



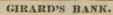
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This building was originally occupied by the Bank of the United States. It was commenced in 1795, and completed in 1798. This was the first public building ever erected in Philadelphia with portico and pillars. It is a square structure, ninety-six feet in front and seventy-two feet deep. The east front, on Third street, consists of six columns, the angle pair being coupled. The front wall extends beyond the portico in two wings, and is ornamented with pilasters.—The columns, which are of the Corinthian order, are of marble, and fluted; the front of the building is also of marble. The cornice and pediment are of wood work, highly enriched. The tympanum is decorated with the American eagle. The front is said to be nearly a copy of the Dublin Exchange. The sides and rear walks are of brick, and, excepting the four external walls and the vaults, the entire structure is of wood. The roof is covered with copper.

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The capital of this Bank is supplied by the wealthy individual whose name it at present bears. The building is situated in Third between Chesnut and Walnut streets. Mr. Girard commenced his operations in 1812. His cashier is Joseph Roberts, Esq.