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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
First National Bank and Trust Company Building
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
~~Southeast corner of downtown square~~ (300 W. 6 St.) NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN ~~Perry~~ VICINITY OF No. 6 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Oklahoma 40 Noble 103

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. Norman Boone ✓
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Perry VICINITY OF OK STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Clerk's Office
STREET & NUMBER Noble County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN Perry STATE OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey
DATE 1978 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Office
CITY, TOWN Oklahoma City STATE OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First National Bank building, located at the southeastern corner of the downtown square in Perry, was built in 1902 by Joseph P. Foucart, a noted Belgian architect who is credited with many of the early historic structures of pre-statehood Oklahoma. The building was originally the home of the Noble County Bank, a banking institution which had been created in March, 1899. Between 1903 and 1957, it was occupied by the First National Bank and Trust Company of Perry. In 1957, when the bank moved its operations to the northwest corner of the square, it became the principal office of the First Union Life Insurance Company. After 1975, when the insurance organization ended its operations, the building remained vacant. In 1977 a dentist's office was established in its first floor by Dr. F. J. Marburger.

The architecture of this building relates to the Italian Mannerist style. The front has been exquisitely decorated with white stone, wooden columns, and towers. A horseshoe window of white stone bordered by red brick and a narrow door supported by wooden columns are the main features of the front of the building. Two double windows adorn the upper floor of this building at the front. On the right side five additional double windows decorate it. A door and three large windows can be seen on the lower floor. Turret-like structures are visible on the roof. The building is of pressed brick and sandstone and is in excellent condition. Foucart's debt to Sullivan is evident in the details of the structure.

The interior of the lower floor consists of three separate rooms and a strong box. Antique chandeliers hang from the ceiling. Some of the walls are painted while others have been wallpapered. The moldings are of yellow pine, each measuring about six inches around the entire door or window. The staircase is made of wood with iron railings and is covered with a dark red rug. A passaged way or hall separates the six rooms of the upper floor. These rooms are vacant but are also in excellent condition. The walls of the upper floor are covered with antique wall paper. Chandeliers of exquisite design adorn the ceilings. A basement which was once the office and print shop for the Oklahoma Neuigkeiten, a German language newspaper published between 1906 and 1925, completes the interior of the building. The basement also has a massive strong-box which is no longer used. The First Union Life Insurance Company restored the building to its original condition in 1957-1958.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph P. Foucart

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First National Bank Building is a unique example of eclectic American architecture, reflecting in its vigorous design an appreciation of classical motifs but also a complete disregard for rigid architectural conventions. It reflects the skill of a European architect, who left his mark on Oklahoma, as well as on France, Belgium, and several other countries of Europe.

Born at Arlon, Belgium, Joseph P. Foucart studied civil engineering and architecture at the famous school of Ghent, graduating in 1865. He supervised the construction of the Castle of Roussle in Viere, Belgium. He entered the service of the private architect to the king of Belgium and supervised the construction of the King's Winter Garden, the Grand Central Hotel in Brussels, the Courthouse of Charteroi and several other important buildings in the national capital. Foucart also worked as the chief draftsman for the plans of the Paris City Hall. He arrived in Oklahoma in 1889 and between that year and 1903 constructed buildings of unprecedented beauty in the middle of the shantytowns and tent-cities which had sprung on the territorial landscape months after the "run." During this time, he built the McKennon Opera Building, the site of the first territorial house and senate meetings and the home of Oklahoma's first daily newspaper. The Guthrie City Hall, the Victor Building, the Jelsma Abstract Company Building and the Destegieur Building were also built by Foucart, as well as Williams Hall Building at Oklahoma State University and the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Administration Building at Alva.

The structure reflects the influence of Sullivan in such details as rusticated arches, attached columns, rough faced blocks in the corner towers, and others. The windows and side wall fenestration patterns also reflect Sullivan's ideas.

The facade appears well organized, balanced despite the profusion of decorative detail. Most of the detail is related to Italian Mannerist styles with free hand interpretation of classical motifs. The strong horizontal banding effect of the intricate cornice is relieved by the detail in the main facade and by the bay window on the side elevation.

The building is in excellent condition. It remains as an unusual example of American eclectic architecture. It is a tribute to the early settlers of the area who, while their community was mainly a crude settlers' camp, had the foresight to commission a building which reflected their pride in their new home and their hope for its future.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interviews: Dr. F. J. Marburger, Perry, Oklahoma. (6-27-78).
 Mrs. Glenda Miltasch, 1st Deputy County Clerk, Noble County Courthouse, Perry, Oklahoma. (6-27-78).
 Mr. Sam Henderson, Noble County Courthouse, Perry, Oklahoma. (6-27-78).
 Ms. Milly Highfill, Cherokee Strip Museum Director, Perry, Oklahoma. (6-27-78).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Perry, Oklahoma

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5 min

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,4	6,5,3,9,5,0	4,0,1,6,8,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C		6,5,4,9,9,0		D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is located on lot 27, Block 24, original townsite of Perry, Oklahoma. The size of the ground occupied by the property is 24 feet by 90 feet, on the corner of 6th Street and Cedar Street (300 W. 6th St.)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Enrique Ramirez, Sr.

Kent Ruth, editor

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

9/78

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma State University

TELEPHONE

405/884-5456

CITY OR TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

OK

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Harry J. Reynolds

DATE

3-8-79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-16-79

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/16/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Charles [Signature]
Sale Brooks for