

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

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

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Site No. 3

✓ Historic Name: Sturgis National Bank
S. Waco and W. Elm Sts.

Photo No. 3

Date: 1893; ca. 1905

Present Owner: Lana Markward
Citizens National Bank
116 East Franklin
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Block/Lot: Block 5, E. 26 ft. Lot 8

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 676630/3542920

Original Use: Bank

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

Architectural Description:

Physical Condition: Good

Date(s) of Alterations: ca. 1905

A Classical Revival, brick-stone-and-concrete, commercial buildings with a rectangular plan, two stories, and a built-up (composite) roof with a pediment-shaped parapet at front, this bank building features wooden and fixed-glass windows and doors, as well as stone window sills and lintels. The main transomed entrance is enhanced with classical detailing. The front is dominated by a two-story, attached, monumental, Classical Greek portico of stone with fluted Doric columns resting on massive brick pedestals, and a full entablature supporting the large pediment.

Significance:

Period: 1800-1899, 1900-

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Commerce

This fine early-20th-century bank building, with its monumental Classical Revival facade, is architecturally significant and serves as a prominent downtown landmark situated on the northeast corner of S. Waco and W. Elm streets. No other commercial building in Hillsboro, except for the Farmers National Bank building within the same block, exhibits such an imposing facade. The Sturgis Bank, one of the first in Hill County, had its origin in 1875 as a private institution owned by pioneer Hillsboro bankers Jo Abbott and George F. Sturgis. After acquiring Abbott's interest in the bank, the Sturgis family continued to operate the enterprise until 1894. In 1887 the bank was nationalized and became known as the Sturgis National Bank. In 1912, it was consolidated with the Citizens National Bank, which has gained notoriety as the largest financial institution in Hill County.

Bibliography:

Hillsboro Mirror, June 18, 1930.

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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

Delores Byers 3/30/84

Attest

2. Gebhardt Bakery

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 3/30/84

Attest

3. Grimes House

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National Register

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4. Grimes Garage

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National Register

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5. Hill County Cotton Oil
Company

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Eligible - Beth Grovena 3/30/84

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6. Hillsboro Cotton Mills

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 3/30/84

Attest

7. Hillsboro Residential
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grovena 7/9/84

Attest

8. Old Rock Saloon

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National Register

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9. Sturgis National Bank

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National Register

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10. Tarlton Building

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Delores Byers 3/30/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Sturgis 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: _____

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____



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↑ CORSICANA 41
↑ MEXIA 47
WHITNEY 12 →
CLEBURNE 29 →

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Historic Resources of Hillsboro
Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas
Site No. 3, Citizens National Bank, 50 W. Elm
Photographer: Ellen Beasley, Spring 1982
Negative on file, Texas Historical Commission,
Austin
View: north 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