National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

Historic name Deerfield State Bank

Other names/site number Deerfield United States Post Office; Bacon Drug Store  KHRI #093-17

Name of related Multiple Property Listing N/A

2. Location

Street & number 602 Main Street

City or town Deerfield

State Kansas Code KS County Kearny Code 093 Zip code 67838

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this _X_ nomination _request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property _X_ _meets _does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

__ national _X_ statewide _X_ local

Applicable National Register Criteria: _X_ A __B __C __D

See file.

Signature of certifying official/Title Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO Date

Kansas State Historical Society

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

__entered in the National Register _X_ determined eligible for the National Register

__determined not eligible for the National Register _removed from the National Register

__other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
## Deerfield State Bank
### 5. Classification

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### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**
- Commerce/Trade: Financial Institution
- Commerce/Trade: Drug Store
- Government: Post Office

**Current Functions**
- Work in Progress

### 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**
- Late 19th & Early 20th Century American
- Movements: Commercial Style

**Materials**
- foundation: Concrete & Brick
- walls: Brick
- Metal
- roof: Asphalt/Tar
- other:
Narrative Description

Summary

The 1907 Deerfield State Bank is located at 602 Main Street in Deerfield (2010 pop: 700), Kearny County, Kansas just two blocks north of the Santa Fe Railroad tracks. The two-story brick building occupies a corner lot at the northeast corner of Main and East 6th streets (Figures 1 & 3). Distinguishing features of the building include the patterned brick parapet, canted bank entrance, and large arch-top display windows. To the east of the brick building is a one-story wood-frame structure with pressed metal siding and a simple metal parapet on the south façade. Both buildings are considered contributing resources.

Elaboration

Site
The Deerfield State Bank is located at the intersection of 6th and Main. It is one block away from the Santa Fe Railroad tracks, directly across from a fitness center, and to the north is the Deerfield Fire Station. The building is located just a block north of the Santa Fe Railroad, a block east of another historic building owned by the Kearny County Historical Society, the 1923 Texaco Station (NRHP, 2007). There are no trees surrounding the structure. Although the legal parcel associated with this building contains two lots, the building itself only occupies the west half of the south lot; the north lot historically was vacant. The parcel is open grassy area with a chain-link fence on the north, east, and south sides. A concrete sidewalk runs along the west and south facades.

Exterior
The building as is stands today holds much of its original charm. The exterior of the bank still has the original red bricks as it did when it was first built. Three of the exterior walls (east, south, and west) are smooth brick while the north wall has a roughness to it due to the prospect of another building being placed along this wall; however, this never occurred. A patterned brick parapet also runs the length of the public facades. A stone base runs along the west and south facades.

The west façade faces Main Street (Photo 1). The street level contains a historic wooden door with rectangular transom at the north end of the wall and a large arch-top display window to the south of the door. The arch is made of three brick courses. The window itself is historic with a single pane of glass in the bottom half and a rounded upper window divided into three vertical lights; the window works on a pulley system. The upper level contains two rectangular masonry openings. The original window units have been replaced at an unknown date with smaller wooden units and brick infill, but the original masonry openings are discernible. This is a typical treatment on the building unless noted otherwise. The upper portions of the masonry openings are surrounded by rectangular brick surrounds (typical of all upper windows). All windows on the building have simple stone sills that are in line with a brick datum that runs the length of the public facades.

The building’s main entrance is located in the canted southwest corner of the building (Photo 1). The entrance is through a single, historic wooden door. This door has a lunette transom window above it that is made mainly out of glass. The original door consists mainly of glass but is also bordered by wood. A single window is located above the door.

The south façade faces 6th Street (Photos 1 & 2). The ground level has five historic masonry openings. The westernmost opening is a round-arch display window like that on the west façade. To the east of this window is a historic double-hung window. To the east of this window is a historic Craftsman style door (three lights in upper third with two vertical panels below). Another door is located to the east of this door. The easternmost masonry opening contains a large rectangular display window with steel lintel. The window has four vertical lights in the top third and two vertical lights in the bottom part of the window. The bulkhead is brick of a different type than the remaining wall, indicating this window, although historic, was potentially installed after the building’s construction. A corrugated metal awning covers this window and sidewalk and is supported by three metal poles. Five masonry openings are located in the upper façade. The opening second from the west is wider than the others; the windows located in the center and east bays appear to be historic one-over-ones (there is not brick infill in these openings).

The east façade is partially obscured by the one-story building attached to the east of the brick building (Photos 2 & 3). Two historic openings are visible in the upper portion of the façade. The south window is a historic one-over-one window. The north window is covered on the interior and exterior, so its condition/integrity is currently unknown.
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The north façade is unadorned and has a stepped parapet (Photo 3). One masonry opening is located at the upper level at the west end. This historic exterior door exits onto a metal staircase that leads down to the east along the wall, leading to a concrete pad. Underneath the fire escape is a yellow sign, advertising a circus that had come to Deerfield.

Attached to the east of the brick building is a one-story structure built around the same time as the bank building. The building is completely covered by historic pressed metal siding that emulates common bond brick. The south façade has a simple metal cornice along the top of the parapet (Photo 2). Two openings are located in this façade. The western opening is a wood-framed opening; a wooden window (with historic screen) is to the east of this door. The word “BEER” can still be found painted above the door and window from when this building was the original bar of Deerfield.

The east façade has a stepped parapet and two openings located at the north end of the wall (Photos 2 & 3). The south opening is a window that is in poor condition. A wooden door is located to the north of this window. A single window (covered) is located in the center of the north façade (Photo 3).

Interior
There are no photographs of the original interior of the bank; however, the interior appears to retain its historic 1907 materials and design. Overall materials include plaster ceilings and walls, metal ceilings in some rooms, wood trim, wood floors (some covered by carpet upstairs), and several historic five-panel doors.
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The main bank room is accessed through the main entrance in the building’s southwest wall (Photos 4 through 6). The room has high ceilings, which still include the original metal tiles. The room is also accessed through a door at the west end of the north wall that leads to a small foyer at the foot of the interior stair, accessed by the door in the west elevation (Photos 6 & 8). A door at the east end of the north wall leads into the space beneath the interior stair that was converted into a bathroom sometime after the building ceased to be used for a bank (Photo 6). On the north wall between the two doors is a slate chalk board; this slate was used by the post master, during the time that the building was a post office. At the north end of the east wall is the historic bank vault (Figure 2) (Photo 4). The vault has an arched ceiling and several historic vault inspection stamps from when it was Deerfield State Bank. A water heater was installed in this room at an unknown date. To the east still sits the original gas lantern that lit the inside of the vault.

At the south end of the main room’s east wall is a door into the former bank president’s office (Photos 4 & 7). This room has an exterior door and window in the south wall but is otherwise bare. The ceiling plaster has almost completely failed, but the floor and wood trim are extant. There is a room to the east of the office that is accessed through a door in the south façade; this room was not accessed during a recent site visit.

The upper level is accessed by an interior wooden stair at the north end of the building (Photo 8). The door on the west façade opens into a foyer that leads directly onto the west-east running stair; a door in the foyer’s south wall leads into the main bank room. The stairway retains most of its plaster and wood trim.

At the top of the stair is a small landing. A door in the landing’s south wall leads into a room in the center of the building (Photo 9). Immediately to the east upon entering this room is a bathroom, installed in the 1970s. The center room itself has a wood floor covered with carpet, but the ceiling is historic metal tiles. Two historic doors (one at the south and one at the north) in the center room’s west wall lead into the west room (Photo 10); this wall is covered in non-historic wood paneling. This room also has a historic metal tile ceiling, exposed wood floor, and historic trim. An exterior door in the north wall leads onto the metal fire escape.

A door in the east wall of the upper landing leads into a large room at the east end of the building (Photo 11). Although the historic metal ceiling is extant in this space, its condition is poor due to a former roof leak. Likewise, the wood floor has been compromised by water damage. The room retains most of its historic finishes, including plaster walls and wood trim.

The interior of the one-story building was inaccessible during a recent site visit; however, it was partially viewable through the south exterior door (Photo 12). Historic doors, trim, and floor appear to be intact, at least in the south room. The two buildings are not internally connected.

In 1935, Deerfield State Bank merged with the Kearny State Bank and then in 1946 this bank merged with Lakin State Bank, and eventually became what is known today as the Kearny County Bank. When the bank moved to Kearny, Kansas in 1935, the building was used as the Bacon Drug store and Deerfield US Post Office. The post office was stationed there from 1962-1972. A slate chalk board still hangs on the wall where the post master, Henry Van Doren, would keep tabs on the mail. Also, the original front door still has a mail slot where those would drop off their outgoing mail.

Eventually the post office moved from the bank, and the Meyers family moved into the building for about 40 years, 1974-2013. When they lived in the building they did make some changes to the interior of the building. The family had some extra plumbing installed in order to have a bathroom installed under the staircase they also sectioned off the second floor into three rooms and added another bathroom. In order to accommodate a gas stove the family had a gas line installed so that it ran to the stove.
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Figure 3: Boundary Map (Google Earth).
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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria  
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations  
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance  
Commerce

Period of Significance  
1907-1935

Significant Dates  
1907

1935

Significant Person  
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

Period of Significance (justification)  
Deerfield State Bank received its charter in 1906 and its building was constructed in 1907; the bank was continuously in use until 1935, when it merged with the Kearney County Bank.

Criteria Considerations (justification)  
N/A
Chartered on November 30th, 1906, with a capital stock of $10,000.00, the Deerfield State Bank began construction of its new two-story brick building in January 1907. Before the building was completed, the bank operated out of the Corner Grocery (Owner: William A. Swords). On August 10, 1907 the brick building was complete and the bank moved to its permanent spot at 602 Main Street. Deerfield State Bank was the first bank in Deerfield, Kearny County. From 1906-1935, the Deerfield State Bank was operated by the A.G. Campbell Family. A.G. held controlling interest and was the bank president. Carl Campbell (A.G.’s son) was a cashier, and Catherine (Campbell) Van Doren (A.G. Campbell’s daughter) was a teller. In 1935 Deerfield State Bank merged with the Kearny County Bank and relocated, ending its period of significance. Deerfield State Bank is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with Deerfield’s early commerce.

In 1873 Kearny County was first created by the Kansas legislature. Five of the earliest settlers include: John O’Loughlin, A.B. Boylan, T. D. Brockett, E. S. Show, and C. Co. Chapman. Kearny County was named after a United States Army officer, General Philip Kearny who is known for being a leader in both the Mexican-American War and the American War. Within Kearny County there are two prominent cities, Lakin and Deerfield.

One of the very first settlers of Kearny County was Richard Joice. Mr. Joice was an employee of the Santa Fe railroad; he settled in Kearny County in the month of July of 1873. In July 1874 Alonzo B. Boylan was the next settler to come to Kearny County. Boylan worked as an operator for the Santa Fe and was originally stationed in Dodge City; however, he was later stationed to the newly organized Lakin within Kearny County. A year after settling at Kearny County, Mr. Boylan’s family, wife and children, Lenora Victoria and Ambrose Bradner joined him. The Boylans lived in the largest house in Lakin. This house was provided by the Santa Fe Railway Company and was also used as the church, Sunday school meetings, and as social affairs for the town. John O’Loughlin settled in Kearny County in October, 1873. J. O’Loughlin, his mother and two children were originally from County Clare, Ireland. J. O’Loughlin was the very first merchant within Lakin.

Not long after Lakin was settled, in 1874, Deerfield was settled in 1878. The name “Deerfield” came from a large herd of deer that was in the same vicinity of Deerfield at the time. The very first settlers of Deerfield were Alva Cleveland and her sons, Henry and George. These three moved into the southwest end of Deerfield. In 1881 many new settlers came to Deerfield. Sarah Lee and her daughter and son-in-law, J.W. Wells, were the next to settle. Then Allen and Myles Lee came next, they settled on the east side of Deerfield. In 1882, the sister of Henry and George Cleveland, Mrs. Caswell and her daughter, Dolly moved to Deerfield. A year after moving to Deerfield, Dolly married a man by the name of Samuel H. Corbett who moved to Deerfield in 1881. Deerfield saw its very first post office established in 1882; shortly after the town school followed it.

Twenty-four years after Deerfield was established A.G. Campbell and his two sons moved to town. The Campbell family was very prominent within Deerfield. They were responsible for many businesses within both Deerfield and Kearny County. For instance, the Campbells conducted businesses in farming, stock raising, merchandising, and banking.
Deerfield State Bank was significant to Deerfield because it was the only bank in Deerfield in the early 1900's. This might have contributed to the 1920 Bank robbery. On September 21st, 1920 The Garden City Telegram reported that the Deerfield State Bank had been robbed on August 29th, 1920; on the following day the Wichita Beacon also reported about the robbery. According to both newspapers, the robbers broke through the back door of the bank and then burrowed through the vault wall; by doing this the robbers protected the vault door from any damage. Once inside the vault the robbers took about $300 in silver and then $2,500 in safety deposit boxes; according to the Garden City Telegram within those safety deposit boxes were Liberty bonds. The robbers however were never caught; this is mainly due to the cleanup work after the robbery. After taking the money, the robbers wiped down every surface they had touched with a wet towel to prevent any fingerprints from being found.

Deerfield State Bank only survived approximately 15 years following the robbery. In 1930 the bank president and owner, A.G. Campbell died and left the deed to his two sons, Earl and Carl, as well his daughter; Mary Thornbrough. In 1935, five years after the death of A.G. Campbell, it was decided that the Deerfield State Bank would merge with the Kearney County Bank and reside in Lakin by the common ownership at that time.

On November 30th, 1906 the Deerfield State Bank officially received its charter from the state of Kansas with A.G. Campbell as the president of the bank. According to the Garden City newspaper, The Evening Telegram, the Deerfield State Bank opened up for business on approximately January 15th, 1907 in a temporary location. The need for the temporary location was because the building at 602 Main Street was still under construction.

In August 1907, nearly eight months after first opening, the Deerfield State Bank moved to its permanent location at 602 Main Street. The new bank was a big deal to not only Deerfield but also Kearny County because banking was very limited. For instance, within Kearny County Mr. O' Loughlin was entrusted by many Kearny County inhabitants with their money because he owned a store and was well respected. Mr. O'Loughlin would keep the money in many different locations such as “coffee cans, under bolts of calico, beneath kegs of fish, and anywhere that one would not expect to find it.” As the years went on the need for a formal banking system was found necessary. The Kearny County residents decided to set up a makeshift bank in a storehouse in Deerfield. Unfortunately this storehouse had become too small as Kearny County grew so the town decided to tear it down and they moved the bank to larger quarters. In 1909, two years after first opening, the Deerfield State Bank became a county depository along with the Kearney County Bank and Lakin Bank.

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19 "Robbers Make Big Haul At Deerfield State Bank.”
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was officially closed. In 1946 though, the Kearny County Bank, in which the Deerfield State Bank merged, also merged with the Lakin State Bank a majority of it being bought by the Garden National Bank from local residents.21 Throughout this merging the Campbell family retained its spot as the bank’s minority interest.22 After 1935, the Bacon Drug Store occupied a portion of the building (Figure 4).

Although it is unknown exactly when the one-story structure was built to the east of the bank building, the building appears in historic images of the bank (Figure 5). Local tradition states this building housed Deerfield’s first bar.

The United States Postal Service located in the Deerfield State Bank building from 1962-1972. The Hagler family moved into the building in 1972, and lived there until 1974. Eventually the Meyers family moved into the building in 1974 and lived there until 2013. However, after the family moved, the old Deerfield State Bank building remained vacant into the present day and is owned by Kala Lee Fortin.23 Since the closing of the Deerfield State Bank, in 1935, no bank has inhabited the city of Deerfield; however, an ATM express has been placed along the highway.24

The Deerfield State Bank was significant for its time. The business, Deerfield’s only bank, operated for 30 years, and the building shows how an early 1900’s bank looked and functioned. It allows the residents of Deerfield to envision what the beginning of their town would have been like. This bank building is also the most intact, if not the only, extant building from Deerfield’s early 20th century commercial district (Figure 5). As such, it is significant as one of the best tangible links to this era of Deerfield’s history.

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21 “The Kearny County Bank.”
22 “The Kearny County Bank.”
23 In 1940, five years after closing, Earl Campbell transferred his portion of the deed to his brother Carl. Six years later Carl sold the deed to a Julian Wilbur Wells. J.W. Wells had the deed for about 13 years until his death in 1961. J.W. Wells’s daughters, Mildred Hagler and Eleanor Moore, became sole owners of the building until 1972. On July 8, 1972 Grant Meyers and his wife Lulu, became joint tenants with Eleanor and A.W. Moore and Mildred and L.W. Hagler. Two years after becoming joint tenants, Grant and Lulu became the sole deed owners. Lulu’s death in 2001 split up the building’s ownership between 12 family members of Lulu’s family. It was not until May 10, 2013 that the current owner, Kala Lee Fortin, took control of the deed.
9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)


History of Kearny County Kansas Volume I

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10. Geographical Data

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Provide latitude/longitude coordinates OR UTM coordinates.
(Place additional coordinates on a continuation page.)

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates
Datum if other than WGS84:__________
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)
The boundary of this nomination place is defined as Lots 11 & 12 in Block 8, in the City of Deerfield, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)
Boundary includes the building and the land historically associated with the building.

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Name of Property: Deerfield State Bank
City or Vicinity: Deerfield
County: Kearny
State: Kansas
Photographer: Amanda K. Loughlin (KSHS)
Date Photographed: March 2018

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

01 of 12: Looking NE at west and south facades
02 of 12: Looking NW at south and east facades
03 of 12: Looking SW at east and north facades
04 of 12: Main level, main room, looking SE from near NW corner of room
05 of 12: Main level, main room, looking SSW from east wall, toward main entrance
06 of 12: Main level, main room, looking NW
07 of 12: Main level, east room, looking SW
08 of 12: Stairwell, looking down (and west) from second level
09 of 12: Second level, middle room, looking SW from near top of stair
10 of 12: Second level, west room, looking north
11 of 12: Second level, east room, looking SE
12 of 12: Main level of east addition, looking NE from south door