

Resource Number:	PU0220
Historic Name:	Y M C A - DEMOCRAT BUILDING
Alternate Historic Name:	ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE BUILDING
Located in a district:	NOT LOCATED IN A DISTRICT
Address:	123 E CAPITOL
Listed or National Historic Landmark:	Listed
Date of National Register Listing:	6/11/1992
Architect:	SANDERS & GIBB
Primary Style Influences:	22-20th Century Standard Commercial
Secondary Style Influences:	10-Classical Revival

Designed in 1904 by Sanders and Gibb, the YMCA Building is an example of Renaissance Revival architecture. Its site was the original location of the territorial capitol and the building itself was the first YMCA facility constructed in Arkansas.<sup>1</sup>

The Democrat moved into the building, which is the only extant structure associated with the newspaper's development, in 1930. The Democrat was founded as the Arkansas Evening Star circa 1871, and since that time has made a significant contribution to Arkansas his story in the areas of journalism and communications. The Democrat is the second oldest newspaper in the state and its Owners and editor from 1878-1902, Professor James Mitchell, was recognized as the states 9 most influential journaust. From 1926-1968 the newspaper was controlled by another prominent Arkansan, K. A. Engle.<sup>2</sup>

Owners or Occupants:<sup>3</sup>

YMCA  
Arkansas Democrat Newspaper

Additional Info:

For more information and photo of architect **Theodore Sanders**, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/theodore-marcus-sanders-7710/>

For more information on the **Arkansas Democrat Gazette**, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/arkansas-democrat-gazette-2343/>

For more information and photo of **Professor James Mitchell**, owner and editor of the Arkansas Democrat from 1878 - 1902, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/james-mitchell-27/>

For more information and photo of founder **James Newton Smithee**, see the Encyclopedia of Arkansas:  
<https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/james-newton-smithee-2845/>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Department of the Interior. "YMCA-Democrat Building" *National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*, 1877. Accessed July 11, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.