

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: HOOD RIVER COUNTY

HIST. NAME: Ferguson Building  
COMMON NAME: First National Bank  
ADDRESS: 304 Oak Street  
CITY: Hood River, 97031  
OWNER: First Interstate Bank  
P.O. Box 3131 Attn. Tak Maeda  
Portland, OR 97208  
T/R/S: T3N R10E S25  
MAP NO.: 3N 10 25DC TAX LOT: 1200  
ADDITION: First West Addition  
BLOCK: C LOT: 6, 7, 8 QUAD: Hood River

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1910  
ORIGINAL USE: Commerce/ Financial institution  
PRESENT USE: Commerce/ Financial institution  
ARCHITECT: R.R. Bartlett  
BUILDER: J.M. Wright and L.M. Bentley  
THEME: Commerce/Service  
STYLE: American Renaissance

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PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Flat with parapet  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Brick  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: One over one double hung wood sash; fixed pane.  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Brick/ common bond  
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Terra cotta projecting cornice with large brackets; decorative medallions on  
OTHER: front elevation; stone lintels; raised brick panels on spandrel; copper clock on S.E. corner of building.  
CONDITION: x GOOD FAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)

NO. OF STORIES: 2  
BASEMENT: Yes  
STRUCTURAL FRAME:

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Entrance door altered (marble surrounds and roman brick added), addition of automatic teller machine on west side of building.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Row of maples lining north edge of parking lot to the west..

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: NA

SETTING: Facing south on the N.W. corner of Third and Oak streets in commercial core; flush with public right of way; vacant lot to east and north. Parking lot on west side

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts). USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

The First National Bank building was designed by R.R. Bartlett in 1910 and constructed by contractors J.M. Wright and L.M. Bentley. Plans for the building were started in March of 1910 with the first floor designed for the the bank and the second floor for the Hood River Commercial Club. The Commercial Club served as the "publicity agent for the valley" and was very important to the businesses development in the area. The second floor also had a room for the Hood River Women's Club. The building had a billiards room, reception room and an assembly hall which accommodated 300 people. There were offices on the Third street facade of the building. The original First National Bank was located diagonally across Oak street to the south in the Smith Building. The bank occupied the Smith building from 1904 until 1910 when it moved in its new facility across the street. The first depositor at the new facility was F.S. Stanley, one of the bank organizers. The 1917 Polk's Hood River Directory cites the capital of the bank as \$100,000 and lists A. D. Moe as president and C. Dethman as vice-president. The building is still occupied by a banking facility.

SOURCES: Hood River County Museum biographical and subject files; interview with Ruth Guppy, 6/88; 1917 Polk's Hood River Directory; Hood River Glacier, May 18, 1909

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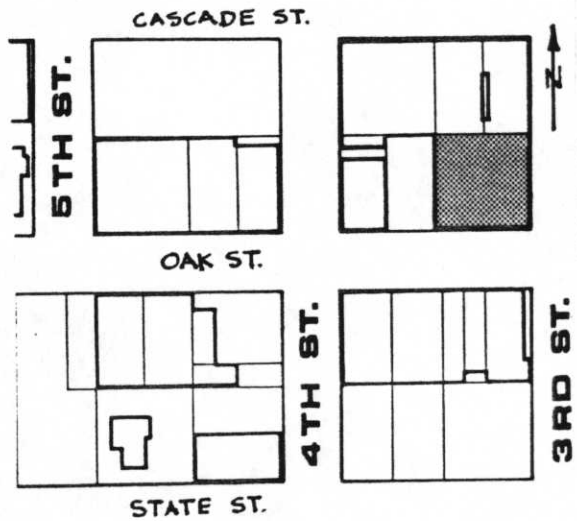
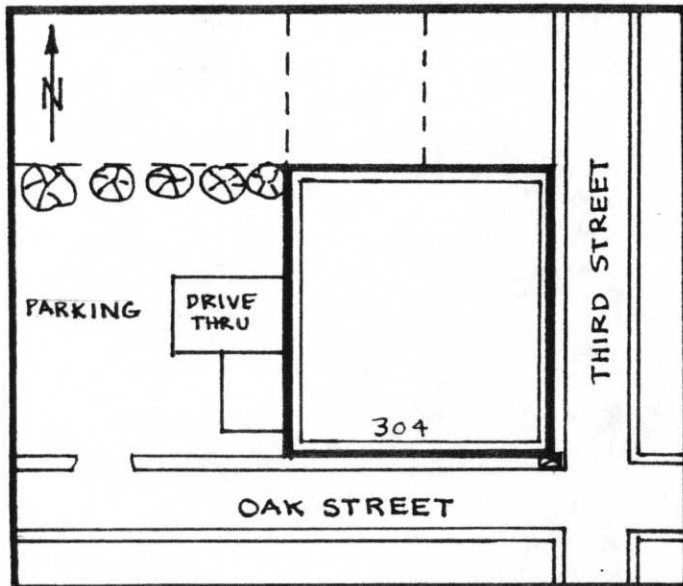
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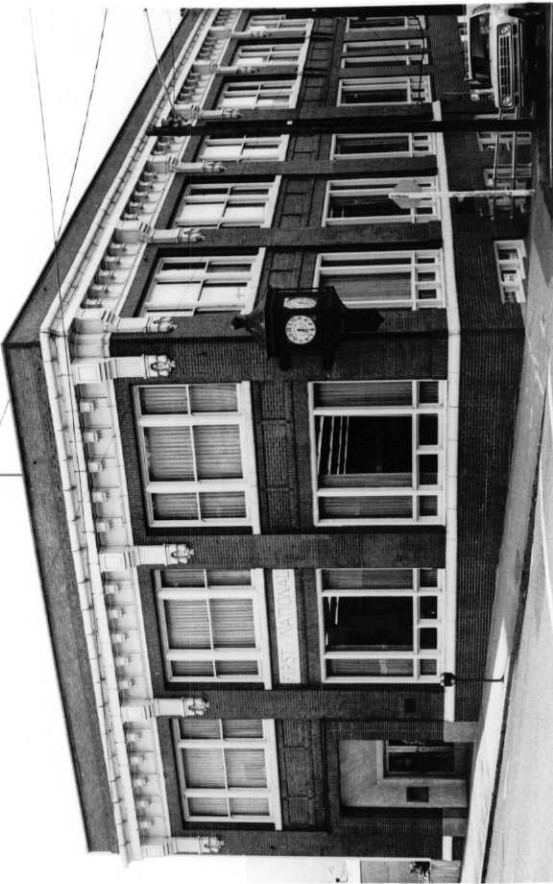
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County Hood River

Theme 6-D

Name  
(Common) First National Bank of Oregon

(Historic) First National Bank

Address N.W. Corner of 3rd and Oak Sts.  
Hood River, Oregon

Present Owner First National Bank

(Address) N.W. Corner of 3rd and Oak Sts.

Original Use bank

Date of Construction \_\_\_\_\_

Physical

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historical significance:

The First National Bank building is a two story rectangular brick building. The windows are one-over-one double hung sash set three per bay. The building has a metal facade for decoration on its south (front) elevation and on the east elevation. The west elevation of the bank has been altered for development of a drive-in banking facility.

An historical account of Hood River published in 1904 noted: "Hood River supports two banking institutions, Butler & Company's bank, and the First National Bank. Both institutions are firmly established and enjoy the confidence of the business men and farmers. Reports from both houses indicate a healthy financial condition in the community."

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Please enclose map Township 3 N S Range 10 E W Section 25

An Illustrated History of Central Oregon. Spokane, Wash.: Western Historical Publishing Co., 1905, 390-391.

