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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

Bank of Winchester Building

AND/OR COMMON

Farmers National Bank Building

## LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

First Avenue

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winchester

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Tennessee

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE  
47COUNTY  
FranklinCODE  
51

## CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Farmers National Bank

STREET &amp; NUMBER

First Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Winchester

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Winchester

STATE

Tennessee

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Tennessee Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE

January 1978

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Situated on the Public Square in Winchester, the building is a three-story (plus basement) building with an irregular floor plan. The red brick building is a vigorous Victorian interpretation of the Renaissance strain. Of the three stories visible from the outside, windows on the first and third are round-headed; those on the second square-headed. At the center of the east front on the second and third floors are palladian window groupings. Generally, trim is terracotta, except for the cornice at the roof which is stamped sheet metal, and for the window sills, on the south face only, which are limestone.

The roof cornice is imposing, containing successive courses of egg and dart belt, heavily-scrolled brackets, and dentils. Overall it stands some 24" high and projects horizontally only slightly less.

Originally the bank entrance was through a small porch on the east corner. A single Ionic column supported this corner. Matching pilasters were used at other points across the front (northeast side). At the north corner on the northeast side was a separate entrance to stairs going directly to the second floor. Early photographs show an ornate, almost baroque, treatment over this door, consisting of a double-curved hood which was an oval window framed in paired garlands.

Originally there were two doors on the southeast side, one in a square-headed opening at the extreme south end, and another through a round-headed opening matching the windows in the third bay from the south end. These have since been closed, the latter being converted to a walk-up banking window.

In 1948 extensive changes were made on the northeast face, first floor. Principally this consisted of moving the bank entrance to the center of the wall, and covering this entire area plus about 8' of the adjacent southeast wall with black architectural glass. This totally obliterated the original character of the street level aspect of the building's facade.

Windows have been broken out from hail storms and high winds, but probably the most significant damage occurred in 1937 at which time a violent wind storm ripped the roof off and placed it down in the court square. The building for the most part has retained its original exterior except for a facelift in 1948 by Wade Manufacturing Company, of Charlotte, North Carolina, at which time the front of the building was redesigned and the present black glass was installed.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Frank Orr, AIA, Member Orr/Houk & Associates Architects, Inc.  
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 Winchester Leader, Special Edition, July 1896

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1

QUADRANGLE NAME Winchester

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 580820 3893800

B         

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property measures approximately 28'7" on the northeast side, facing the Public Square; 61'3" on the southeast side along First Avenue, S.W.; 33' on the southwest side; and 61'3" on the northwest side.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Marion Anderton/Assistant Vice President

ORGANIZATION

Farmers National Bank

DATE

November 1977

STREET & NUMBER

First Avenue

TELEPHONE

(615) 967-2211

CITY OR TOWN

Winchester

STATE

Tennessee

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

*Herbert L. Hays*

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

2/15/78

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

DATE

5-23-78

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Walter W. Cole*

DATE

5-12-78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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second floor was used for legal offices for some of Winchester's attorneys. Mr. H. M. Templeton, who was probably the longest tenant in the building, was a cotton buyer and owner of a cotton gin as well as having a law practice. Other prominent individuals occupying the second floor were Mr. Jesse Templeton, who was a county judge, as well as an attorney, and Mr. "Hop" Taylor, a justice of the peace who held court there.

The Bank of Winchester Building is the tallest building in Winchester and the most architecturally imposing in the court square. The ornate cornice, unusual palladian windows, with their intricate terra cotta decorative elements, and fine brickwork distinguish this building from those around it. An extensive rehabilitation project has been underway for several months; to render the building suitable for tenants, dropped ceilings and recessed lighting have been installed, and the original one-over-one sashes were replaced with mullionless windows. The building still largely retains its original appearance and its continued use seems assured.