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Harmons and Sutters, Attorneys

Description

Central National Bank - Territorial Building
Ave. (on N. 1st St. 78)

~~Harmons and Sutters, Attorneys~~ (401 College). Built in 1901, this building is two stories high and of the business block type. Along its flat roofline is a brick frieze. Narrow pilaster strips, also of red brick, frame the upper story walls. There are eight upper story windows, all narrow with semi-elliptical arches and flat sills. The lower story has four large square windows with plate glass. The door is wooden and is slightly recessed. Dividing the two stories is a permanent, cantilevered awning.

SIGNIFICANCE

Harmons and Sutters. This building was a bank during territorial times, the first and longest enduring bank of the community. As such it was very prominent in the economic development of Alva. The bank served as the principal depository for the county government and the numerous commercial establishments; it was also the agent for loans to businessmen and substantial wheat farmers. Architecturally, the bank is quite typical of such institutions in western Oklahoma: its Plains Commercial styling and location at the corner of two major streets, Flynn and College.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Less than one acre

Zone 14

Easting 529700

Northing 4073010

Verbal Boundary Description: Block 38, East 100' of Lot 1