

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

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Old Continental State Bank

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 312 Oak Street N/A not for publication

city, town Roanoke N/A vicinity of

state Texas code 048 county Denton code 121

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
district	public	occupied	agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	museum
structure	both	work in progress	commercial
site	Public Acquisition		educational
object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	entertainment
	being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	industrial
			military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Frank L. Fanning

street & number 7213 Tamarack Road

city, town Fort Worth N/A vicinity of state Texas 76116

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk and Recorder, Denton County

street & number Courthouse

city, town Denton state Texas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1986 federal state county local

depository for survey records Texas Historical Commission

city, town Austin state Texas

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" 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			N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old Continental State Bank Building in Roanoke, Texas, is the most intact of the few remaining historic commercial structures in a Denton County town that once served as an economic center for the prosperous ranching region between Fort Worth and Denton. Its early twentieth-century, commercial, vernacular design represents the typical business building in turn-of-the-century communities of the region.

Constructed in 1906, the Continental Bank Building is a vernacular, early twentieth-century commercial structure built of light-tan brick. The flat-roofed building--with its simple corbeled brick parapet and decorative, false chimneys at the four corners--faces east on Oak Street, the main commercial avenue of the town. Designed as a corner building (although a vacant lot, rather than a street, is adjacent to the north), the one-story, single-bay structure is characterized by a three-section storefront window. Double-hung, 1 x 1 windows flank the large and fixed center pane, while a pair of transoms each marked by three vertical panes surmounts the storefront window.

The single-entry door, flanked by single-pane sidelights and surmounted by a three-part transom, is recessed beneath the building mass in a forty-five degree cut into the northeast corner at the lintel line. The projecting building corner above the recessed entry is supported by a slender, painted iron column. A simple metal canopy, suspended by iron bars from the paneled brick spandrel beneath the cornice, projects over the sidewalk at the level of the transom sills, turning the corner in order to shelter the entire recessed entry.

The corbeled brick cornice and panel beneath are the only detailed features of the solid-brick, north elevation.

The original, decorative, pressed-metal ceiling survives in the single large banking room, as does the massive-walled vault with its classically detailed, broken pediment door. Wooden and wrought-iron partitions that served as teller cages and work areas also survive.

The bank is located in the commercial area of the northern Texas village of Roanoke. Surrounding structures generally consist of altered or deteriorated older buildings or relatively new construction. The only outbuilding associated with the present site was a two-unit outhouse, long since demolished, located toward the rear of the property.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation				
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)				

Specific dates 1906 Builder/Architect not known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Continental State Bank, constructed in 1906, is the most intact of the few remaining, early commercial structures in Roanoke (1980 population 910). Its simple design, which was typical of commercial buildings in small towns of the region during the early 1900s, belies its former importance as the center of economic life in its prosperous, cattle-raising community for many years. Recent restoration has returned the structure to an important place in the community as a visually prominent commercial building.

Platted in 1881 by the Texas & Pacific Railroad, the town of Roanoke was to serve as a major shipping point for the large cattle ranches of southern Denton County for many years. Several ranches in the vicinity had thousands of head of grazing cattle at any given time; the Sam Reynolds Ranch, which began some two miles north of town, by itself consisted of over 8,000 acres of fenced grazing land.

For more than 20 years following the town's founding, area cattlemen conducted their business without the use of a local bank. Typical of business dealings in frontier communities, cattle buying and selling occurred with large amounts of cash changing hands, agreements being sealed usually with a handshake. By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, Sam Reynolds and other local ranchers and businessmen recognized the growing need for a local bank where cash could safely be handled and deposited, and where business transactions could be made someplace other than in one of the many local saloons. Without a local bank, cowboy couriers had, for two decades, been sent the eighteen miles to Fort Worth or fifteen to Denton to obtain or deposit cash. The danger of robbery or embezzlement had increased, however, and the opening of the Continental State Bank in 1906 provided a safe, stable place for cattle business and deposits. Over twenty local retail businesses also utilized the bank's services during the prosperous period of Roanoke's history.

The Great Depression of the 1930s brought changing conditions in the ranching industry and altered credit needs and banking habits in the agricultural communities of northern Texas. In 1936, the main office of the Continental Bank in Fort Worth deeded the Roanoke building to Claude W. Fanning, a local businessman who, as clerk-treasurer, operated the Roanoke Federal Credit Union in the building until 1959. Thus the structure continued to serve the financial needs of Roanoke and retained its place as the economic center of the community for another two decades.

Few of the structures representing the area's period of prosperity, from 1881 to 1929, remain today in Roanoke. Recent restoration has stabilized the exterior of the Continental State Bank Building while retaining its significant interior details. It remains as the most intact historic commercial building in the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Corporation Deed, Book 289, p. 409, 1-28-1941, Denton County Records
Two articles in Miracle Media, Roanoke, Texas, January 29 and July 20, 1985.
Oral history, interviews by F. L. Fanning with Mr. Hise Seagraves et al., Roanoke, Texas.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less the 1 acre

Quadrangle name Colleyville, Tex.

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UTM References

A

1	4	6	6	5	4	6	0
Zone	Easting	Northing					

B

Zone	Easting	Northing					

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification Portions of lots 1, 2, and 3, block 12, of original town of Roanoke: i.e., the northwesterly 23.67 ft. of lot fronting on Oak Street and the corresponding portions of lots 2 and 3 adjacent, incorporating the bank building and vacant land at rear, under same ownership.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ron Emrich (and Peter Flagg Maxson, THC)

organization Urban Prospects **date** January 28, 1986

street & number 2704 Hondo **telephone** (214) 521-9669

city or town Dallas **state** Texas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3 June 1986

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Linda McClelland
Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The bank is nominated in the areas of architecture and commerce. While it is a relatively simple building architecturally, and commercially its influence never extended beyond the hamlet of Roanoke, it is nonetheless true that the interior fittings--pressed-tin ceilings, safe door frontispiece, and especially the cabinetry--are a rare and unusually intact survival for a turn-of-the-century commercial building in its region.

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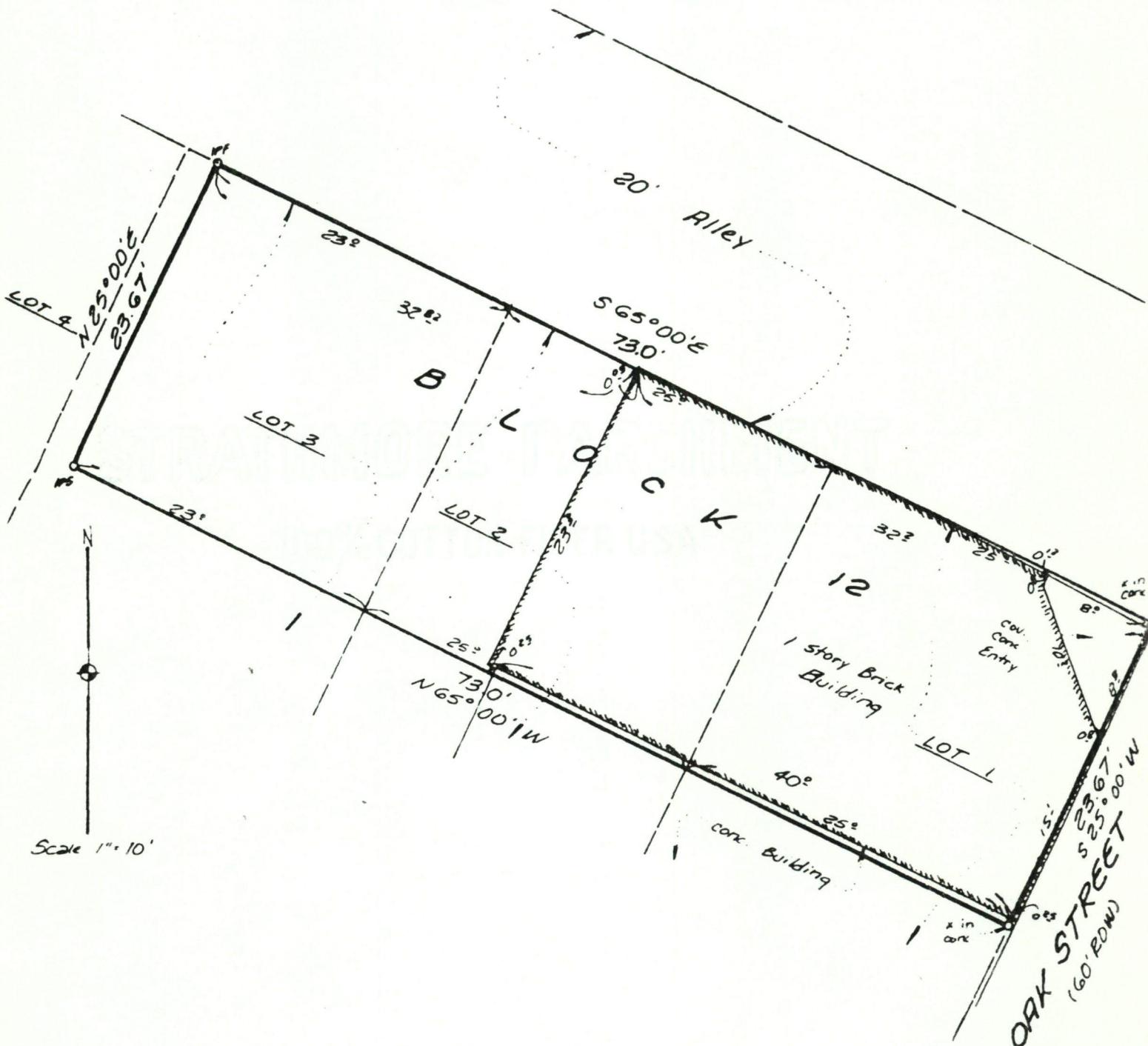
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Continental State Bank
Denton County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Substantive Review: sample

request

appeal

NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. JUN 17 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 7/1/86 - 8/1/86

Action: ACCEPT 7-22-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Recom./Criteria A & C Accept

Reviewer Zm Clelland

Discipline Arch Hist

Date 7/22/86

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

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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

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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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: _____



Old Continental State Bank

312 Oak Street, Roanoke, Denton County, Texas

photo by Ron Emrich, May 1986, negative with the
Texas Historical Commission, Austin

View of the east front and north side taken from
Oak Street to the northeast of the building.

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ROANOKE, TEXAS

View of the east front and north side
taken from Oak Street to the northeast
of the building.

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Old Continental State Bank
312 Oak Street, Roanoke, Denton County, Texas
photo by Ron Emrich, May 1986, negative with the
Texas Historical Commission, Austin
View of the east front taken from Oak Street facing
west.
Date: May 1986
Photo 2 of 5
HOUSE OF THE
CONTINENTAL STATE BANK OF
ROANOKE, TEXAS
View of the east front taken from Oak
Street facing west.



Mr. Stone

✓

Elmer Yancey

PHOTOGRAPH #1

Old Continental State Bank

312 Oak Street, Roanoke, Denton County, Texas

historic photograph taken August 1911 (see calendar),

print with the Texas Historical Commission, Austin
View of the vault entrance; photographer facing west.

Unidentified bank examiner, left; C.B. Stone, bank
president, center; Clint Yancey, cashier, right.

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Pictured is an unidentified Bank
Examiner, Mr. C. B. Stone, then
bank president, and Mr. Clint Yancey,
bank cashier.



BOOK KEEPER

Continental State Bank

Oak Street, Roanoke, Denton County, TX

Photograph by F. L. Fanning

Old Continental State Bank

312 Oak Street, Roanoke, Denton County, Texas

photo by F. L. Fanning, 1986, negative with the

Looking Texas Historical Commission, Austin

No Looking east, inside building

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Old Continental State Bank
312 Oak Street, Roanoke, Denton County, Texas
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Texas Historical Commission, Austin

View of the vault door, middle section of the bank,
photographer looking west.

photo 5 of 5
Vault door 75 years after
photograph #1. Door operates well.

Photograph taken from the south.

middle section of the back with the
photographer looking west.

