

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HAXTUN

and/or common HAXTUN TOWN HALL

2. Location

street & number 145 South Colorado Avenue n/a not for publication

city, town Haxtun n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Phillips code 095

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes options like district, building(s), site, object, public/private, occupied/unoccupied, agriculture/commercial/educational/entertainment/government/industrial/military, museum/park/private residence/religious/scientific/transportation/other.

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Haxtun

street & number 145 South Colorado Avenue

city, town Haxtun n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Phillips County Clerk & Recorder

street & number 221 South Interocean

city, town Holyoke state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Ongoing federal state county local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society--OAHP

city, town Denver state Colorado

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Built in 1917, the Haxtun City Hall is a one-story red brick building with contrasting white marble trim. It is designed in the Georgian/Colonial Revival style, befitting its original use as a bank. The city hall is located in the small rural Plains community of Haxtun and visually is the most impressive building in the three-block downtown commercial district.

The building has a parapet with marble coping, a flat roof, a denticulated entablature with marble cornice, and a brick frieze with panels over the paired pilasters. The front wall has an advanced central pavilion, capped with a pediment. Enframing the central bay are paired marble pilasters which extend from the foundation to the entablature. Tripartite windows with transoms are set into each bay on either side of the central pavilion. Wood panels have been placed over the transoms as a temporary measure to conserve energy. The transoms remain intact underneath. Paired pilasters are also placed at the corners.

The front entrance has a marble enframing with a small pediment above, which rests on the top of the door surround. The original door, with sidelights and transom, has been replaced with an aluminum door and a large paned window in the transom.

The wall facing Letcher Street is similar to the front facade. The wall is divided into four bays separated by single pilasters. The end pilasters are paired. The only alteration is the insertion of a door within one of the windows.

The interior is for the most part intact. Important features include high ceilings with exposed beams, marble baseboards, terrazo floors, original marble counter teller plates, wood room dividers with leaded and etched glass inset, original safes upstairs and down, and original light fixtures.

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
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<input checked="" 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 1917 **Builder/Architect** Architect & Builder—Mr. Trowbridge¹

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

For the small rural Plains community of Haxtun (1984 population: 936); the First National Bank --now the town hall-- is the most significant historic property in terms of physical integrity and architectural styling.

Haxtun, located on the eastern Plains in Phillips County, was founded in 1888. Its early history is tied to the extension of the Burlington Railroad through town and later to the community's development as a shipping point for sugar beets and as a trade center for the area. Incorporated in 1909, Haxtun has remained small, with the downtown limited to a three-block area.

The present town hall was constructed in 1917 by the First National Bank. The bank closed in 1932 at the onset of the Depression Era and was later purchased in 1939 for use as the city hall.

The building is a well known local landmark within the community and valued by residents for its architectural qualities. The Neo-Classical style in which the building was designed is defined by such exterior detailing as the cornice moldings, pediments, and pilasters, all executed in marble. The interior is equally of interest and has been carefully maintained by the city. Surviving original features include marble baseboards, terrazo floors, marble counter teller plates, wood room dividers with leaded and etched glass, and high open beam ceilings. The only notable change to the appearance of the building is the placement of wood panels over the transoms on the exterior of the building. However, it is a temporary covering, installed to conserve energy. The transoms are visible from the interior. The alteration is not considered sufficient to compromise eligibility. The building remains the most significant architectural example in the community and highly regarded by its citizens.

¹A Mr. Trowbridge is credited with the design, according to local sources.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Haxtun West, Colo

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 11 and 12, Block 6, Original Town of Haxtun

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joan Stieb, Town Clerk; Janice Bjorklun, Town Treasurer Ed:GM

organization City of Haxtun date 3-6-86

street & number 145 South Colorado Avenue telephone (303) 774-6104

city or town Haxtun state CO 80731

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

Larkana Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 6, 1986

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

William B. Bushay
Keeper of the National Register

date 7/1/86

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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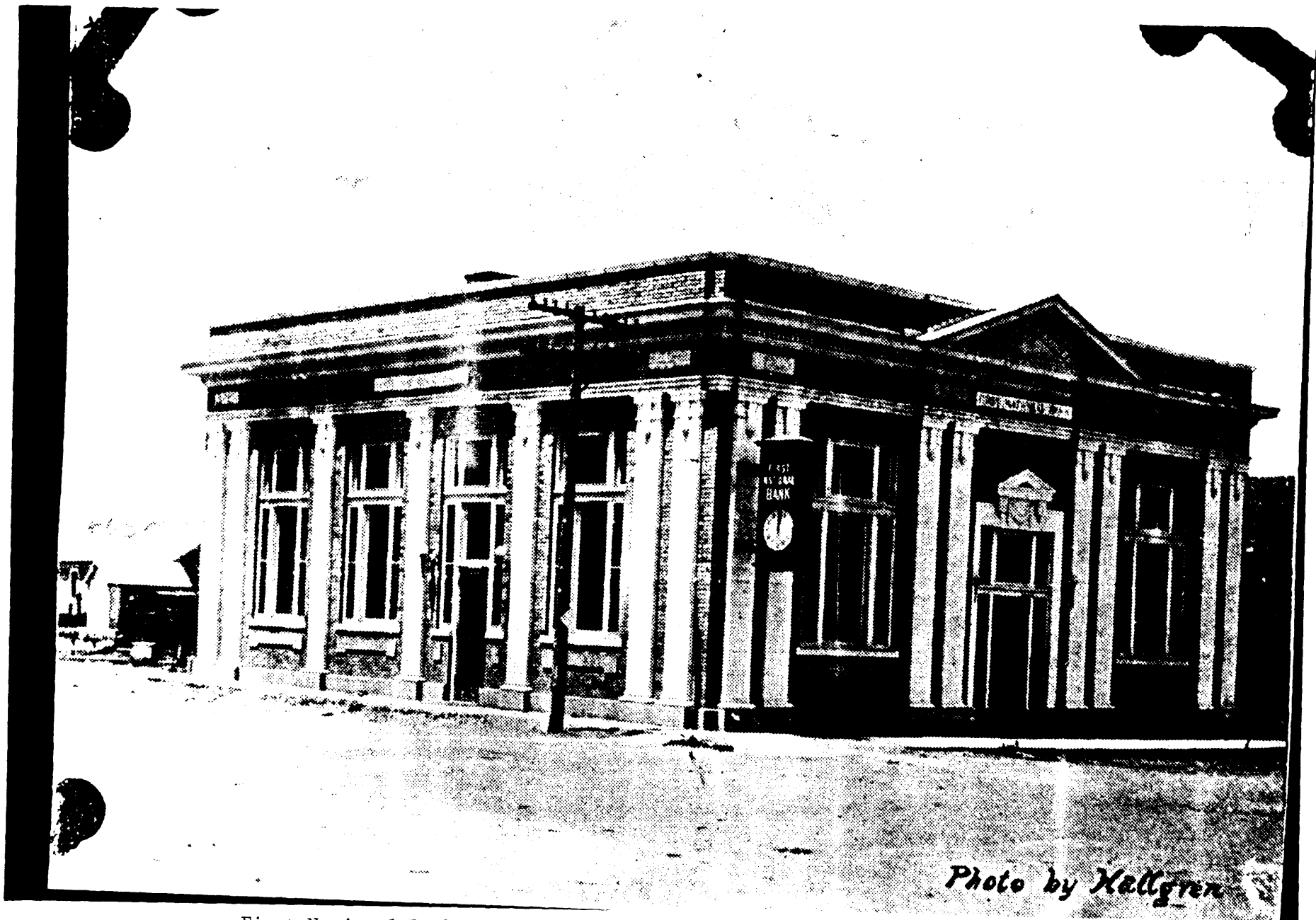


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First National Bank of Haxtun
Phillips County, Colorado
Photographer: Hallgren
Date: c. 1920
Negatives: Unknown
View: Looking northwest