

State of North Carolina  
Division of Archives and History

Richmond COUNTY

QUAD

# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE OR  THEMATIC NOMINATION

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bank of Pee Dee Building

*(Rockingham MRA)*

AND/OR COMMON

Economy Auto Supply

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

201 E. Washington St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rockingham

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

North Carolina

VICINITY OF

CODE

037

COUNTY

Richmond

CODE

153

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS  | PRESENT USE                                    |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL            |
|   | N/A   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY              |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                  |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE     |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS             |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC            |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION        |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                 |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jimmy L. and Charles R. Maske

STREET & NUMBER

1202 Carolina Dr.

CITY, TOWN

Rockingham

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina 28379

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Richmond County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

114 E. Franklin St.

CITY, TOWN

Rockingham,

STATE

North Carolina 28379

## 6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Heather M. Hallenberg

ORGANIZATION

Consultant for

DATE

May 31, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Survey and Planning Branch Archives and History (919) 733-6545

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina 27611

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bank of Pee Dee Building, located at the northeast corner of Hancock and E. Washington streets in the heart of the commercial center of Rockingham, is an exceptionally fine example of early twentieth century commercial architecture, constructed between 1904 and 1905.

The pedimented front of this two story bank structure, which recalls gable fronts of earlier frame commercial architecture, is unique in the Rockingham commercial district. The first story elevation of this red brick masonry building features rusticated pierwork supporting a Doric entablature. Two shallow niches with stone sills flank plate glass display windows and a central entry. Tuscan columns, which framed an original recessed bay with splayed side walls featuring single one over one sash windows and a central double door entrance, no longer remain. Richly detailed, the second story is described by brick quoins and a quartet of windows strung together by a granite belt course. A tripartite window surmounted by a semi-circular light sits on the pedimented attic gable. The side elevations feature irregularly arranged groups of segmentally arched window and door openings. The impressive exterior cast and wrought iron staircase of the west elevation is not original to the structure. According to a documentary photograph, a recessed entry, similar to that of the front facade, at one time enriched the west elevation. A post-1938 one story brick commercial structure adjoins the rear facade.

The interior first floor of the Bank of Pee Dee Building, which is now utilized as an auto supply store, has a large front room petitioned off from a rear storage area. None of the original bank teller cages or fixtures survive. During an interior remodeling of the 1960s, a fake ceiling was installed below the original pressed tin ceiling. In the last fifty years, doctor, lawyer, and bank offices occupied the small rooms of the second floor. Most of the office partitions have been removed and the area is today used for storage. Plank flooring, beaded tongue-in-groove ceilings and globed light fixtures remain intact.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>x</sup> LOCAL

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |                           |                        |  |
|---|--|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--|
| ___PREHISTORIC                                | ___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC                        | ___COMMUNITY PLANNING                         | ___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | ___RELIGION            |  |
| ___1400-1499                                  | ___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC                           | ___CONSERVATION                               | ___LAW                    | ___SCIENCE             |  |
| ___1500-1599                                  | ___AGRICULTURE                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | ___LITERATURE             | ___SCULPTURE           |  |
| ___1600-1699                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | ___EDUCATION                                  | ___MILITARY               | ___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| ___1700-1799                                  | ___ART   | ___ENGINEERING                                | ___MUSIC                  | ___THEATER             |  |
| ___1800-1899                                  | ___COMMERCE                                      | ___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT                     | ___PHILOSOPHY             | ___TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1905 | ___COMMUNICATIONS                                | ___INDUSTRY                                   | ___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | ___OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | ___INVENTION                                  |                           |                        |  |

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SPECIFIC DATES                      1905                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT                      Unknown

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bank of Pee Dee Building, constructed between 1904 and 1905, is one of the least altered and best preserved commercial structures surviving in downtown Rockingham. The fine example of early twentieth century commercial architecture is significant as the first established bank in Rockingham and is associated with the life of its founding president, T. C. Leak, Sr.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

- B. The Bank of Pee Dee Building is closely connected with the productive life of its founding president, Thomas Crawford Leak, Sr., who played a significant role in the industrial and commercial life of Rockingham in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Leak, besides maintaining vast landholdings in Richmond County, was also one of the principal organizers of Leak, Wall and McRae (Lewarae) Mill in 1881, and sat at different times on the boards of Pee Dee, Roberdel and Steele's mills.
  
- C. The Bank of Pee Dee Building is representative of early twentieth century commercial construction, while at the same time its varied, richly textured architectural detail make it a unique feature of the E. Washington streetscape. Although there is no documentation of the original appearance of the interior as a banking facility, a first floor pressed tin ceiling is still intact.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The first established bank in Rockingham, the Bank of Pee Dee, was chartered during the 1890-1891 session of the state legislature, the act of incorporation being ratified on March 9, 1891.<sup>1</sup> The incorporators were named as Thomas C. Leak, Henry C. Wall, Walter L. Steele, Robert L. Steele, William I. Everett, Henry C. Dockery, Henry S. Ledbetter and William T. Covington. At the organizational meeting held soon thereafter, T. C. Leak, Sr. was elected president, Walter L. Parsons, Cashier, and a board of seven directors comprised of the aforementioned persons in the order named.<sup>2</sup>

T. C. Leak (1831-1913) was the only son of James Pickett Leak (1805-1877) and his cousin, Jane Wall Crawford Leak (1811-1864). He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1853 and in 1865 married Martha Poythress Wall (1839-1898).<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Leak was survived by seven sons and one daughter. A gentleman farmer, he supervised vast landholdings in Richmond County, putting into practice scientific methods of farming that he partly developed. In the 1870s and 1880s he was largely instrumental in organizing the Rockingham mill empire.<sup>4</sup>

The Bank of Pee Dee opened its doors on May 18, 1891 and was first located across the street in the Richmond Hotel. The hotel burned in 1904, but the bank vaults suffered little damage. Business was transacted in a temporary frame structure erected over the vaults until the construction of the new Bank of Pee Dee was completed in 1905.<sup>5</sup>

T. C. Leak, Sr. served as president of the Bank of Pee Dee until his death in 1913. He was succeeded as president by his son-in-law, Walter L. Parsons (1858-1931), who continued as president until the closing of the bank on December 8, 1930 in the early days of the Depression.<sup>6</sup>

The property was sold by Gurney Hood, Commissioner of Banks to W. B. Cole on June 23, 1936.<sup>7</sup> His heirs, Elizabeth Cole, Robert Cole and wife sold the building to the Maske family on August 5, 1963, in whose ownership the building has remained since.<sup>8</sup> Over the years several concerns operated on the premises including a cafe and Greek restaurant. The impressive structure is today utilized as an auto supply store.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Southern Index (Rockingham) January 11, 1896, hereinafter cited as Southern Index, January 11, 1896. The entire issue was devoted to the history of Rockingham.
2. Southern Index, January 11, 1896.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

Lat. 34° 56' 24" Long. 79° 46' 25"

|   |      |         |          |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | B | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | D | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

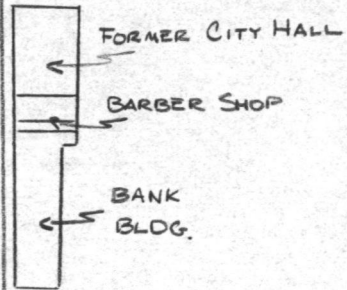
All of tract 18, Block M, Tax Map 2, Rockingham Township consisting of a four sided city lot measuring 38' by 108.8'.

The property being nominated includes the building and the city lot on which it stands.





GREENE ST



E. WASHINGTON ST.

21

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19

HANCOCK ST.

LAWRENCE ST.

BANK OF TEE DEE  
 201 E. WASHINGTON ST  
 ROCKINGHAM  
 RICHMOND COUNTY

SCALE: 1" = 100'



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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only  
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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 1

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Rockingham Multiple Resource Area  
State North Carolina

*Corn* ——— *9/22/83*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |     |   |   |                   |   |
|-----|---|---|-------------------|---|
| 1.  | Hannah Pickett Mill No. 1                           | Entered in the<br>National Register                                   | <i>for</i> Keeper | <i>Melvin Byers</i> <i>9/22/83</i>              |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 2.  | Roberdel Mill No. 1<br>Company Store                | Entered in the<br>National Register                                   | <i>for</i> Keeper | <i>Melvin Byers</i> <i>9/22/83</i>              |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 3.  | Bank of Pee Dee Building                            | Entered in the<br>National Register                                   | <i>for</i> Keeper | <i>Melvin Byers</i> <i>9/22/83</i>              |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 4.  | Watson, H. C., House                                | Entered in the<br>National Register                                   | <i>for</i> Keeper | <i>Melvin Byers</i> <i>9/22/83</i>              |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 5.  | U.S. Post Office and<br><i>-50</i> Federal Building | <del>Entered in the<br/>National Register</del><br>Substantive Review | <i>for</i> Keeper | <i>accept Patrick Andrews</i> <i>9/22/83</i>    |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 6.  | Rockingham Historic District                        | <del>Entered in the<br/>National Register</del><br>Substantive Review | <i>for</i> Keeper | <i>accept Patrick Andrews</i> <i>11/21/85 T</i> |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 7.  |   |   | Keeper            | _____   |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 8.  |   |   | Keeper            | _____   |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 9.  |   |   | Keeper            | _____   |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |
| 10. |   |   | Keeper            | _____   |
|     |   |   | Attest            | _____   |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bank of Pee Dee Building (Rockingham MRA)  
Richmond County  
NORTH CAROLINA

Working No. AUG 8 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 9/8/83 - 9/22/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 9/22/83  
Entered in the RETURN  
National Register REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location \_\_\_\_\_

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership          | Status     | Present Use |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
|          | Public Acquisition | Accessible |             |

4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

|                                    |                                       |   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Condition                          | Check one                             | Check one                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered    |   |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |   |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) \_\_\_\_\_

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



neg. #  
Heather Hallenberg  
Fall 1980  
Subject: non-contiguous site  
Bank of Pee Dee Building  
201 E. Washington St.  
looking northwest  
Richmond County  
Roekingham MRN  
#  
photo # 19



**ECONOMY**

**AUTO SUPPLY**

**TILL & PLOW  
PLOWROSS  
MOWERS**

**EVERY  
LITTER  
OUT  
HERE**

neg. #1.  
Heathu Hallenberg  
Fall 1980  
Subject: non-contiguous site  
Bank of Pee Dee Building  
201 E. Washington St.

Looking east  
Richmond County  
Rockingham MEN

4

photo # 20



RF Goodrich TIRES

W  
Westinghouse

ECONOMY  
AUTO SUPPLY

USED APPLIANCES  
REFRIGERATORS  
RANGES  
AUTOMATIC WASHERS  
TELEVISIONS

CUSTOMER  
PARKING  
RECOMMENDED

HANCOCK ST  
WASHINGTON ST

ECONOMY AUTO  
WASHINGTON ST

Fire Hydrant

neg. #1

Heather Hallenberg

Fall 1980

Subject: non-contiguous site

Bank of Pee Dee Building

201 E. Washington St.

looking northeast

Richmond County

Rockingham area

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Photo #21

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000464

NORTH  
CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
CULTURAL  
RESOURCES

Raleigh,  
North Carolina  
27611

Division of  
Archives and History  
William S. Price, Jr., Director

Sara W. Hodgkins,  
Secretary  
James B. Hunt, Jr.,  
Governor

June 2, 1982

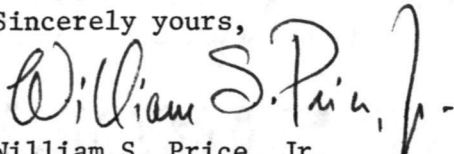
Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is the nomination for Bank of Pee Dee Building in Richmond County, North Carolina, to be entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

We trust that you will find this nomination in order. If there are any questions, please call us.

Sincerely yours,



William S. Price, Jr.  
State Historic Preservation Officer

WSP:bch

Enclosures

cc: Honorable John East  
Honorable Jesse Helms  
Honorable W. G. Hefner

