Information on James Mayer who owned Elmwood Street Home

4/16/56 The Harlingen State Bank is converted from a state to a national bank and on 5/28/59 is granted full trust powers. The following year its capital structure is in excess of $900,000 and its deposits $10.5 million. Its 1960 officers are: D.B. Dunkin, president; Paul M. Johnson, vice-president; J.M. Powers and Dial M. Dunkin, assistant vice-presidents; James L. Mayer, cashier; R.C. Blaylock, J.E. Tarr, and Thomas S. Young-blood, assistant cashiers. In 1967 it moves from 219 E. Jackson to a modern building on E. Van Buren. On 9/7/82 it opens a branch on 77 Sunshine Strip and on 12/4/84 at the Valley Vista Mall. D. B. Dunkin will be a moving force in getting the Texas State Technical Institute to Harlingen. Over time he will be president of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and youngest president ever of the Valley Bankers Association.

1971 (summer) The Plaza National Bank is started by Harlingen businessmen. Its name is changed on 1/13/84 to Bank of the Southwest as the FDIC approves it for coverage. On 10/15/84 it merges with Southwest Bankshares Mercantile of Texas Corp. to become part of a 67 institution M-Bank network. Directors and founders included Dr. Juan Dreck, L.T. Boswell, Jr., Fausto Yturria, Morris Carrasco, Francisco Gonzales, Moise Vela, Bob Youker, Charlotte Calhoun, James Mayer, and Alfred Wolk, Jr.

2/11/75 On this date the Plaza National Bank opens its doors at North 77 Sunshine Strip and Austin Streets. James L. Mayer is its president, Robert Scott vice-president, and Moises Vela a director.