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Historical National Bank of Commerce Building



Built in 1923 as the National Bank of Commerce, today this vibrant building situated on the corner of South Pruett and Emerson Streets is the law firm of H.T. Moore. The building was also home to the Block and Kirsch law office, though the use of the building and its owners would switch hands several times in its existence.

H.T. and Linda Lou bought the building in 2009 and began extensive renovations on the 5,000 square foot structure, restoring terrazzo floors, installing custom-made windows in the building's original design, and putting in marble. He turned the vault into storage and transformed the upstairs into two loft apartments, known as the Park View Lofts. The first is a studio apartment, the second is more spacious with two walls of windows in the main living area. The ceilings are made from custom-cut paneling.

The offices also hold documents from 1905, city ordinances from 1909, Arkansas Reports books from the 1870s and several old maps, one of which lists both Paragould and Parmley (the first name for the town).

The building has truly become an asset once again. •



The building houses Arkansas Reports going back to the 1870s



Portraits of Jefferson Davis Block, William Kirsch, and Maurice Cathey



Part of H.T.'s baseball collection





The winding staircase to Linda Lou's office upstairs where guards used to sit with a shotgun













The living and kitchen areas in the upstairs lofts



H.T. looks out from his office on the mezzanine onto the city street below



H.T.'s more than impressive collection of Harry Truman and Bill Clinton memorabilia, and Arkansas history, including the table to the right that was once owned by Howard Hughes and President Harry Truman