

9. HENDERSON NATIONAL BANK
118 South Jefferson Street

Henderson National Bank
Paul Kelly, Vice-President and Controller
118 South Jefferson Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801



Block 26, Old Town; 45' (Jefferson) X 150'
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1948: Warren, Knight and Davis, Birmingham, architects
1958: Lloyd Kranert of Northington, Smith and Kranert, Huntsville,
architect for rear addition

DESCRIPTION

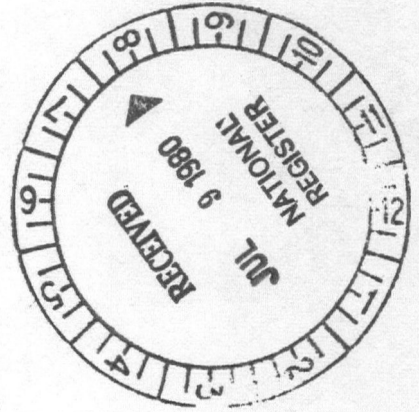
The Henderson National Bank is an Art Moderne design of one-story, balcony, and basement located at the corner of the Public Square. The walls are of smooth, light ashlar while the entrance and base along Jefferson are of contrasting dark green stone. The reveals of the doorway are stepped back to create a vertical emphasis that contrasts with the widely spaced, horizontal ribbons of ashlar in the main wall which create bands of reeding where they cross the entrance frame. Grillwork decorates the huge toplight above the double doors. A tall, multipaned window, framed by reeded panels, flanks the entrance on either side and is repeated along the side wall. The corner of the bank is rounded, and the upper walls are cleanly cut with no cornice. The only decoration is the incised name of the bank below two relief patterns of geometric design. The interior originally had an open balcony across the back that has been enclosed to make a separate department, and the teller's partitions have been altered several times; but the exterior is original except for removal of the corner clock. In 1958 an addition and drive-in window of blond brick were added to the rear.

SIGNIFICANCE

Although the bank is not yet fifty years old, it is a fine example of the Art Moderne style and the only one in downtown Huntsville. The exterior demonstrates the smooth, streamlined design, vertical reeding, stylized low reliefs, and polychromatic effects that are characteristic of the style. By placing Huntsville's few Art Deco and Art Moderne structures on the National Register now while they are still intact, they will achieve a status that may protect them until they are appreciated locally for their architectural merits.



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Huntsville, Alabama
Photographer unknown; ca. 1955
Huntsville Public Library
View from the southeast



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

see continuation sheet

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

UTM REFERENCES

see individual inventory sheets

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Linda Bayer, Planner

ORGANIZATION

Huntsville Planning Commission/Alabama Historical Commission

DATE

May 31, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

725 Monroe Street

TELEPHONE

(205) 832-6621

CITY OR TOWN

Montgomery

STATE

Alabama 36130

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Mills B. Howard Jr.

TITLE

SHPO Alabama

DATE

June 5, 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

add Post Office Lynn D. Barber 2/24/81

DATE

9/22/80

ATTEST:

Carl Miller

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/22/80

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add Post Office Carl Miller

2/2/87



THE HENDERSON NATIONAL BANK

JEFFERSON ST

THE HENDERSON NATIONAL BANK

NO PARKING ANY TIME

HOTEL WISSELL ERSKINE

*Downtown Huntsville Multiple Resource
Area / Madison co.*

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Huntsville, Alabama

Linda Bayer; May, 1978

Huntsville Planning Commission

View from the southeast

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