1886 R.E. "Emmett Morison (1855-1916) and Abner Pyles established a mercantile business in the original building that was on the site. (20) Emmett Morison played an important part in Mansfield's history as a successful farmer, merchant, and as the town's Marshall from 1881 until his death in 1916, with the exception of one term. (21) Long-time residents remember him as a firm and fair peace officer with an even temperament. He was born in Virginia and came to Texas in 1860 with his father, J.W.S. Morison. The family settled first in Johnson County, then Hood County and finally Tarrant County in 1865. He married Florence Moody on March 20, 1888. (22) She was a daughter of Capt. Thos. O. Moody (1821-1877) who organized Mansfield's Company K, 7th Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers, Sibley's Brigade, CSA. (23) Emmett Morison was shot and killed by Claude "Wampus" Patterson . (24) on <sup>Nov 8, 1916</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~place~~ <sup>place</sup> ~~where~~ <sup>where</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~lived~~ <sup>lived</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~born~~ <sup>born</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~born~~ <sup>born</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~Virginia~~ <sup>Virginia</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Texas~~ <sup>Texas</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~1860~~ <sup>1860</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~father,~~ <sup>father,</sup>

(20) History of Texas; Together With a Biographical History of Tarrant and Parker Counties The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, 1895, pp. 525-526.

(21) Letter from Thomas O. Morison, Col., USAF (ret.) to Bob Stephens, 2709 Amherst, Dallas, Texas, March 23, 1971. Copy on file with the Mansfield Historical Society. Col. Morison is a grandson of R.E. Morison and a great grandson of Capt. Thos. O. Moody.

(22) Tarrant County Marriage Records, Vol. 4, p. 513.

- (23) Martin H. Hall, "Company K, 7th Regiment Texas Mounted Volunteers," The University of Texas at Arlington, Unpublished manuscript, January 28, 1971.
- (24) Tarrant County Criminal Records, File Nos. 22120, 22121, 23761.

Troy Hackler acquired the 25 x 100 feet business lot in 1904 and erected the two-story ~~br25kxs80ufeete~~ brick building. It was designed for use as a bank on the street floor level and doctors' offices on the second floor. It may be assumed that the brick was made in Mansfield, since it is known that there was a brick yard in Mansfield as early as 1860 when Julian Feild and Ralph S. Man built a grist mill. (25) The ruins of the old brick yard are still on the site just north of the business district.

ck (25) TCDR, Mansfield Pressed Brick Company. Vol. 133, p. 85, Oct 4, 1897.

Evidence or documents concerning the organization of the bank could <sup>not</sup> be located. The few reference sources available named Samuel Marrs as the first president, followed by John Bratton and Earl Holland. A.J. Dukes was a member of the Board of Directors. A photograph of the bank's interior made about 1917 shows <sup>Frank Mansfield</sup> James B. Chorn at the cashier's window on the left, Earl Holland standing in the center of <sup>the</sup> picture, George Hackler (Troy Hackler's son) seated at the desk, and <sup>John Bratton's</sup> seated on the far right. <sup>(Attachment No 2)</sup> The mounted tarpon on the wall was a prized possession of A.R. Dukes' wife, Nancy (Boydston) Dukes. ~~It was~~ displayed for years in a glass case on the front porch of the Dukes' house. (26) (Attachment #2)

- (26) Beryl Gibson, "John Collier House", Texas Historical Commission, \_\_\_\_\_, 1984.

The First National Bank was the second bank established in Mansfield, the first being the Mansfield State Bank in 1885. A second bank was needed, because Mansfield was the center of trade for the large farming economy in southeast Tarrant County in the early 1900's. The bank served the community for 23 years until it closed in 1927 because of insufficient funds. The bank's failure was caused by the embezzlement of funds for private investments by an officer of the bank. The event is well remembered by persons still living, because many families lost their life's savings since this was before the time of federal insurance for depositors. It was several years before the depositors were repaid, because the deficit had to be made up by the banks' officers and stockholders. The bank re-opened as the Farmers and Merchants Bank, but it was closed again in 1932 when President Roosevelt declared a month's moratorium for all banks. The F and M Bank did not re-open, and the Mansfield State Bank assumed its assests. (27)

(27) Interview with Ira D Gibson, March 23, 1985.

After the bank closed, the building was leased for various businesses until it was sold to A.S. Gibson in 1944 for \$1800.00. (28)

(28) TCDR, July 31, 1944, Vol. 1655, p. 339.

"Sid" Gibson leased the first floor as a Western Auto Store and, because this was during the housing shortage of World War II, the second floor was converted into apartment units.



In 1983, Matthew Crocker purchased the historic building from the Gibson estate for \$35,000.00.<sup>(29)</sup> The painted lettering, First National Bank, was still visible across the facade. (Attachment #<sup>2</sup>3) There was an extensive restoration, but much of the original structure was left intact. However, the lettering was covered with a ~~new~~ coat of paint. Mr. Crocker is a certified public accountant, and the second floor was designed for a spacious seven-room office. The first floor is leased as a newspaper office.

(29) TCDR, \_\_\_\_\_

The 80-year-old building and its owners have had a significant impact of the business community of Mansfield. The Troy Hackler (1836-1906) was born in Virginia, a son of George and Frances (Boyer) Hackler. The family moved to Cass County, Missouri in 1840. In 1862 Troy Hackler went to Arkansas and enlisted in the Trans-Mississippi Department, Confederate States Army. He participated in 37 engagements and was wounded at Ashley Station, Arkansas. In 1865, he migrated to southeast Tarrant County and that same year married Mary Harris, a daughter of Phebe Harris-Wyatt and a step-daughter of Calvin Wyatt who came to Texas about 1860. Mary Hackler died in 1868. In 1871, Mr. Hackler married Annie Belcher, a foster daughter of John L. and Susan Wyatt. (30)

(30) History of Texas: Together With a Biographical History of Tarrant and Parker Counties, Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1895, pp. 491-493.

John L. Wyatt (1818-1885) and Calvin Wyatt were brothers, and they owned large tracts of land north of Mansfield. They are both buried in Johnson's Station Cemetery located between Arlington and Mansfield, but there are no dates on Calvin Wyatt's grave marker. John L. Wyatt was credited by a local writer as Mansfield's first banker:

#### The Money Lender

Financial transactions were accomplished without difficulty unless the creek happened to be up, in which case the borrower waited for it to "run down" before visiting "Uncle Johnnie Wyatt" who lived north across Walnut Creek. Applications for a loan might be made to "Uncle Johnnie" or to his wife, "Aunt Susan." Neither hesitated longer than to exchange news and learn the amount required before reaching in between the feather bed and the mattress, and the transaction was completed without the formality of taking a note. Being a neighbor - that is, somebody knew or had heard of - was endorsement enough. (31)

- (31) Sallie Hodges McKnight, "~~Old-Time~~ Builders of Southeast End of Tarrant County Have Gone Their Ways," Fort Worth Press," No date given on the newspaper clipping but probably c. 1930.

The probate of John Wyatt's estate supports this claim, and he willed his entire estate, except for minor bequests, to "... Troy Hackler and Anna Hackler his wife (who is as dear to me as if She was my own Daughter) I give and bequeath all and singular my entire estate both real and personal goods and chatels ...." The tax records listed the estate as 1049 acres. (32)

- (32) Tarrant County Probate Records, Cause No. 546, 1885.

Descendants of Troy Hackler still reside in Mansfield, and his house on East Broad Street built about 1880 is now being restored. (33)

(33) Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey: Mansfield, Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County, 1983, p. 36. Copy on file with the Texas Historical Commission.

The second owner of the historic building was Ashley S. "Sid" Gibson (1884-1958) who was a descendant of another pioneer family in southeast Tarrant County. Sid Gibson's grandfather, Garrett Gibson (1803 - 1875) was one of four brothers who came to Texas from Illinois in 1852 and settled four miles northwest of Mansfield. The family established a church/school and cemetery and the settlement came to be known as the Gibson Community. It was listed as one of 12 Tarrant County voting precincts in 1860. (34)

(34) *Research Data*

The Gibson Cemetery was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1983. One of Garrett Gibsons' sons, McNary Gibson, operated one of the first ~~businesses~~ stores in Mansfield's business district. (35)

(35) TCDR, Vol. 45, p 554, Sept. 7, 1885.

Four sons, Daniel, Thomas, William and Aaron, served in the Confederate States Army. (36)

(36) Confederate Military Records, National Archives.

A.S. Gibson and his son, Ira Gibson, operated a grocery store in Mansfield from 1935 until 1973. Their first building ~~burned~~ located on the north side of the bank building was totally destroyed by fire in July, 1947. The First National Bank Building survived the fire intact. The building was leased for various business purposes, including for a short period, the public library. It remained in the Gibson estate until 1983.

The First National Bank Building is considered as a primary contributor to the potential historic Main Street commercial district. The facade has been altered, *but the help is in excellent cond.* but we believe that its contribution to Mansfield's heritage should be preserved and acknowledged.



# QUALITY PHOTOFINISHING



*First Nat'l Bank  
interior c. 1934*