

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

December 13, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 12, 2017

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas 0-6253 71-0407808  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(870) 541-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 12, 2017, Heartland Bank (“Heartland”), an Arkansas-chartered bank which was acquired by Simmons Bank at a public auction in August 2017, entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Relyance Bank, N.A. of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the sale of Heartland’s branches located in Fordyce, Sheridan, and Bryant, Arkansas (“Transaction”). Simmons Bank is the main subsidiary bank of Simmons First National Corporation.

On December 13, 2017, Heartland and Relyance Bank, N.A. issued a joint press release announcing the Transaction, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Joint press release of Heartland Bank and Relyance Bank, N.A. dated December 13, 2017

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION**

Date: December 13, 2017 /s/ Robert A. Fehlman  
Robert A. Fehlman, Senior Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer