

Resource Number: PU0203
Historic Name: FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
Alternate Historic Name:
Located in a district: NOT LOCATED IN A DISTRICT
Address: 123 W 3RD
Listed or National Historic Landmark: Listed
Date of National Register Listing: 10/23/1986
Architect: THOMPSON & HARDING
Primary Style Influences: 22-20th Century Standard Commercial
Secondary Style Influences: 10-Classical Revival

The Little Rock branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis opened in 1919 and occupied office space in the Southern Trust Building on West 2nd Street. Local architects Charles Thompson and Thomas Harding designed the structure, paying close attention to the special requirements of a Federal Reserve bank. The Federal Reserve Bank remained in this building until 1966 when they moved to a new and larger structure on West Capitol Avenue.¹ Charles Louis Thompson was a highly prolific architect who created one of the most successful architectural practices in Arkansas during the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries. His firm designed more than two thousand buildings, of which hundreds still exist today.²

Owners/Occupants:³

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Vault and security facility
Janie Bushman

Additional info:

Read the **Sandwiching in History Tour** by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program for this property.
<http://www.arkansaspreservation.com/Learn-More/sandwiching-in-history-archives>

For more information and photos of **Charles Thompson**, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/charles-louis-thompson-28/>

To view **drawings of Charles Thompson**, see the Old State House Museum:
<http://www.oldstatehouse.com/search-collections>

¹ United States Department of the Interior. "Federal Reserve Bank Building" *National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*, 1877. Accessed July 11, 2019.

² "Thompson, Charles Louis." Encyclopedia of Arkansas. Accessed July 18, 2019. <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/charles-louis-thompson-28/>.

³ United States Department of the Interior. "Federal Reserve Bank Building" *National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*, 1877. Accessed July 11, 2019.