

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Coos  
Theme 6-D  
Name  
(Common) Bank of Bandon  
(Historic) First National Bank  
Address 108, 110, 112 Second St., West  
Bandon, Oregon  
Present Owner Masonic Lodge #130  
(Address) Bandon, Oregon 97411  
Original Use Commercial  
Date of Construction 1915

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The First National Bank of Bandon, Oregon, erected this two story, concrete building in 1915. The building is in the Colonial Style and has a hip roof which is largely hidden by a facade and railings at the roof level. The north (front) elevation has four, two story pilasters. Two large window bays are located on the first floor, one to the north and one to the south of the center entry. The second story has three window bays, each containing pairs of one-over-one, double hung sash windows.

The First National Bank closed on April 2, 1925, following embezzlement of its funds. After the Bandon fire of September 26, 1936, the nearby Bank of Bandon moved to this building which was one of the few commercial structures in Bandon to survive the fire. The Bank of Bandon moved to new quarters in 1954 and this building then housed the publishing plant of the Western World. During the 1920's and 1930's the second story of the building was the telephone exchange for the West Coast Telephone Company. The operators stayed at the switchboard on September 26 until the fire burned the wires on the exterior of this building.

Louis Felshiem, Jr., longtime publisher of the Western World, reports that the concrete walls are also of part rubble construction. He stated that sections of Tupper Rock, also used for construction of the jetties at Bandon, were placed in the concrete when this building was erected.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 16 Aug 1976 Sources Consulted:

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Felshiem, Louis, Jr. Interview with Anna M. Beckham, April 16, 1976, Bandon, Ore.

Please enclose map Township 28<sup>N</sup><sub>S</sub> Range 14<sup>E</sup><sub>W</sub> Section 30 (over)