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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 Huntsville

and or common First National Bank of Oneida, Huntsville Branch

2. Location

street & number # 4 Courthouse Square N/A not for publication

city, town Huntsville N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Scott code 151

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 checked="" 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 First National Bank of Oneida

street & number P.O. Box 499

city, town Oneida N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37841

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Scott County Registrar of Deeds

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Huntsville state Tennessee 37856

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on the Courthouse Square in Huntsville (pop. 519), the seat of Scott County, Tennessee, the First National Bank of Huntsville is a one story vernacular style commercial building constructed by Rufus M. Holmes in 1909. Rectangular in shape, the small (32'x22') bank is built of rock-faced sandstone. The bank has undergone few alterations and has retained its architectural integrity.

The east (front) elevation of the bank has a boom town facade covering a hip roof that is sheathed with asphalt shingles. One 1/1 sash window is set between two projecting sandstone string courses. The front entry is comprised of an elaborately ornamented wood door embellished with molded panels and carved floral designs. This is not original to the bank but it is an attractive addition. Two ornamental metal grates can be closed to protect the door. A plaque inscribed with "First National Bank" and a hanging wooden "Bank" sign complete the ornamentation of the main facade.

The two projecting sandstone string courses found on the east elevation are carried over on all the other elevations. The south elevation has no door or window openings. A sandstone chimney pierces the roof on this side. The north elevation has two window openings, although one has been modified for use as a night depository box. An electric lantern is located on the west elevation near the front of the bank. The west elevation of the bank has no windows.

In 1974 a small structure used for drive-through banking was built west of the bank. It has a gable roof with exposed rafters and wood shingle siding. The addition is not attached to the original bank and is screened from the bank by a slatted wood fence. It does not detract from the design of the original building.

The interior of the bank contains the two original teller cages with 18"x36" marble slab counters. The marble slabs extend past the wall and are supported by large wooden brackets. Brass "Teller" and "Bookkeeper" signs are found above the cage openings. Wood ornamentation in a vine pattern and ornamental metal grills embellish the cage openings. The grills were manufactured by Thomas Kelsall Co., "Manufacturers of Bank and Store Fixtures," of Cincinnati, Ohio. Egg and dart molding and fluted pilasters are distinguishing design elements of the stained oak woodwork. Additional metal grills with scroll patterns and beveled glass delineate the area between the teller cages and a small office space. The original vault, ornamented with a floral motif (repainted from the original design) and many original safe deposit boxes are extant. The walls of the bank are covered with vertical wood paneling.

The First National Bank of Huntsville is located on a small (70'x82') corner lot and surrounded by large trees and small shrubs. An iron fence fronts the property. The bank has undergone few alterations and retains its architectural integrity.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1909-1932 **Builder/Architect** Rufus M. Holmes, Contractor

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The First National Bank of Huntsville is being nominated under National Register criterion A for its historical significance in Huntsville, Scott County, Tennessee. It is the oldest operating bank in the county and was, for many years in the early twentieth century, the only financial institution in the area. The finely crafted sandstone building has had few alterations and retains its historical and architectural integrity.

The Huntsville Banking Company was a state chartered bank organized in 1909 with a capital stock of \$10,000.00. James Foster, L. Jeffers, John Hatfield, Phillip Low, L. F. Boshears, T. G. Sexton, A. H. Doisey, W. H. Potter, and R. C. Jones were the original officers of the bank and safe deposit trust company. Soon after incorporating, the bank moved into their new building constructed that same year. Rufus M. Holmes of Gwinnett County, Georgia, was the contractor for the bank. The sandstone was quarried and cut locally and hauled to the site by mules.

The Huntsville Banking Company remained in operation until 1917 when the federally chartered First National Bank of Huntsville purchased the bank. An active financial institution in Huntsville until 1932, the First National Bank of Huntsville failed during the depression years.

Mrs. Artie Chambers purchased the property in 1932 and used it as a rental property. From 1933 to 1950 the Welfare Department had offices in the building. The Public Health Department rented the building from 1951 until 1970 when it was purchased by the Three Court-house Square Company. It remained unoccupied until 1973, when the First National Bank of Oneida reopened the building as a branch office. It is still used as a bank today. Until 1932, the First National Bank of Huntsville was an important financial institution in Huntsville. Today, the bank building is a significant cultural resource in Scott County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Baker, James F. Personal Papers - Property of James T. Baker
First National Bank of Oneida. Bank Records.
Sanderson, Esther Sharp. Scott County, Gem of the Cumberlands.
Scott County, Deed Books, County Courthouse, Huntsville, Tennessee.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Huntsville, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 16 725000 4032070
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property, less than one acre in size and rectangular in shape, is bounded on the east by the Courthouse Square Street, on the south and west by adjacent property lines and on the north by a sidewalk and adjacent property lines. It includes all land historically associated with the First National Bank of Huntsville.

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Irene B. Baker, President

organization Scott County Historical Society date March 1985

street & number P.O. Box 7 telephone (615) 663-2316

city or town Huntsville state Tennessee 37841

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.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert E. Byrnes

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 5/21/85

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

Herbert E. Byrnes Entered in the National Register date 7-11-85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

