

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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Roman Doric columns, situated on the building's foundation, frame the entry way in the diagonal wall and the first floor rectangular windows. These columns partially support an entablature which extends the full length of the second cornice. The columns and entablature are cement and the latter includes etched lettering reading "First National Bank" (east), "Bank" (diagonal), and "First National Bank" (north). Scroll-shaped brackets above the rectangular windows and the diagonal wall entryway also serve to support the entablature. Blue and white brick pilasters flank both sides of the original entry way and both sides of the large rectangular windows on the north and east sides.

The town clock was once located immediately to the left of the original entrance and below the cornice dividing the first and second floors. It was moved when the First National Bank was sold in 1970.

Though there have been changes to the nominated property, none have extensively altered its integrity. The entrance in the diagonal wall could easily be returned to its original condition by removing the bricks and the recently created entryway could also be restored to its original appearance.

The First National Bank Building is located in the central business district of Wagoner and is flanked on both sides by other commercial buildings which retain thriving businesses.

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 of Wagoner

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 114 ~~East~~ Cherokee St. N/A not for publication

city, town Wagoner vicinity of congressional district 002

state Oklahoma code 40 county Wagoner code 145

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" 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 John Gephart

street & number 808 North Parkinson Ave.

city, town Wagoner vicinity of state Oklahoma

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Wagoner County Courthouse, 307 East Cherokee

city, town Wagoner state Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes  no

date 1981 federal  state county local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society—State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The First National Bank of Wagoner, constructed in 1895, is a two-story, rectangular commercial building (35' X 45'). Construction materials consist of red brick laid in a running bond course. It has a flat roof with a false front and a 1' parapet. Many elements of the building are similar to those found in the Second Renaissance Revival style: window trim which changes from floor to floor, projecting cornices, and arched openings used with pedimented openings.

A 15' wall diagonal to the north and east sides of the building forms the front of the structure.

On the first floor of the north side of the building there are five round arch sash windows and a wide rectangular window with a long, narrow leaded glass window above it. Round, rusticated brick arches surround each of the round arch windows.

On the second floor of the building's north side there are six 2/2 sash windows and a paired 1/1 sash window. Above each of the single windows there is a flat arch brick lintel which has been given a polychromatic effect through the use of stone edging. Above the paired windows there is a cement entablature supported by blue and white brick pilasters.

On the second floor of the diagonal wall, there is a 1/1 sash window which is topped by cement entablature supported by blue and white brick pilasters.

On the first floor of the building's east side there is a wide rectangular single pane window. Above it is a window band with two panes.

The second floor of the east side contains a paired 1/1 sash window. Above it is a cement entablature supported by blue and white brick pilasters.

The building includes three entryways. One is located in the diagonal wall and the other two are on the north side. The entrance in the diagonal wall is no longer functional because of partial bricking which has created a window. Above it are "Law Offices" painted in black lettering. One of the entrances on the north side is original (west end of north side) and is flanked by a round, rusticated brick arch. Above the entryway arch is the date of construction "1895" molded in concrete. The third entrance, created in the early 1970s, is located in one of the round arch windows (east end of north side).

Three exterior wall chimneys are located on the north wall and run parallel to the street.

Decorative elements include a bracketed cornice which extends around three sides of the building at the roof line. Above the cornice on the diagonal wall, there is a triangular pediment which encloses the word "BANK." A second bracketed cornice, located at the division between the first and second floors, extends along part of the north wall, across the diagonal wall, and along most of the east wall.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1895-Present      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The First National Bank of Wagoner Building is significant because: (1) constructed in 1895, it is one of the oldest commercial buildings in Oklahoma having been completed twelve years prior to statehood, and (2) it has housed commercial activities of Wagoner for 85 years including one of the first banks in Oklahoma (sixth oldest in the state) and offices for attorneys, physicians, and petroleum businesses.

Before the turn of the century, there were few banks in northeastern Oklahoma. Residents and merchants of Wagoner, founded in 1871, had to use the bank in Muskogee for safe deposit of funds, sources of currency and credit, and other financial arrangements. Completed in 1895, the First National Bank represented an important step in establishing permanent status for the town of Wagoner and surrounding communities. It provided a sound financial base for both rural and urban areas in northeastern Oklahoma where great economic growth potential existed in lumbering, petroleum, coal mining, cattle, cotton, and service-oriented businesses.

The First National Bank was the major bank in Wagoner for over 75 years. In 1970 the bank moved to a new location because of increased needs for space, however, the First National Bank building was purchased by a local attorney for use as a law office. The transformation of the building's first floor into a suite of law offices continued the secondary economic function the building has always served. The second floor, since 1895, has housed professional offices including space for attorneys, physicians, and petroleum businesses.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Wagoner County History, Oklahoma Extension Homemakers Council, 1980.

Interview with John Gephart, owner of building, July, 1981.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Wagoner West, Oklahoma

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minutes

### UMT References

A 

1	5	2	8	5	6	1	0	3	9	8	1	8	7	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

East 67' of Lot 1, Block 340, Original Townsite of Wagoner, Oklahoma

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Claudia Ann Craig supervised by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Northeastern Oklahoma Counties Survey date October, 1981

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6250

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma 74078

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. Enters date 2-2-83

title date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] date 2/2/83

Keener of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration