

The Barringer Building

“National Loan & Exchange Bank Building”

1338 Main Street



▲ The Barringer still towers over downtown, on the corner of Main and Washington Street.
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▲ An early twentieth century postcard of the National Loan & Exchange Bank Building.
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▲ An early twentieth century postcard of the view from the Skyscraper.
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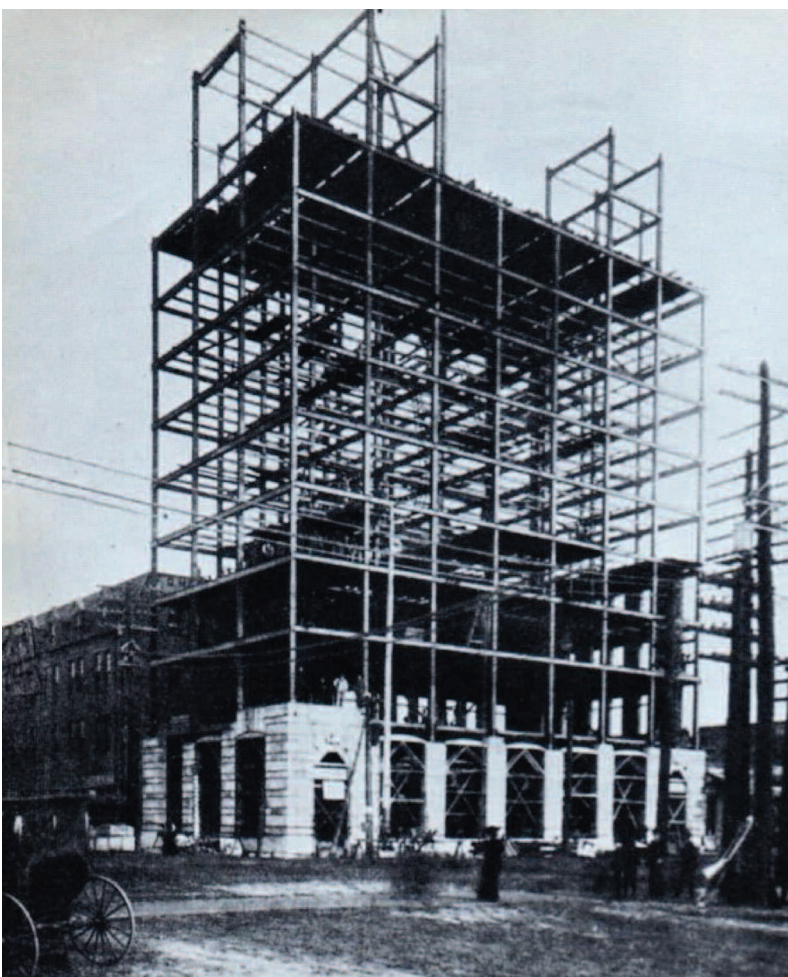
► Construction of Columbia's first skyscraper, the National Loan & Exchange Bank Building, began in 1902.
Photograph by James W. Kitchen.



▲ For a nearly a decade the National Loan & Exchange Bank Building stood as the tallest structure in Columbia.
Photograph courtesy of the Richland County Public Library.



▲ The cornice to the building was added in 1903, but later removed in the 1960s.
Photograph by James W. Kitchen.



▲ The building served as office space until Capitol Places purchased it in 2003.
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▲ The construction of the Palmetto Building in 1912 made the National Loan & Exchange Bank Building the second tallest structure in the state.
Photograph by Walter Blanchard.



▲ The building is constructed of brick with the first floor made of limestone.
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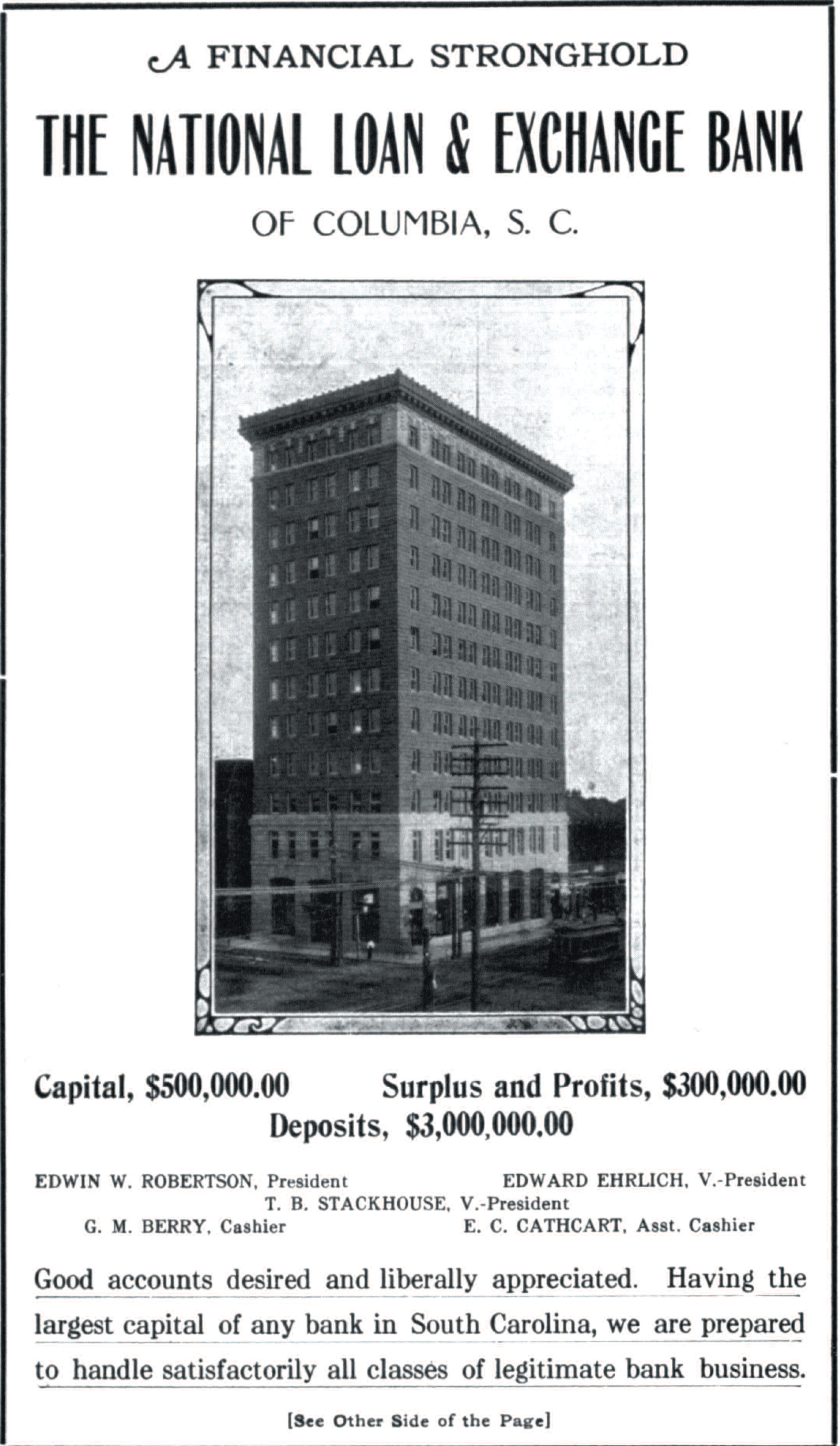


▲ A 1909 advertisement displaying the construction of the building.
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► Capitol Places began renovating the Barringer Building in 2003 and reopened it as Capitol Places IV three years later.
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▲ From 1953 to 1974 the Barringer Corporation owned the building. A copper nameplate still remains over the entrance to the building.
Image courtesy of Capitol Places.



▲ A 1913 advertisement for the National Loan & Exchange Bank, the largest bank in the state at the time.
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▲ The entrance to Capitol Places IV.
Image courtesy of Capitol Places.



▲ The adaptive reuse of the Barringer Building converted the structure from office space into downtown apartments.
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