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Site No. 2

Photo No. 2

✓ Name: Farmers National Bank

Historic Name: same

✓ Address: 68 West Elm St,

Date: ca. 1885; 1913

Present Owner: Colonial Trust Co.  
P.O. Box 406  
Hillsboro, Texas 76695

Block/Lot: Block 5, W. 21 ft. Lot 1

Acreage: Less than one acre

Original Use: Bank

Current Use: Bank

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Hillsboro West

UTM Reference: 676 540/3542920

Architectural Description:

Physical Condition: Excellent

Date(s) of Alterations: ca. 1911, faced with new brick, classical facade added.

This Classical Revival, two-story, rectangular, commercial building, constructed of kiln-dried brick, stone, and concrete features two monumental, cast-concrete Ionic columns with smooth shafts between the wide entrance. Additional cast-concrete ornamentation graces the front facade with its single-arched window opening extending across the width. Window sills and frames are of white limestone. A full limestone entablature with large dentils and a slightly projecting cornice crowns the building. The built-up (composite) roof is topped with a decorative stone balustrade extending around the west side. Imported marble was used for trim, walls, and wainscoting in the interior. Many old and attractive interior furnishings have been retained. The building was remodeled about 1913 with the application of a new brick covering and the addition of a classical facade. The basement was also enlarged and two additional vaults added. The original, angled, street entrance was eliminated by structural changes.

Significance:

Period: 1800-1899; 1900-

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Commerce

Comparable to the Classical Revival bank at the opposite end of the block, the Farmers National Bank building is an important landmark in Hillsboro, and is one of its most architecturally significant structures. Although extensively remodeled about 1913, its early-20th-century architectural integrity remains intact. The Farmers National Bank, organized and chartered in 1887, was, until its purchase by the Colonial Trust Company

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in 1931, the oldest National bank in Hillsboro.

The Farmer's National relocated to its present site in 1898 after acquiring the assets of the Hill County National Bank. The original incorporators of the bank were largely farmers and stockmen, and throughout the late 19th and early 20th century, Farmers National Bank played an important role in the development of Hillsboro and Hill County. The bank was also active in the development of other lines of industry. Among the prominent persons associated with the bank in its early years were J.D. Warren, the first president, and T.S. Smith, an Attorney General of Texas.

**Bibliography:**

Hillsboro Reporter, July 21, 1966.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Hillsboro Multiple Resource Area  
State Hill County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Farmers National Bank

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

Attest

2. Gebhardt Bakery

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

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3. Grimes House

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4. Grimes Garage

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5. Hill County Cotton Oil  
Company

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Eligible - Beth Grovorn 3/30/84

Attest

6. Hillsboro Cotton Mills

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7. Hillsboro Residential  
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grovorn 7/9/84

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8. Old Rock Saloon

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9. Sturgis National Bank

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10. Tarlton Building

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farmers National Bank (Hillsboro MRA)  
Hill County  
TEXAS

Working No. 2-15-84  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: ~~3/15/84~~ 3/31/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 3/30/84  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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



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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

Franklin National Bank (Hill County, Texas)  
Hill County  
Texas

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National Register

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_





Historic Resources of Hillsboro  
Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas  
Site No. 2, Farmers National Bank, 68 W. Elm  
Photographer: Ellen Beasley, Spring 1982  
Negative on file, Texas Historical Commission,  
Austin  
View: west elevation, camera facing south  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000846