

Texas Historical Commission staff (AD), 12/22/2009
18" x 28" Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Marker with post
Washington County (Job #09WT01) Subject BC, BK (Atlas) UTM;
Location: Chappell Hill, 802 Main St.

**FARMERS STATE BANK
AND REINSTEIN STORE**

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RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK – 2009
MARKER IS PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKERS:**2009 Official Texas Historical Marker****Sponsorship Application Form**

Valid October 15, 2008 to January 15, 2009 only

This form constitutes a public request for the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to consider approval of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the topic noted in this application. The THC will review the request and make its determination based on rules and procedures of the program. Filing of the application for sponsorship is for the purpose of providing basic information to be used in the evaluation process. The final determination of eligibility and therefore approval for a state marker will be made by the THC. This form is to be used for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (building marker) requests only. Please see separate forms for either Historic Texas Cemeteries or subject markers.

Proposed marker topic (official title will be determined by the THC): Farmers State Bank

County: Washington

Town (nearest county town on current state highway map): Chappell Hill, TX

Street address of marker site or directions from town noted above: 802 Main Street, Chappell Hill, TX

Marker Coordinates:

If you know the location coordinates of the proposed marker site, enter them in one of the formats below:

UTM Zone Easting Northing

Lat: Long: (deg, min, sec or decimal degrees)

30-08.547N 96-15.447W

Otherwise, give a precise verbal description here (e.g. northwest corner of 3rd and Elm, or FM 1411, 2.6 miles east of McWhorter Creek): NW corner of Cedar and Main Street, Chappell Hill, Tx

NOTE: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers must be placed at the structure being marked.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers definition: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) markers are awarded to structures deemed worthy of preservation for their historical associations and architectural significance. RTHL is a legal designation and comes with a measure of protection; it is the highest honor the state can bestow on a historic structure, and the designation is required for this type of marker. The RTHL designation becomes effective upon approval by the THC. Official Texas Historical Markers signify the RTHL designation, which comes only through application to and approval by the THC and must include public display of an Official Texas Historical Marker. Owners of RTHL-designated structures must give the THC 60 days written notice before any alterations are made to the exterior of the structure. RTHL status is a permanent designation and is not to be removed from the property in the event of a transfer of ownership. Only the THC can remove the designation or recall the marker. The

marker must remain with the structure and may not be removed or displayed elsewhere until or unless the THC gives express approval in writing for such action. Once designated as RTHL, properties are subject to provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 442.006(f).

Criteria:

1. **Age:** Structures eligible for the RTHL designation and marker must be at least 50 years old.
2. **Historical significance:** Architectural significance alone is not enough to qualify a structure for the RTHL designation. It must have an equally significant historical association, and that association can come from an event that occurred at the site; through individuals who owned or lived on the property; or, in the case of bridges, industrial plants, schoolhouses and other non-residential properties, through documented significance to the larger community.
3. **Architectural significance:** Structures deemed architecturally significant are outstanding examples of architectural history through design, materials, structural type or construction methods. In all cases, eligible architectural properties must display integrity; that is, the structure should be in a good state of repair, maintain its appearance from its period of significance and be considered an exemplary model of preservation. Architectural significance is often best determined by the relevance of the property to broader contexts, including geography. Any changes over the years should be compatible with original design and reflect compliance with accepted preservation practices, e.g., the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.
4. **Good state of repair:** Structures not considered by the THC to be in a good state of repair are ineligible for RTHL designation. The THC reserves the sole right to make that determination relative to eligibility for RTHL markers.

Special National Register considerations for RTHL marker applications: If a structure has been individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under either Criterion A or B and Criterion C (Architecture), the historical text compiled as part of the National Register nomination process may be submitted as part of the marker process, provided it includes the required reference notes and other documentation. Acceptance of the National Register information for the purposes of the marker process will be up to the sole determination of the THC. Listing in the NRHP does not guarantee approval for an RTHL marker. See the THC web site at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markerdesigns/madnrcrit.html> for National Register criteria. Check this box if the property is individually listed in the NRHP.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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- 1 Completed applications must be duly reviewed, verified and approved by the county historical commission (CHC) in the county in which the marker will be placed.
- 2 The sponsorship application form, narrative history and documentation must be submitted as Microsoft Word or Word-compatible documents and sent via email attachments to the THC by no later than January 15, 2008.
- 3 Required font style and type size are a Times variant and 12-point.
- 4 Narrative histories must be typed in a double-spaced (or 1.5-spaced) format and include separate sections on context, overview, significance and documentation.
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can be either footnotes or endnotes. Documentation associated with applications should be broad-based and demonstrate a survey of all available resources, both primary and secondary.

- 6 Upon notification of the successful preliminary review of required elements by the THC, a non-refundable application fee of \$100 is required. The fee shall be submitted to the THC within ten working days of application receipt notification.

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The duly appointed marker representative (chair or marker chair) noted below for the county historical commission will be the sole contact with the THC for this marker application. To ensure accuracy, consistency and efficiency, all information from and to the THC relative to the application—and throughout the review and production processes—will be via direct communication with the CHC representative. All other inquiries (calls, emails, letters) to the THC will be referred to the CHC representative for response. By filling out the information below and filing the application with the THC, the CHC representative is providing the THC with notice that the application and documentation have been reviewed and verified by the CHC and that the material meets all current requirements of the Official Texas Historical Marker program.

As chair or duly appointed marker chair, I certify the following:

Representatives of the CHC have met or talked with the potential marker sponsor and discussed the marker program policies as outlined on the THC web site. CHC members have reviewed the history and documentation for accuracy and made corrections or notes as necessary. It is the determination of the CHC that the topic, history and documentation meet criteria for eligibility.

CHC comments or concerns about this application, if any:

Name of CHC contact (chair or marker chair): **Dr. Wilfred Dietrich**

Mailing address: City, Zip:

Wilfred O. Dietrich Bobbie M. Dietrich

701 Milroy Brenham, TX 77833

Daytime phone (with area code): Email address (required):

979-836-3120 wilfred.bobbie@sbcglobal.net

PERMISSION OF PROPERTY OWNER FOR MARKER PLACEMENT

Property owner: Chappell Hill Bank

Address: City, state, zip:

802 Main Street Chappell Hill, TX 77426

Phone: Email address:

979-836-6070 easmith@chbtx.com

Legal Description of the property (metes and bounds, lot and block, etc.): Lots 7 & 8 Chappell Hill Unrecorded Subdivision, also known as the NW corner of Cedar St. and Main St. Otherwise known as 802 Main St. Chappell Hill, TX

Upon receipt of the application, the THC will provide the owner with a letter that outlines the legal responsibility of ownership under the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark statute. The letter must be signed by the owner and returned to the THC before the evaluation can be completed.

NOTE: The property owner will not receive any additional copies of correspondence from the THC. All other correspondence—notice of receipt, request for additional information, payment notice, inscription, shipping notice, etc.—will be sent via email to the CHC representative, who is encouraged to share the information with all interested parties as necessary. Given the large volume of applications processed annually and the need for centralized communication, all inquiries about applications in process will be referred to the CHC for response. The CHC is the sole liaison to the THC on all marker application matters.

SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT INFORMATION

Prospective sponsors please note the following:

- 1 Payment must be received in full within 45 days of the official approval notice and must be accompanied by the THC payment form. The THC is unable to process partial payments or to delay payment due to processing procedures of the sponsor. Applications not paid in the time frame required may, at the sole discretion of the THC, be cancelled or postponed.
- 2 Payment does not constitute ownership of a marker; Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers and other Official Texas Historical Markers are the property of the State of Texas.
- 2 If, at any time during the marker process, sponsorship is withdrawn, a refund can be processed, but the THC will retain the application fee of \$100.
- 3 The Official Texas Historical Marker Program provides no means of recognizing sponsors or property owners through marker text, incising or supplemental plaques.

Marker sponsor (may be individual or organization): Chappell Hill Bank

Contact person (if applicable): Mary Tom Middlebrooks

Mailing address: City, zip:

P.O.Box 1 Chappell Hill, TX 77426

Email address (required):

willow1298@att.net

Phone:

979-836-5967 hm 979-251-2938 cell

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

In order to facilitate delivery of the marker, neither post office box numbers nor rural route numbers can be accepted. To avoid additional shipping charges or delays, use a business street address (open 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Name: Chappell Hill Bank

Street address: City, zip:

802 Main Street Chappell Hill, TX

Daytime phone (required):

979-836-6070

Email (required):

easmith@chbtx.com

TYPE AND SIZE OF RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKERS

As part of its review process, the THC will determine the appropriate size marker and provide options, if any, for the approved topic based on its own review criteria, including, but not exclusive of, historical significance, replication of information in other THC markers, relevance to the Statewide Preservation Plan and the amount of available documented information provided in the application narrative. In making its determination, however, the THC will also take into account the preference of the CHC, as noted below.

The sponsor/CHC prefers the following size marker:

27" x 42" RTHL marker with post (\$1500) Chappell Hill Bank prefers this size marker

27" X 42" RTHL marker without post* (\$1500)

18" x 28" RTHL marker with post (\$1000)

18" x 28" RTHL marker without post* (\$1000)

RTHL medallion and 16" x 12" plaque with post (\$750)

RTHL medallion and 16" x 12" plaque without post* (\$750)

metal
other (specify)

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION (via email required)

When the CHC has determined the application is complete, the history has been verified and the topic meets the requirements of the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, the materials should be forwarded to the THC via email at the following address:

markerapplication@thc.state.tx.us.

1 The CHC or marker chair should send an email containing the following attachments (see attachment function under file menu or toolbox on your computer):

- This application form
- The narrative history (including documentation)
- Legal description of the property
- Detailed floor plan for each floor of the structure
- Detailed site plan of the property
- At least one historic photograph
- Current photographs clearly showing each side of the structure

RECORDS RETENTION BY CHC: The CHC must retain hard copies of the application as well as an online version, at least for the duration of the marker process. The THC is not responsible for lost applications, for incomplete applications or for applications not properly filed according to the program requirements. For additional information about any aspect of the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, see the Markers page on the THC web site (<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markerdesigns/madmark.html>).

CHAPPELL HILL BANK 1907-2009
SAFE, SOUND, CONSERVATIVE

Narrative History

CONTEXT

The small town of Chappell Hill, Texas, founded in 1847, contains many historic and architectural resources, including a historic district, which depict the development of this mid-19th century rural community, economically influenced by agriculture. Several commercial businesses, houses, civic buildings, and churches are highly illustrative of the periods during which they were built, and are still used for their original purposes. Strategically located near the Brazos River and on a main travel route to Washington-on-the-Brazos, Chappell Hill has been recognized by eminent historians as an important educational and cultural center of early Washington County. Only Chappell Hill and Burton have survived as viable towns in this long-settled part of Stephen F. Austin's Colony.

OVERVIEW

From its founding, Chappell Hill was an agricultural community, with cotton the principal crop. Since the area encompassed some of the richest agricultural land in Texas, it began to draw settlers and colonists from southern states, where the soil fertility was depleting.¹ Reflecting the heritage of these early settlers, a plantation system soon emerged with large tracts of workable land owned by a few wealthy planters. By 1860, eighteen resident planters of Washington County owned more than \$100,000 in real estate and personal property. Eight of these men resided in or near Chappell Hill.² In July of 1859, Andrew Mitchell Keller, the stonemason who constructed Soule University, identified Chappell Hill in his personal diary as the "wealthiest settlement in Texas". Chappell Hill's early prosperity and growth were somewhat slowed by the Civil War. The effects of Reconstruction had less of an impact here than in other Texas towns, as is evidenced by the construction of two of Chappell Hill's most substantial commercial buildings, the 1865 J.P. Perkins Drug Store, and the 1869 Rock Store, Chappell Hill's

only stone commercial building. An active town council executed many physical improvements within the town, and in 1866 commissioned a system of wooden sidewalks downtown and in the residential neighborhood.

A robust economic climate and general prosperity continued from the Reconstruction Period through the 1890's, producing many brick and wood-frame commercial buildings. A structure representing this stage in the town's development is the 1878 W.R. Reinstein Store, a contributing structure in the National Historic District.³ The old store building was acquired by the Chappell Hill Bank on April 1, 1993, and is presently identified as the Chappell Hill Bank Building.

SIGNIFICANCE

A second population peak and period of expansion and prosperity began in the early 1900's. A favorable business climate resulted in a building boom featuring the employment of cast iron on the storefronts of commercial buildings. The town's wealth necessitated the organization of the town's first and only bank, the Farmer's State Bank, renamed in 1986 Chappell Hill Bank. An article in the *Brenham Banner Press*, March 1907, reported the organization of Farmers State Bank in Chappell Hill. J.J. Shaver was elected Bank President. The article concluded stating, "This is an institution long needed, and as the majority of the business men and capitalists of Chappell Hill are interested in the bank, its success becomes assured."⁴ Alex Griffin of Brenham was awarded the contract for construction of the fire proof, brick building.⁵

The Farmer's State Bank, located on Main Street, founded in 1907, is a contributing structure in the National Historic District.⁶ The bank is a one-story commercial building displaying original cast-iron and wooden store front with large glass panels and transoms above. The elaborate interior oak and brass teller's cage and vault with cast iron architecture are original. Adjoining the original Farmer's State Bank is the Reinstein Store, a building which has remained virtually unaltered externally since its construction.

Farmer's State Bank was chartered on April 1, 1907 and opened in September of 1907. It is the oldest bank in the country in its original location that has never closed. During the depression, in 1933, the owner of the Bank refused to close its doors when so ordered by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during a March 6 to March 10 banking freeze. The owner of the Bank took out an ad in a Boston newspaper protesting the order. This action to keep the Bank doors open was made to instill confidence in the community.

Photographs, maps, and other memorabilia throughout the Bank interpret the history of Chappell Hill and the Bank itself. A large United States map near the front entrance dates to 1899. Across the lobby is a photo of the Bank's front teller line taken three weeks after the Bank opened. That same teller line remains the same after 102 years; only the employees have changed. Nearby are signed prints of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, in original frames that were sold to purchase tombstones for the Confederate soldiers. Four town photos, dating from 1805 to the 1920's, are also in the Bank lobby. One photo is of the original Post Office. Another was taken around 1923, and documents paving the road through Chappell Hill. A third photo was taken around 1910 and shows the train station which was located across Highway 290. The train station was removed about thirty years ago and there is no remnant left. The fourth of the town photos was taken around 1895. Its orientation is looking south and the Bank is shown as the building on the right.

There have been five robbery attempts at the Chappell Hill Bank during its 102 years of existence. In all instances, perpetrators were apprehended. The last attempt was made in 2008. On May 1, 2008, a lone female entered the Chappell Hill Bank and robbed the tellers at knife-point. The fugitive fled the Bank, running down Main Street in flip-flops. She soon shed her foot apparel and entered a private residence a block from the Bank. The homeowner demanded that the robber leave his property and she was apprehended by authorities shortly afterwards.⁷ In 1978 two brothers came to the bank planning on robbing it. One stayed in the getaway car while the other one entered the Bank. As he was demanding money from the teller, he noticed that his brother had become nervous and had driven away. Panicked, the robber left the building and tried to catch his brother.

Both were apprehended a short time later. Another bungled burglary occurred on June 16, 1974. Four burglars made a series of at least four serious mistakes. 1. Their first error was to rob Lesser's Grocery Store next door to the Bank. Justice of the Peace Harry Lesser was the store's proprietor. 2. Leaving Lesser's Store the quartet of thieves proceeded to break and enter the Bank. Using a cutting torch to get into the Bank vault, they set fire to the Bank's interior. 3. The Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department and brand-new fire truck were within fifty feet of the Bank. The flames set off the Bank's alarm and the Fire Department responded. The motley crew of thieves fled with only about \$12.00 from the Bank. 4. The fourth error was that the felons were careless and allowed someone to record the license plate number of the getaway car. The four bungling burglars were soon apprehended and taken into custody. All monies and property taken from Lesser's store and the Bank was recovered.⁸

The Chappell Hill Bank, from its founding in 1907 and continuing to the present has maintained conservative management. In a 1912 news article the Chappell Hill Bank was described as prosperous and one of the most substantial, small-town banks in the state.⁹ The Chappell Hill Bank, celebrating its 102nd year, continues to be safe, sound, and conservative. Its financial integrity, a century old, endures and the building continues to interpret the history of the town.

ENDNOTES

The following documentation is submitted to verify the Farmers State Bank's one hundred-two years presence in and significance to historic Chappell Hill, Texas.

¹ Nath Winfield, *"The Builders..."*. *All Our Yesterdays, A Brief History of Chappell Hill*, Texian Press, 1969, p. 2.

² Ralph A. Wooster, *"Wealthy Texans, 1860"*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. LXXI, 179.

³ National Register of Historic Places, Inventory - Nomination Form. Chappell Hill Main Street Historic District, 1985, p. 28.

⁴ Chappell Hill Museum Archives. Farmers State Bank Collection, file 52. *Brenham Banner Press* article, *"State Bank at Chappell Hill"*, 1907.

⁵ Chappell Hill Museum Archives, file 52. *Banner Press* article.

⁶ National Register of Historic Places, Inventory - Nomination Form, p. 43.

⁷ *Brenham Banner Press*, *"Chappell Hill Bank robber gets 20 years"*, August 13, 2008.

⁸ *Brenham Banner Press*, *"Four Nabbed in Chappell Hill Burglary"*, June 17, 1974; *The Houston Post*, Leon Hale's column, *"Charlie Suggs, fire department's big day"*, October 6, 1974, p. 3B.

⁹ *Brenham Daily Press*, article *"Chappell Hill Bank is Prosperous"*. January 1, 1912.

**SUBJECT MARKERS:
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Proposed marker topic (Official title will be determined by the THC): *Farmer's State Bank*
County: *Washington*
Town (nearest county town on current state highway map): *Chappell Hill, TX*
Street address of marker site or directions from town noted above: *802 Main Street*

Marker Coordinates:

If you know the location coordinates of the proposed marker site, enter them in one of the formats below:

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Otherwise, give a precise verbal description here (e.g. northwest corner of 3rd and Elm, or FM 1411, 2.6 miles east of McWhorter Creek): *NW corner of Cedar and Main Street*

Will the marker be placed at the actual site of the topic being marked? Yes No
 If the answer is no, provide the distance and directions to the actual location from the marker (i.e. 100 yards east).

Subject marker definition

Subject markers are educational in nature and reveal aspects of local history important to a community or region. These markers honor topics such as church congregations, schools, communities, businesses, events and individuals. Subject markers are placed at sites that have historical associations with the topics, but no legal restriction is placed on the use of the property or site, although the THC must be notified if the marker is ever to be relocated.

Criteria

- Age:** Most topics marked with subject markers must date back at least 50 years, although historic events may be marked after 30 years, and historic individuals may be marked, or may be mentioned in a historical marker text, after they have been deceased 10 years. The THC may waive age requirements for topics of overwhelming state or national importance, although exceptions are rarely granted and the burden of proof for all claims and documentation is the responsibility of the narrative author.

2. **Historical significance:** A topic is considered to have historical significance if it had influence, effect or impact on the course of history or cultural development; age alone does not determine significance. Topics do not necessarily have to be of statewide or national significance; many historical markers deal with local history and a local level of significance.

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CHC comments or concerns about this application, if any:

Name of CHC contact (chair or marker chair): *Wilfred + Bobbie Dietrich*

Mailing address: 701 Milroy
City, Zip: Brenham, Tx 77833
Email address: wilfred.bobbie@shcglobal.net

PERMISSION OF PROPERTY OWNER FOR MARKER PLACEMENT

Will the marker be placed on right-of-way maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)? Yes No

If the answer is yes, the THC will secure the necessary permission from TxDOT, and no other information is required. If the answer is no, please provide the following information for the person or group who owns the property.

Property owner: Chappell Hill Bank

Address: City, State, Zip:
802 Main Street Chappell Hill, TX 77426
Phone: Email address:
979-836-6070 easmith@chbtx.com

NOTE: The property owner will not receive copies of correspondence from the THC. All correspondence—notice of receipt, request for additional information, payment notice, inscription, shipping notice, etc.—will be sent via email to the CHC representative, who is encouraged to share the information with all interested parties as necessary. Given the large volume of applications processed annually and the need for centralized communication, all inquiries about applications in process will be referred to the CHC for response. The CHC is the sole liaison to the THC on all marker application matters.

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Marker sponsor (may be individual or organization): Chappell Hill Bank

Contact person (if applicable): Mary Tom Middlebrooks

Mailing address: City, State, Zip:
P.O. Box 1 Chappell Hill, TX 77426
Phone: Email address (required):
979-836-5967 hm. willow1298@att.net
979-251-2938 cell

Daytime phone (with area code):

979-836-5967

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willow1298@att.net

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

If the proposed marker site is on TxDOT right-of-way, the marker will be shipped directly to the district highway engineer for placement, with consultation from the CHC. If the marker will go on property other than TxDOT right-of-way, provide full information in the space below. In order to facilitate delivery of the marker, neither post office box numbers nor rural route numbers can be accepted. To avoid additional shipping charges or delays, use a business street address (open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Name: Chappell Hill Bank

Street address: City, zip:

802 Main Street Chappell Hill, TX 77426

Daytime phone (required):

979-836-6070

Email (required):

easmith@chbtx.com

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The sponsor/CHC prefers the following size marker:

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*For markers without posts, the CHC must receive prior approval from the THC for the planned placement. Such prior approval is based on the following:

- 1 Submittal of a detailed plan for where the marker will be mounted, including the surface to which it will be placed (masonry, metal, wood); and
- 2 A statement of why a marker with a post is not feasible or preferred.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION (via email required)

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CHAPPELL HILL BANK 1907-2008
SAFE, SOUND, CONSERVATIVE

Narrative History

CONTEXT

The small town of Chappell Hill, Texas, founded in 1847, contains many historic and architectural resources, including a historic district, which depict the development of this mid-19th century rural community, economically influenced by agriculture. Several commercial businesses, houses, civic buildings, and churches are highly illustrative of the periods during which they were built, and are still used for their original purposes. Strategically located near the Brazos River and on a main travel route to Washington-on-the-Brazos, Chappell Hill has been recognized by eminent historians as an important educational and cultural center of early Washington County. Only Chappell Hill and Burton have survived as viable towns in this long-settled part of Stephen F. Austin's Colony.

OVERVIEW

From its founding, Chappell Hill was an agricultural community, with cotton the principal crop. Since the area encompassed some of the richest agricultural land in Texas, it began to draw settlers and colonists from southern states, where the soil fertility was depleting. Reflecting the heritage of these early settlers, a plantation system soon emerged with large tracts of workable land owned by a few wealthy planters. By 1860, eighteen resident planters of Washington County owned more than \$100,000 in real estate and personal property. Eight of these men resided in or near Chappell Hill. In July of 1859, Andrew Mitchell Keller, the stonemason who constructed Soule University, identified Chappell Hill in his personal diary as the "wealthiest settlement in Texas". Chappell Hill's early prosperity and growth were somewhat slowed by the Civil War. The effects of Reconstruction had less of an impact here than in other Texas towns, as is evidenced by the construction of two of Chappell Hill's most substantial commercial buildings, the 1865 J.P. Perkins Drug Store, and the 1869 Rock Store, Chappell Hill's

only stone commercial building. An active town council executed many physical improvements within the town, and in 1866 commissioned a system of wooden sidewalks downtown and in the residential neighborhood.

A robust economic climate and general prosperity continued from the Reconstruction Period through the 1890's, producing many brick and wood-frame commercial buildings. A structure representing this stage in the town's development is the 1878 W.R. Reinstein Store, presently identified as the Chappell Hill Bank Building, a contributing structure in the National Historic District.

SIGNIFICANCE

A second population peak and period of expansion and prosperity began in the early 1900's. A favorable business climate resulted in a building boom featuring the employment of cast iron on the storefronts of commercial buildings. The town's wealth necessitated the organization of the town's first and only bank, the Farmer's State Bank, renamed in 1986 Chappell Hill Bank.

The Farmer's State Bank, located on Main Street, founded in 1907, is a contributing structure in the National Historic District. The bank is a one-story commercial building displaying original cast-iron and wooden store front with large glass panels and transoms above. The elaborate interior oak and brass teller's cage and vault with cast iron architecture are original. Adjoining the original Farmer's State Bank is the Reinstein Store, a building which has remained virtually unaltered externally since its construction.

Farmer's State Bank was chartered on April 1, 1907 and opened in September of 1907. It is the oldest bank in the country in its original location that has never closed. During the depression, in 1933, the owner of the Bank refused to close its doors when so ordered by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during a March 6 to March 10 banking freeze. The owner of the Bank took out an ad in a Boston newspaper protesting the order. This action to keep the Bank doors open was made to instill confidence in the community.

Photographs, maps, and other memorabilia throughout the Bank interpret the history of Chappell Hill and the Bank itself. A large United States map near the front entrance dates to 1899. Across the lobby is a photo of the Bank's front teller line taken three weeks after the Bank opened. That same teller line remains the same after 101 years; only the employees have changed. Nearby are signed prints of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, in original frames that were sold to purchase tombstones for the Confederate soldiers. Four town photos, dating from 1805 to the 1920's, are also in the Bank lobby. One photo is of the original Post Office. Another was taken around 1923, and documents paving the road through Chappell Hill. A third photo was taken around 1910 and shows the train station which was located across Highway 290. The train station was removed about thirty years ago and there is no remnant left. The fourth of the town photos was taken around 1895. Its orientation is looking south and the Bank is shown as the building on the right.

There have been five robbery attempts at the Chappell Hill Bank during its 101 years of existence. The last attempt was made in 2007. In all instances, perpetrators were apprehended. In 1978 two brothers came to the bank planning on robbing it. One stayed in the getaway car while the other one entered the Bank. As he was demanding money from the teller, he noticed that his brother had become nervous and had driven away. Panicked, the robber left the building and tried to catch his brother. Both were apprehended a short time later.

The Chappell Hill Bank, celebrating its 101st year, continues to be safe, sound, and conservative. Its financial integrity, a century old, endures and the building continues to interpret the history of the town.

ENDNOTES

The following documentation is submitted to verify the Farmer's State Bank's one hundred-one years presence in and significance to historic Chappell Hill, Texas.

Exhibit One

1. 1907 newspaper notice of Farmer's State Bank's organization
2. Original Bank vault, 1907
3. Early photo of Reinstein store and Farmer's State Bank, circa 1907
4. Early 1900's photo of Main Street, Reinstein store in foreground at right

Exhibit Two

1. Farmer's State Bank teller's window, photo 1907
2. J.J. Shaver, Farmer's State Bank's first President, photo 1907

Exhibit Three

1. State of Texas, Department of Banking certificate, circa 1920
2. State of Texas, Department of Insurance and Banking certificate, 1910
3. Houston Post newspaper article, "Houston Post's Texas Living", circa 1940

Exhibit Four

1. Brenham Daily Press, January 1, 1914, article "Chappell Hill Bank is Prosperous"

Exhibit Five

1. Photograph of stage curtain, Chappell Hill School, circa 1927; curtain still on exhibit

Exhibit Six

1. Brenham Banner Press, article "Four Nabbed in Chappell Hill Burglary", June 17, 1974

Exhibit Seven

1. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, Chappell Hill Main Street Historic District, 1985, pp 28-29, and p.43

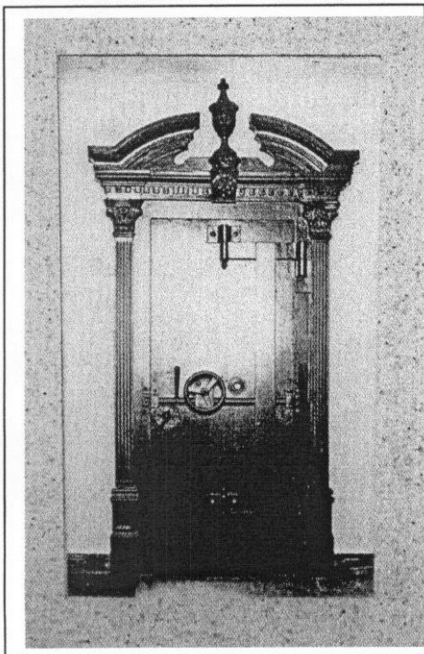
Exhibit Eight

1. Photograph of Chappell Hill Bank, 2008

State Bank at Chappell Hill

A State Bank has been organized at Chappell Hill, in this county, to be known as the "Farmers State Bank," with an agreed capital stock of \$10,000. Organization was effected by the election of the following officers: J. J. Shaver, president; R. K. Felder, vice president; H. P. Perkins, cashier. Following is the board of directors: J. E. Routt, J. S. Smith, H. P. Perkins, R. K. Felder, J. J. Shaver, F. W. Wood and W. B. Raysor.

A charter will be applied for at once and the bank opened for business at the earliest moment possible. This is an institution long needed, and as the majority of the business men and capitalists of Chappell Hill are interested in the bank its success becomes assured.



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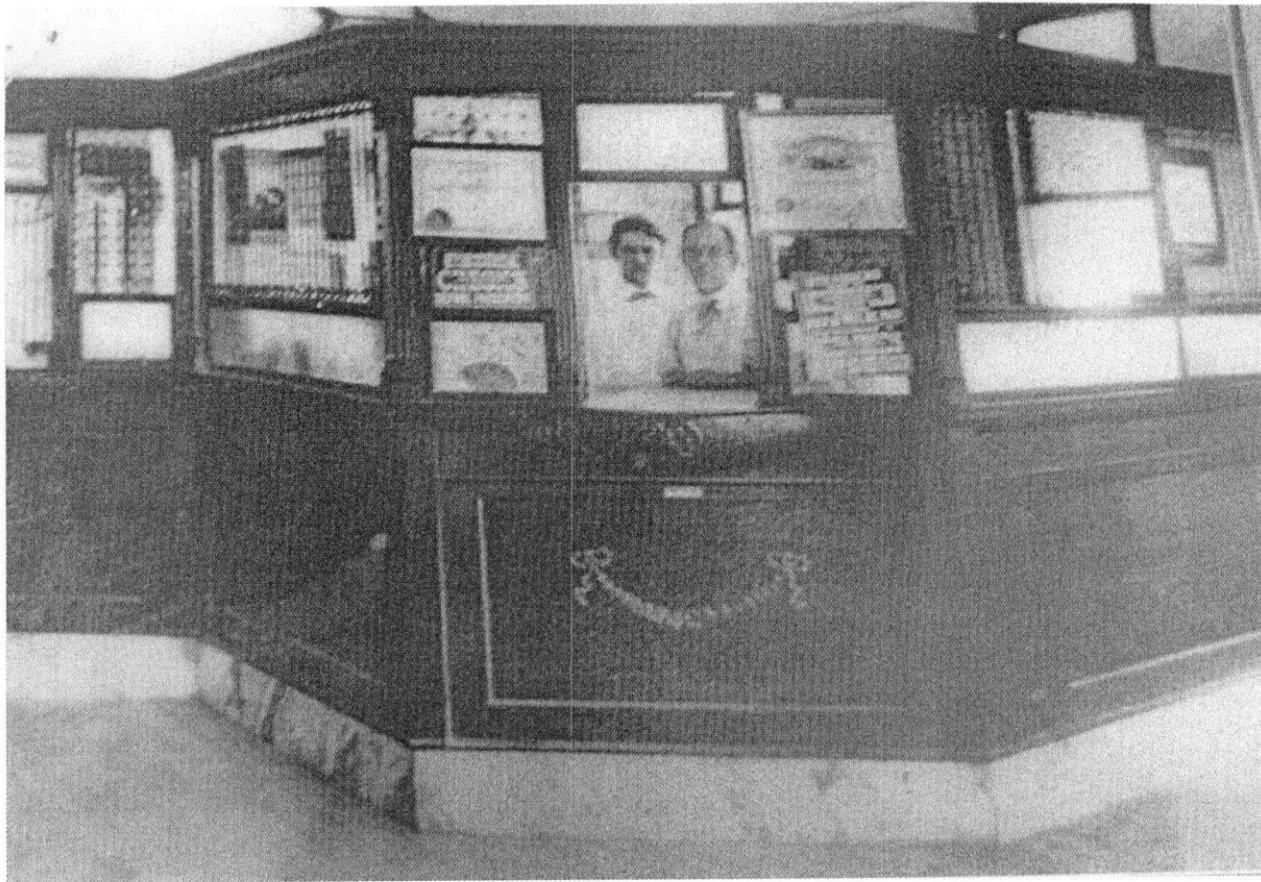


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At the teller's window of the Farmer's State Bank, organized in 1907, were cashier H.P. Perkins, left, and J.J. Shaver, right, the bank's president.

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Exhibit Three



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The Post Townsman Visits a

1-MAN BANK

By JOHN MOORE

The Farmers State Bank of Chappell Hill has an interesting history. It was organized in 1882, and has since that time been a success story. It is now one of the largest banks in the county, and its deposits are over \$1,000,000. The bank is owned and operated by a single man, John Moore, who has been in charge since 1882. The bank is a member of the State Bank Guaranty Fund, and is a member of the National Bank Association.

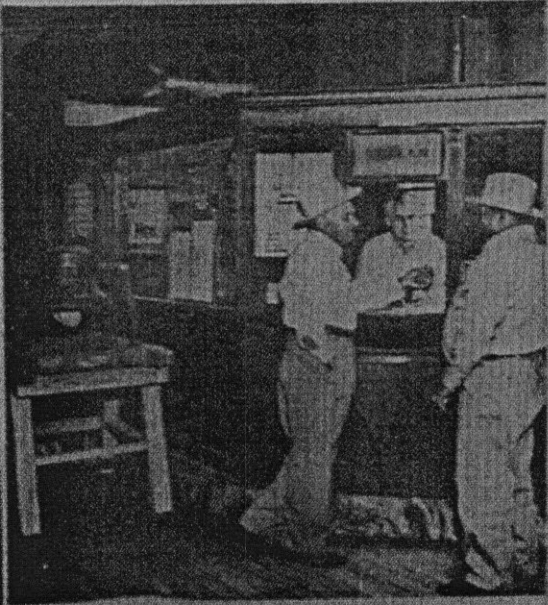
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Some of the customers of the Chappell Hill bank come here. The customer shown here with a wagon and team is prepared to return home with a load of feed. The team leading in the background is more than 100 years old.

Photograph by Bob Rogers



Banking at the Farmers State Bank in Chappell Hill. Mr. J. Moore, left, and Henry L. Lumbard, right, discuss crops and the market with banker John Moore, center. The members of the bank are all farmers, and most of them live in the neighborhood.

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ENHAM DAILY

Established Jan. 7, 1875 | Reincorporated March 27, 1903
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Brenham, Washington County, Texas

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"SNOWBIRDS" AT THE



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YOU MUST BE PLEASED

Farmers State Bank

Safe — Sound — Conservative

FARMERS & MERCHANTS LBR. CO.

Home Builders — Frigidaire — Delco-Light

W. REINSTEIN

General Merchant

Campbell Pharmacy

"Try The (Home) Drug Store First"

Quick Comment

Counting chickens before they're hatched is strictly for optimists.

Brenham Banner-Press

Home Of Major Leaguers Jackie Heidemann And Cecil Cooper

The Banner-Press invites the David Roeslers, Brenham, to an evening at the Simon Theatre. This coupon good for two free tickets when presented at the box office. Good through June 24. Now showing "The Poseidon Adventure."

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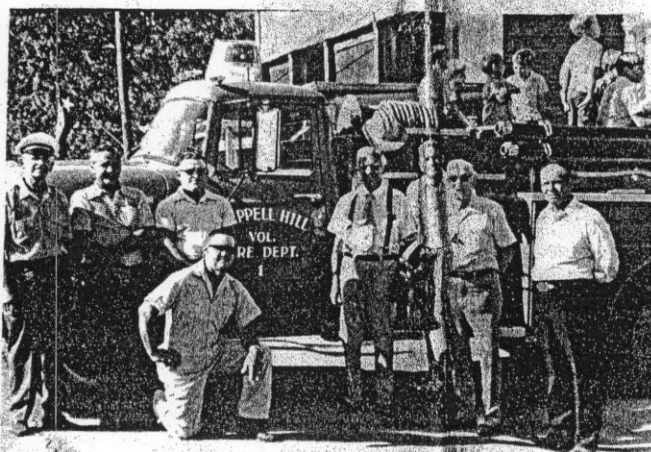
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Four Nabbed In Chappell Hill Burglary



HERO OF THE DAY at Chappell Hill Sunday was alert Sam Walker, who spotted the alleged burglars leaving the bank and got their car license number which helped officers nab the suspects in a hurry. He is shown pointing the window where the burglars made their entry to the bank. Walker was later honored by the citizens with a reward of \$167.07 for his efforts.



NEW FIRE TRUCK DEDICATED-- Officers of the Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department shown with their new fire truck and fire-fighting equipment in dedication ceremonies held Sunday. The firemen and their new equipment proved to be a valuable asset to the community earlier Sunday when they brought under control a fire that seriously threatened the bank and store following a burglary. Shown from the left are: Fire Chief Charlie Suggs; Bo Schaer, secretary-treasurer; Leon Grahman, captain; Bill Manning, captain; J.S. Spencer, president of the volunteer group seen with his new red suspenders presented at the dedication; Bill Whiddon, captain; Edward Shaver, vice president and Raymond Gurka, captain. Even the youngsters are enjoying the new truck. (Banner photo). See Related Photo Page 6.

Loot Retrieved--

Cutting Torch Sets Fire To Bank, Store

CHAPPELL HILL -- Four bungling burglars broke into a grocery and the Farmers State Bank Sunday. They might have got away had they made just one mistake, or maybe even two. But they made at least four and they didn't have a chance. 1. Their first mistake was in not doing their homework. If they had, they might have known that the grocery store burglarized of several hundred dollars was owned by Justice of the Peace Harry Lesser.

2. Their ability with the cutting torch used to cut into the bank vault left a little to be desired. They started a fire with the torch and the flames kept them from getting inside the safe where most of the

door of the safe, the torch ignited papers inside and the flames moved quickly to the ceiling.

The fire, which destroyed many bank records and virtually all the records of the Chappell Hill Masonic Lodge dating back to 1849, flourished between the dropped ceiling and the older, higher ceiling, according to firemen. The flames set off an alarm and sent the felons scrambling.

Only about \$12 was reportedly taken from the bank, which was recovered.

The two men inside the bank took off with their goods and tools on foot and headed for some bushes north of the bank near Sam Walker's residence, according to Deputy Sheriff

Elwood Goldberg.

There they hid the booty and rejoined their companions. After a short time, they returned and were apparently going to pickup the things they had hidden when Walker was awoken and went outside to see what was going on.

When Walker saw the car and the other men scurrying around in the bushes, he became suspicious. The car, a white Pontiac, left, and Walker jumped in his truck and began to follow it, getting the license number.

The two men in the woods hid out for a short time then went to the nearby Herbert Haevischer residence and took a car, which was later (Continued on page 6)

brenham briefs

MAN CHARGED

Brenham police have charged Wilbert Bolden of Houston in the shooting of Matilda Jean Wilson here Friday morning. Sgt. Raymond Thaler said Bolden is believed to be in the Houston area. The Wilson woman was discharged from a Brenham hospital today after incurring a stomach wound

City To Consider Aid For Municipal Airport

Bank Open

Nath Winfield, president of Farmers State Bank in Chappell Hill, said shortly before noon today it appears the bank is in "100 per cent better shape" than officials expected after Sunday's burglary and fire.

Winfield said bank officials have reconstructed virtually all accounts and records.



Exhibit Six



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

September 21, 1995

Edward Bentley
Chappell Hill Historical Society, President
P.O. Box 211
Chappell Hill, TX 77426

Re: Chappell Hill Main Street Historic District
Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas
May 15, 1985

Dear Mr. Bentley:

The Texas Historical Commission nominated the above-mentioned historic district for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. On the above-referenced date the district was entered in the Register and is afforded the privileges granted under the Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The district contains individual properties which are classified as either contributing or noncontributing. The latter category includes structures which because of age or alterations are not considered integral parts of the district. Attached is a listing of properties and their contributing/non-contributing status.

Your interest in the preservation of Texas heritage is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Curtis Tunnell
State Historic Preservation Officer

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CHAPPELL HILL MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Inventory #</u>	<u>Photo #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>
William Vollert House	1	20	Main Street	1859, ca. 1880
Julia Booth House	2	21	Main Street	ca. 1859
Permelia Haynie House	3	22	Main Street	1850s
Haller House	4	23	Main Street	1850s, ca. 1900, 1940s
Stagecoach Inn	5	24	Northwest corner, Main & Chestnut Sts.	1850
Lesser's General Stroe	8	28	Main Street	ca. 1890
Farmers State Bank	9	29	Main Street	1907, 1981
W. R. Reinstein Store	10	30	Northwest corner Main & Cedar Sts.	1878
Rock Store	11	31	Southwest corner, Main & Cedar Sts.	1869
Campbell S & B Drug Store	12	32	Main Street	1911
J. P. Perkins Drug Store	13	33	Main Street	1865
Old Post Office	14		Main Street	1912
Jake Winfield Store	17	35	Main Street	1915
J. J. Shaver House	19	36	Main Street	1914
Jessie Crockett House	20	37	Main Street	ca. 1907
Lewin Routt House	21	38	Main Street	1920s
Providence Baptist	22	39	Northeast corner, Main & Providence Sts	1873
Providence Baptist Parsonage	23	40	Southeast corner, Main & Poplar Sts.	1855
The Toland House Hotel	24	41	Northeast corner, Main & Poplar Sts.	1912
The Brazos Star	25	42	Main Street	1880s
Krolczyk Store	26	43	Main Street	1946
S. F. Thornhill Building	27	44	Southeast corner, Main & Cedar Sts.	ca. 1875

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W. E. Schaer Store/Masonic Lodge	28	45	Main Street	1913
Henry Schaer Store	30	45,46	Main Street	1911
Garage	31	47	Main Street	1853, 1935
Julius Yanch House	36	52	Main Street	1854, ca. 1908, ca. 1935

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structure covered with corrugated metal. Both interior and exterior of building remain virtually unaltered. Building has always been used for general merchandising and has remained in Lesser family since 1896.

9. Farmer's State Bank - Main Street; 1907, 1981. Contributing.

One-story masonry commercial building displaying original cast-iron and wooden store front with large glass panels and transoms above. Central entrance contains characteristic French doors with narrow glass panels. Originally, cornice featured simple corbeled brickwork with a panel above. This crowning panel was destroyed by 1915 storm and never rebuilt. Plaster panel applied over corbeled brick cornice sometime before 1950s. Damaged by smoke in 1974 fire, interior was restored to original appearance. Dropped ceiling and paneled walls were gutted to reveal original ceiling and wall finish. New interior flooring installed. Awning with standing-seam metal roof supported by four square wooden posts replaced a flat canopy with thin iron posts in 1974. The elaborate interior oak and brass teller's cage and vault with cast-iron architecture are original. Brick north annex containing double casement windows with segmented relieving arches constructed in 1981 does not contribute.

10. W. R. Reinstein Store - Northwest corner, intersection of Main and Cedar streets; 1878. Contributing.

One-story, four-bay, masonry commercial building containing double French doors with narrow glass panels. Brick relieving arches span all four openings. There are no windows, except for a single one at rear. Cornice enhanced by decorative brick corbeling. Above cornice is stepped parapet with central panel. Curved corrugated, tin canopy appears in historic photograph dated ca. 1907, and may be original to the structure. Rear, double, wooden service entrance door. Stepped brick parapet wall at west end of south wall. Building has remained virtually unaltered since its construction. Original site of two-story wood-frame Sterling Hall. Cistern below floor at rear of structure. Building is still in original family.

11. Old Rock Store - Southwest corner, intersection of Main and Cedar streets; 1869. Contributing.

Single-story, four-bay, vernacular commercial building constructed of thick native sandstone walls and massive hand-hewn and pegged pine timbers. Front facade features symmetrical arrangement with two double doors and a single wooden shuttered window on each side. Single window and door on exposed side at rear. Double wooden service door on west rear elevation. Front awning over sidewalk covered with wooden shingles and supported by four pine posts. As evidenced by historic photos, facade was plastered in early 1900s. Interior ceiling and floors are 6" tongue-and-groove pine. Restoration of building begun in 1969 by the Chappell Hill Historical Society. Part of the interior flooring and exterior wall at the northwest corner replaced and repaired, respectively. Interior walls were finished with a smooth gypsum plaster. Tin awning replaced by wooden one based on historic photos. Chappell Hill's only stone building. Cistern located beneath structure. Many businesses conducted in building.

12. Campbell S & B Drug Store - Main Street; 1911. Contributing.

One-story, masonry, early 20th-century commercial building. One in a series of three row buildings, it replaced two small 19th-century wooden structures set back from street. Three structures connected by a continuous cedar-shingled wooden awning supported by wooden posts. Scalloped wooden skirting on front awning added in 1975. Front facade has double entry door with transom and a large glass and marble storefront. Three 16-light clerestory windows appear above main entrance with old screen door. This drug

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Exhibit Eight

Chappell Hill Bank
Drawer B
5060 Main Street
Chappell Hill Texas 77426

Dear Valued Customer:

You are invited to attend Chappell Hill Bank's 100th year anniversary on August 31, 2007. Lunch will be catered from 11am to 1pm. There will be great giveaways.

Thank you for your continued support over our first century. We look forward to serving you in our second century.

Please RSVP to Chappell Hill Bank by August 21, 2007.

Sincerely,
Chappell Hill Bank
979-836-6070



WILLIAM MUNSON SURVEY, A-90

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS

TOWN OF CHAPPELL HILL

20' ALLEY

LOT ⑥

LOT ⑦

LOT ⑧

CHAPPELL HILL BANK BLDG

4,000 SQ. FT.

BRICK STORE BLDG.

MAIN STREET

PLACE OF BEGINNING

CEDAR STREET

SCALE: 1" = 20'

SET 1/2" I.R.

North Brick Wall See Note

BRICK BLDG. COR.

SET 1/2" I.R.

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NOTE: Subject to the one-half (1/2) interest in the north wall of the brick store building on the subject tract, which was formerly conveyed by P. Lesser, et al to Farmers State Bank by deed dated June 21, 1907, recorded in Volume 53, Page 635, Deed Records of Washington County, Texas.

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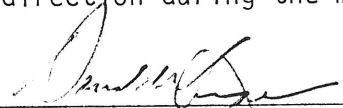
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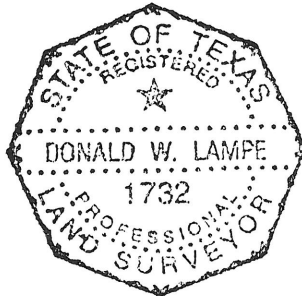
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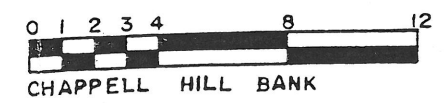
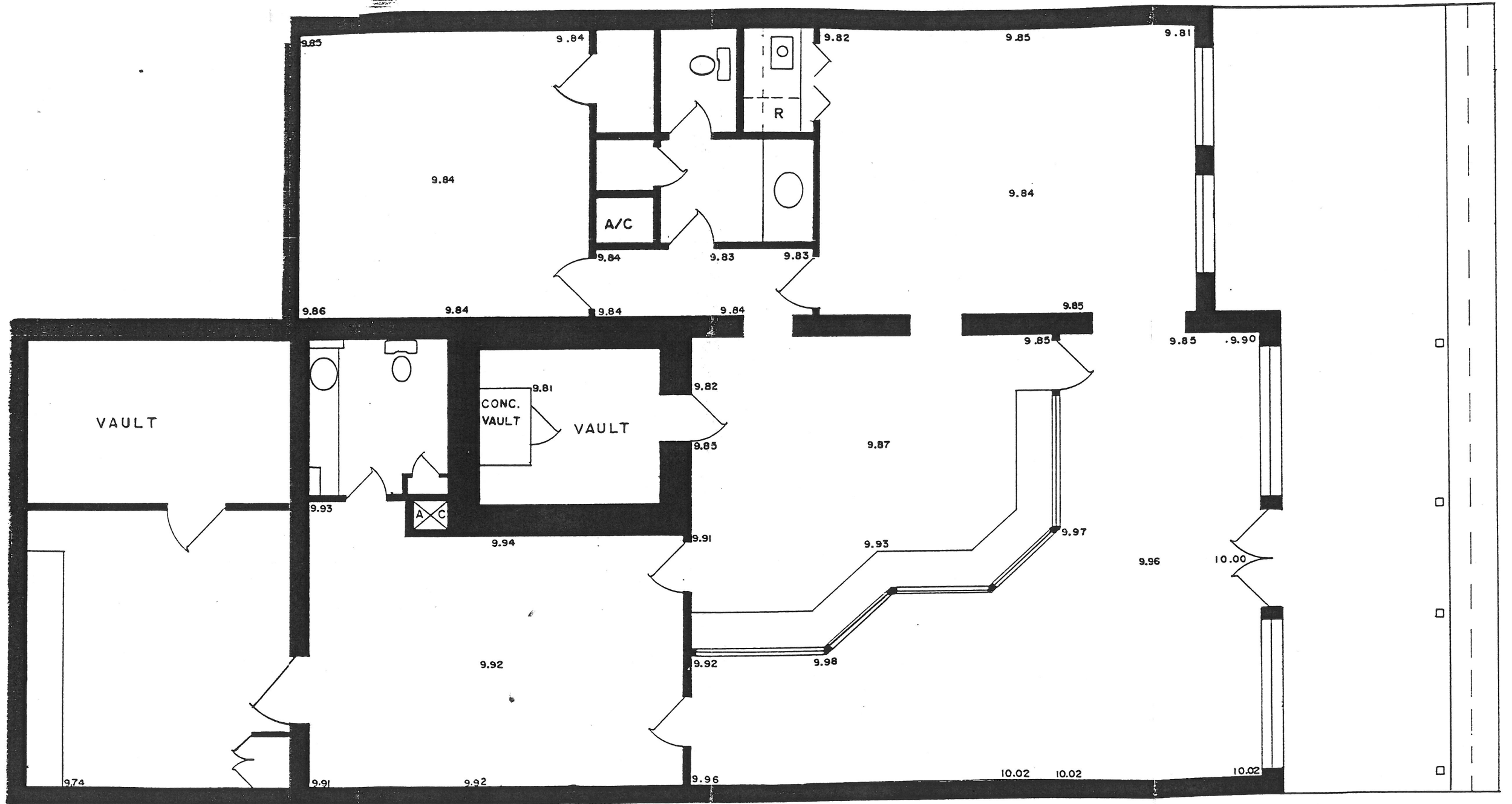
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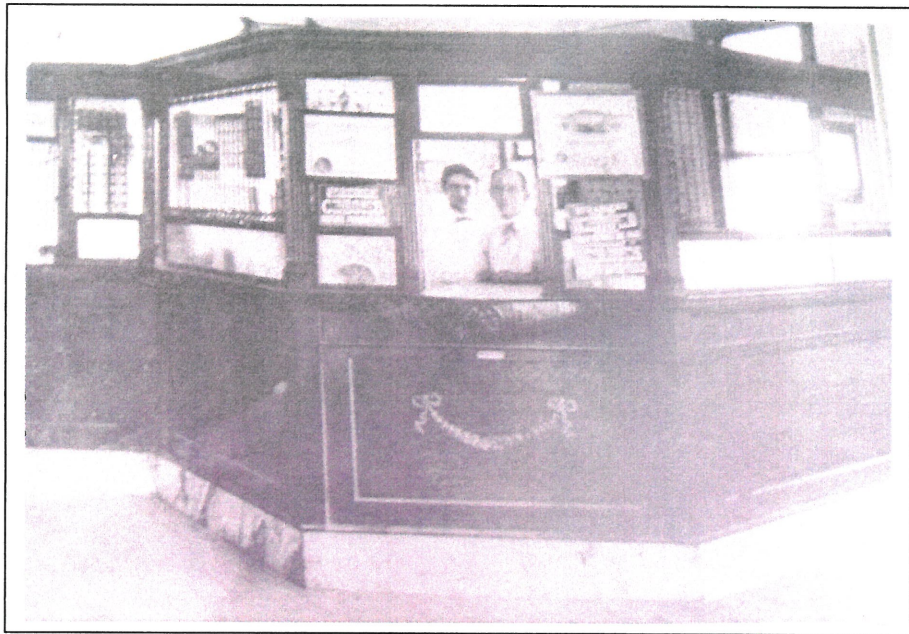


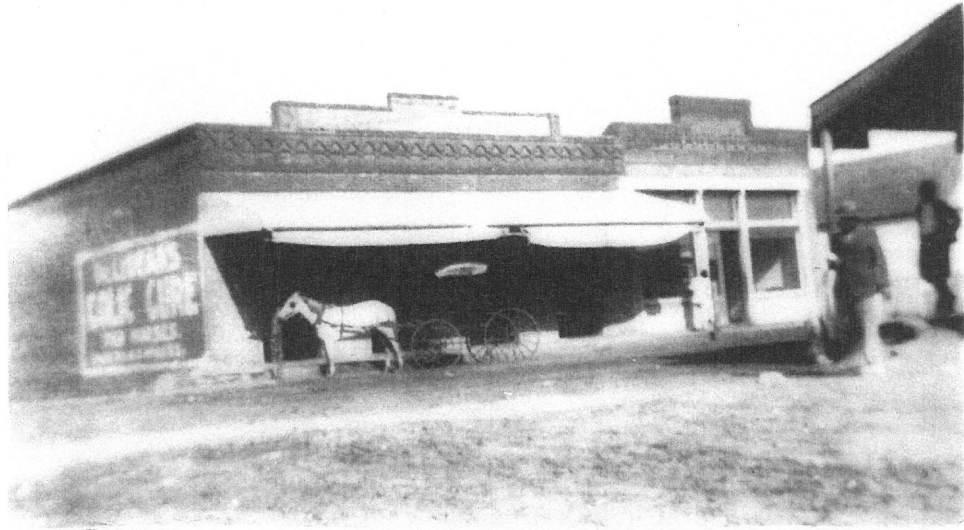
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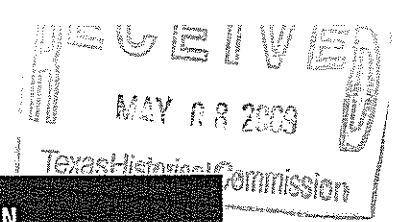
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WILSON ST

14018 WALLIS
1 acre

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Authorization for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Designation

Property considered for designation:

Name of House, Address of House, Name of County, Texas:

Farmers State Bank, 802 Main Street, Chappell Hill, Washington County

Legal Description (Lot and Block or Metes and Bounds):

_____ Lots 7 & 8 Chappell Hill Unrecorded Subdivision, also
_____ Known as the NW Corner of Cedar St. and Main St.
_____ Otherwise known as 802 Main St. Chappell Hill, Texas

The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation is awarded to historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. Authorized by the Texas Legislature under Texas Government Code, Chapter 442, RTHL is the highest honor the state can bestow on historic structures in Texas. Designated properties are afforded a measure of legal protection and become part of the recorded history of the state's built environment.

Benefits of the RTHL designation:

- 1 Recognition that a property is of local, regional or state significance.
- 2 Protection for up to 90 days from exterior alterations, including demolition or relocation.
- 3 Ad valorem tax exemptions, where granted by local taxing authorities.
- 4 Inclusion in the Texas Historic Sites Atlas.
- 5 Technical preservation assistance through the THC.

Responsibility of the property owner under the RTHL provision, as noted in Texas Government Code, Chapter 442.006 (f):

A person may not damage the historical or architectural integrity of a structure the commission has designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark without notifying the commission at least 60 days before the date on which the action causing the damage is to begin. After receiving the notice, the commission may waive the waiting period or, if the commission determines that a longer period will enhance the chance for preservation, it may require an additional waiting period of not longer than 30 days. On the expiration of the time limits imposed by this section, the person may proceed, but must proceed not later than the 180th day after the date on which notice was given or the notice is considered to have expired.

Additionally:

- 1 The designation requires the public display of the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker. The marker is the property of the State of Texas and may not be removed or relocated without the prior permission of the Texas Historical Commission.
- 2 RTHL status is a permanent designation which is retained with the property even upon transfer of ownership. Only the Texas Historical Commission may remove the designation.
- 3 Structures designated as RTHLs do not have to be open to the public, but the marker must be accessible to the public.
- 4 RTHL designation does not imply eligibility for federal tax incentives for rehabilitation.

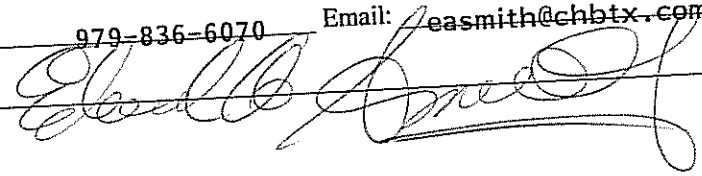
I, the property owner or legal administrator of the property noted herein, signify below that I have read the information regarding Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and that I voluntarily seek the designation for the property. I further promise to comply with the provision noted in the Texas Government Code.

Name (print) Edward A. Smith

Mailing address: Drawer B

City, state, zip: Chappell Hill, Texas 77426

Phone: 979-836-6070 Email: easmith@chbtx.com

Signature: 

CHAPEL

33	41
34	42
35	43
36	44
37	45
38	46
39	47
40	48

BARNES

FM 2447

CHESTNUT

89	9	1
90	10 Smith	2 Smith
91	11	3
92	12 Alley	4
93	13	5
94	Subject Block	
95	14	6
96	15	7
	16	8

FM 1155

17	25
18	26
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22	30
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ROGERS

SYCAMORE ST

50' WIDE

RAVINE ST 50' WIDE

CEDAR STREET

50 feet wide

97
98

81	85
82	86
83	87
84	88

MAIN ST

49	57
50	58
51	59
52	60
53	61
54	62
55	63
56	64

LAKE

WALNUT ST

POPLAR ST

400
401
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408
409

73	65
74	66
75	67
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Exhibit A

1878
CHAPPELL HILL BANK BUILDING

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1979

CHAPPELL HILL BANK BUILDING

REPUBLIC
COMPANY



1878
CHAPPELL HILL BANK BUILDING

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CHAPPELL HILL
BANK







