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Designed by Chicago architect Louis Sullivan, the Home Building Association Bank is one of the important extant structures done by the noted architect. The three story building has a two story stone facade, and measures approximately sixty-five by thirty five feet. The building is built on a stone foundation, and the exterior possesses those elements that characterized the work of Louis Sullivan.

The first floor exterior is marked by rectangular windows and doors. The openings on the first floor have all been enlarged. The sill height of the windows on the south side of the building was dropped, and the doorway on the southeast corner was reset at an angle, greatly detracting from the appearance of the building. The stained glass on the south side is original. Foliated cartouches are the principal ornaments on the first floor. In the center of the south side, a lion holding a shield is seen. Above the windows on the first floor are covered mosaics that read on the south side, "The Home Building Association Company" and on the east side, "The Glad Home." Presumably, these panels are still intact under the present signs. The second floor windows are rectangular, and the panes are leaded glass.

Hugh Morrison in his Louis Sullivan, Prophet of Modern Architecture, has this to add about the appearance of the Home Building Association Bank:

"The lot was of very small dimensions but the officers of the company desired accommodations for quite a large business. Consequently it was necessary to erect a two-story structure, and it was in reality a three story building since the basement was designed for business use. The exterior is faced by greenish gray terra cotta slabs with ornamented borders.... The general effect of the exterior is not good, and one has the feeling that the whole enterprise was cheap."

Morrison also provides an excellent description of the interior which has been vastly altered:

"The interior of the Newark bank is extremely rich in decoration. The counters and wall dado are faced by intricately veined black marble; the wall is a polychromatic frieze; and even the ceiling beams are richly ornamented. The colors of the frieze at the top of the wall are brick red, dull green, dull blue, and gold-buff. The best feature of the interior is the treatment of the plate glass shield partitioning the tellers' cage from the public space. The arrangement is...like the gleaming precision of fine machinery."

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Louis Sullivan was born in Boston in 1856, the son of immigrant parents. At age sixteen, Sullivan became determined to become an architect, and in 1872 he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sullivan studied at MIT for one academic year and left. He ended up in Philadelphia in the office of Frank Furness, designer of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Sullivan was hired as a draftsman and worked until depression in 1873 forced Furness to reduce his staff. Louis went to Chicago to be with his parents. He remained but a short time in Chicago, and left for Europe to further his education.

Sullivan studied in Europe about two years. In 1879 he met Dankmar Adler with whom he entered into a partmership in 1881. Adler and Sullivan designed several important buildings. The Borden Block (1879-1880), Auditorium Building (1886-1890), Wainwright Tomb (1892), and the Transportation Building (1890-1891) were among the buildings the talented firm designed. But in 1895 Sullivan and Adler dissolved their partnership, and Sullivan started working alone.

Louis Sullivan's later years were not nearly as productive as his younger period, but he still designed some important structures, including several banks. The National Farmers' Bank in Owatonna, Minnesota (1907-1908), The Merchants' National Bank in Grinnell, Iowa (1914), Peoples' Saving and Loan Association Bank in Sidney, Ohio (1917-1918), and the Home Building Association Bank were all part of this period. While the Home Building Association Bank was not as impressive as some of Sullivan's other banks, it is still an important structure.

Sullivan died in Chicago in 1924. It was not until 1946 that the American Institute of Architects awarded him posthumously its Gold Medal.

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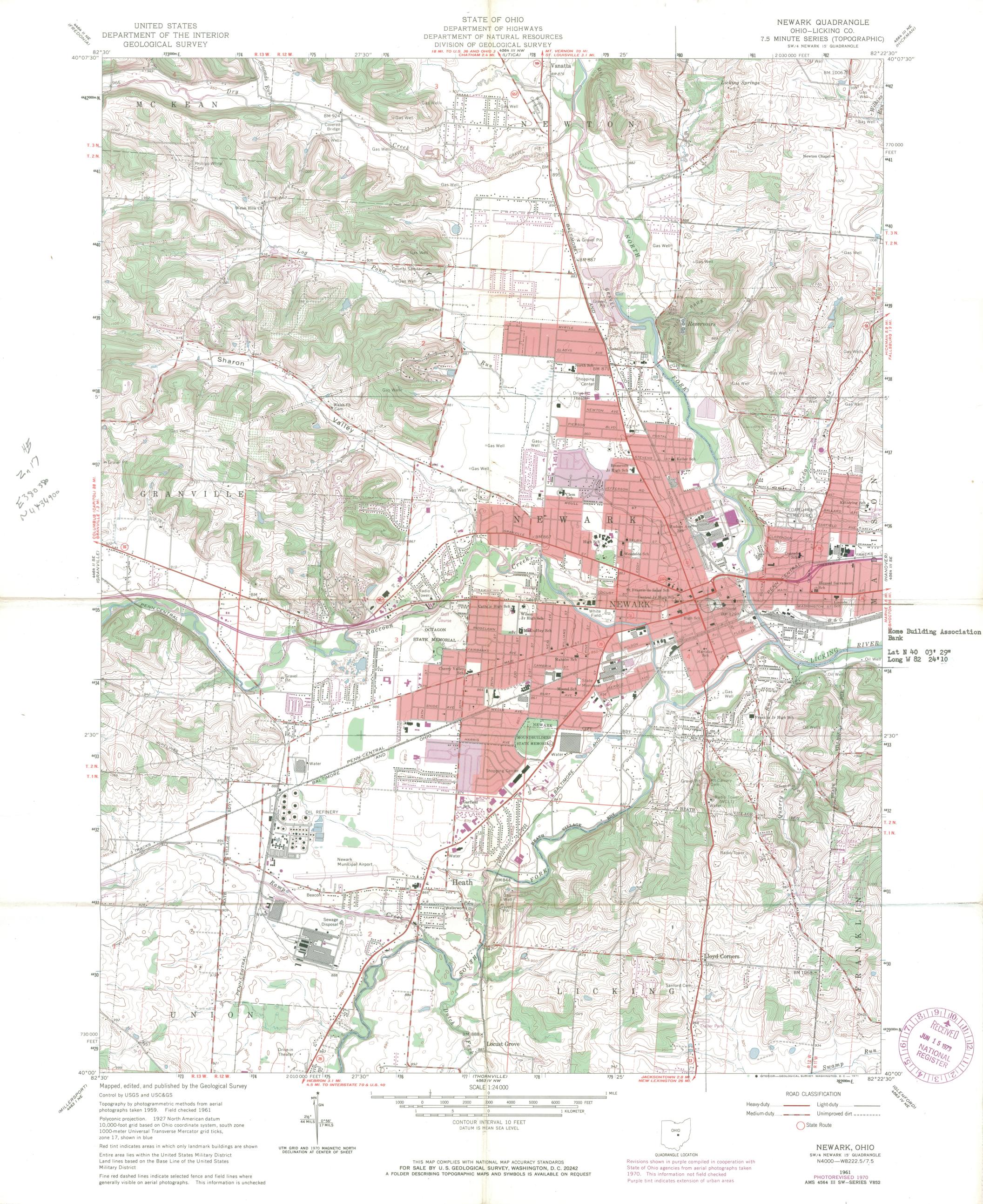
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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Location

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Portsmouth Scioto County

Brecksville Town Hall

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Home Building Association Bank

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**Fayette County Courthouse** 

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