

*Federal Bank Reserve Building  
301 S. Louisiana Street/ 123 W. Third Street  
Little Rock, AR*

*Building Specifics:*

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MAIN BUILDING GROSS</b>	<b>ANNEX BUILDING GROSS</b>
Bas'mt	Storage/ Vault/Mech	8222 sq. ft.	N/A sq. ft.
Ground	Office/Entries Parking	8268	5732
2ND	Offices/ Unfin.Area	7257	6000
3RD	Offices/ Unfin.Area	7091	6000
Penthouse	Mechanical	1123	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>		31961 sq. ft.	17732 sq. ft.
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		49,693 square feet	

*Year of Construction:* 1924

*Added to Historic Registry:* Oct. 23, 1986

*Physical Description:*

The 1924 Federal Reserve Bank Building is a three-story, modestly detailed, Neo-Classical design constructed of reinforced concrete faced with limestone. The primary, or Third Street elevation is symmetrical and the elevated bronze entry doors are flanked by four engaged Doric columns which divide the facade into five, two-story window bays. A stone eagle rests atop the date place which is located on the entrance surround. The Louisiana Street facade features two large square columns framing a bay of two-story windows. Windows throughout the building are metal casements with stationary panes above. A horizontal band of attic windows, sandwiched between two cornice lines, and a simple parapet crown the building. Although ornamentation is sparse, there is a large emblem centered on the parapet above the main entrance and medallions along the frieze are centered above the columns.

*History:*

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 Second Street. Property was purchased in 1921 at the corner of Third and Louisiana Streets but construction of a new bank building did not begin until early in 1924. The decision to locate the building on Louisiana was indicative of a reorientation of the financial community's facilities southward from Second to Louisiana Street. Local architects designed to meet the special requirements of a Federal Reserve Bank. The Federal Reserve Bank remained in this building until 1966 when it moved to a new and larger structure on West Capitol Avenue. The building has recently been adapted for use as a vault and security facility, storage, and office space.

*Paranormal Interest:*

1. The building is constructed of Limestone, which in theory is said to be a conductor of paranormal activity.
2. Being in close proximity to the Arkansas River, with also Fourche Creek and Rock Creek running through the city. It is believed that water, especially running water, gives entities more energy to manifest.
3. The underground creeks (Fourche and Rock) that dump into the Arkansas River nearby, may give possibilities for the paranormal activities which are said to occur in the basement in the four separate vaults. The vaults are constructed of 2 ½ foot 'steel crete'.