

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only
received 3/29/84
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number all

Page 11

County Galveston USGS Quad 2994/231 Survey site no. 11
 City Galveston UTMs 325880/3242960
 Name U.S. National Bank Date: factual 1923-25 Est. _____
 Address 2201 Ave. D Architect/Builder Alfred C. Blossom, New York;*
 associate (cont.) Contractor Westlake Construction
 Owner United States National Bank Style/Type commercial, described at time (cont.)**
 Original use bank and offices
 Address P.O. Box 179 Present use same
c/o F.A. "Andy" Odom, Pres. Present condition good
 Block/Lot 502/6 & 7; less than 1 acre.

Description 11-story, granite-faced commercial structure; rectangular with angled corner that denotes entrance; flat roof with wide eaves; molded cornice; first story consists of commercial spaces with display windows and entrances on street; second story consists of elongated, arched windows separated by pilasters with Corinthian capitals; bank entrance with pediment; simple entablature separates 2 lower levels from 9 upper floors; window arrangement repeated on each floor; interior lobby and main room retain many original details. Steel supports and reinforced concrete.

Significance U.S. National Bank is a major financial institution in Galveston and traces its history back to 1874, with founding of Island City Savings Bank. In 1902, Kempner family bought controlling interest and changed name to Texas Bank and Trust Co., present name adopted in 1923. In 1971, a registered bank holding company acquired majority ownership of U.S. National Bank. Building was described as third modern, skyscraper, office building in Galveston. Blossom was engineer and architect trained in London; designed Magnolia Building in Dallas. U.S. National Bank Building represents a major financial and architectural landmark in Galveston. It was the most important private building to be constructed in the 1920s.

Relationship to site: Moved _____ date _____ or Original site X Describe One of dominant buildings in downtown Galveston; on major corner; part of important streetscape (cont.)***
 Bibliography Galveston Tribune, 3/19/25 Informant _____
Galveston Daily News, 6/22/72 Recorder Ellen Beasley
 Date Nov. 1982

Continuations: * Architect/Builder - architects Messrs. Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick of Fort Worth; Westlake construction Co., Ft. Worth and St. Louis. ** Style/Type - as "Italian Renaissance." *** along 22nd from F to D.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

U.S. National Bank (Central Business
District MRA)
Galveston County
TEXAS

Working No. MAR 29 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/26/84 - 5/13/84
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 5/2/84
 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: 4 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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

MAR 28 9AM

U.S. National Register of Historic Places
National Historic Landmark
National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____ *Please provide acreage*
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Melrose Lyer* Date *5/2/84* Phone: _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 3/29/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 3 of 3

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Central Business District Multiple Resource Area
State Galveston County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Texas Heroes Monument

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grovona 8/14/84

Attest

22. U.S. National Bank

**Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

for Melores Byers 8/14/84

Attest

23. Merimax Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grovona 1/24/85

Attest

24.

Keeper

Attest

25.

Keeper

Attest

26.

Keeper

Attest

27.

Keeper

Attest

28.

Keeper

Attest

29.

Keeper

Attest

30.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

U.S. National Bank (Central
Business District MRA)
Galveston County
TEXAS

Working No. 3/29/84

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/6/85

Date Due: 8/19/84

Action: ACCEPT 8-14-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK

ONE WAY

Galveston Central Business District
Multiple Resource Nomination
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

Photo by Ellen Beasley, May 1982; neg. on file at
Texas Historical Commission, Austin

Site No. 11, U.S. National Bank, 2201 Market,
looking southwest.

Photo 19 of 32

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000842