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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name People's Bank of Friendsville
other names/site number People's Bank of Friendsville (BL-471)

2. Location

street & number College Street in Friendsville N/A not for publication
city, town Friendsville N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37737

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>3</u>	<u> </u> objects
			<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Herbert L. Bryan 6/8/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____
Herbert L. Bryan Entered in the National Register 7/25/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Financial Institution
DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/Not In Use
DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

20th Century Vernacular Commercial

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof OTHER/Composition

other Stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The People's Bank of Friendsville is a one-story, three bay, rectangular plan brick commercial building with Colonial Revival influences. On the main (NE) facade is an original entrance in the west bay with ca. 1970 frame and glass doors and an original single light arched transom. Above the transom is brick relief arching and a stone keystone. Windows in the adjacent bays are original one-over-one sash with stone sills, enclosed transoms, brick relief arching and stone keystones. The main facade is of stretcher bond construction while remaining facades are six-course common bond.

Windows on the east and west facades are original two-over-two wood sash with jack arching. One window on the west facade has been partially enclosed and altered. The original door on the rear (SW) facade has been enclosed and a ca. 1970 door added in an original window location. Also on the rear facade is a ca. 1960 concrete block addition containing a bathroom. The building has a flat roof with rolled roofing and tile terra cotta coping. On the main facade at the roofline are three round vent windows with louvered vents and corbelled brick cornice. The interior contains two rooms and retains the original bank vault, terrazzo floor and plaster walls.

At the rear of the building is an original one-story frame, ca. 1915, shed roof privy. The privy has a metal standing seam roof, rests on a stone foundation, has weatherboard siding, and an original vertical board door (C). Adjacent to the bank at the NE corner is a metal ca. 1915 water pump (C). The building is located on an urban lot in the community of Friendsville.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Period of Significance

1915-1936

Significant Dates

1915

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The People's Bank of Friendsville is significant under criterion A for its association with the commercial history of the county. The bank was the only bank to operate outside of the county seat of Maryville and was in existence between 1915 and 1936. The bank was formed and operated during a period of general growth and prosperity in Friendsville and is the only unaltered commercial building remaining as a symbol of this period of prosperity. The building has not been substantially altered and retains its original design and detailing.

By the early 1900s Friendsville had become an important commercial center of Blount County. The town was primarily a small crossroads settlement until the late 19th century when the growth of the marble industry and the coming of the L&N Railroad resulted in its prominence as a commercial and trading center. The community was the home of several stores, a railroad depot, and the offices of marble quarries by the early 1900s. The commercial activity of the town was underlined in 1914 when the People's Bank of Friendsville was chartered. This bank constructed a one-story brick building on First Street and opened its doors on May 5, 1915.

The president of the bank was O.L. Defoe who remained president during its operation. The bank thrived into the 1920s but with the Depression, several of the nearby marble quarries were forced to close and the bank lost significant assets. The bank was finally forced to close on June 30, 1936. Since its closure the building has been used as offices for the John J. Craig Marble Company and as storage for other local companies.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A 116 71591125 39160925
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____ _____ _____
 Zone Easting Northing

B _____ _____ _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____ _____ _____
 Zone Easting Northing

Concord Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the People's Bank of Friendsville is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 54-C, lot 17, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire town lot which has historically been associated with the property.

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number _____ Photographs Page 1 Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Peoples Bank of Friendsville
College St., Friendsville, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

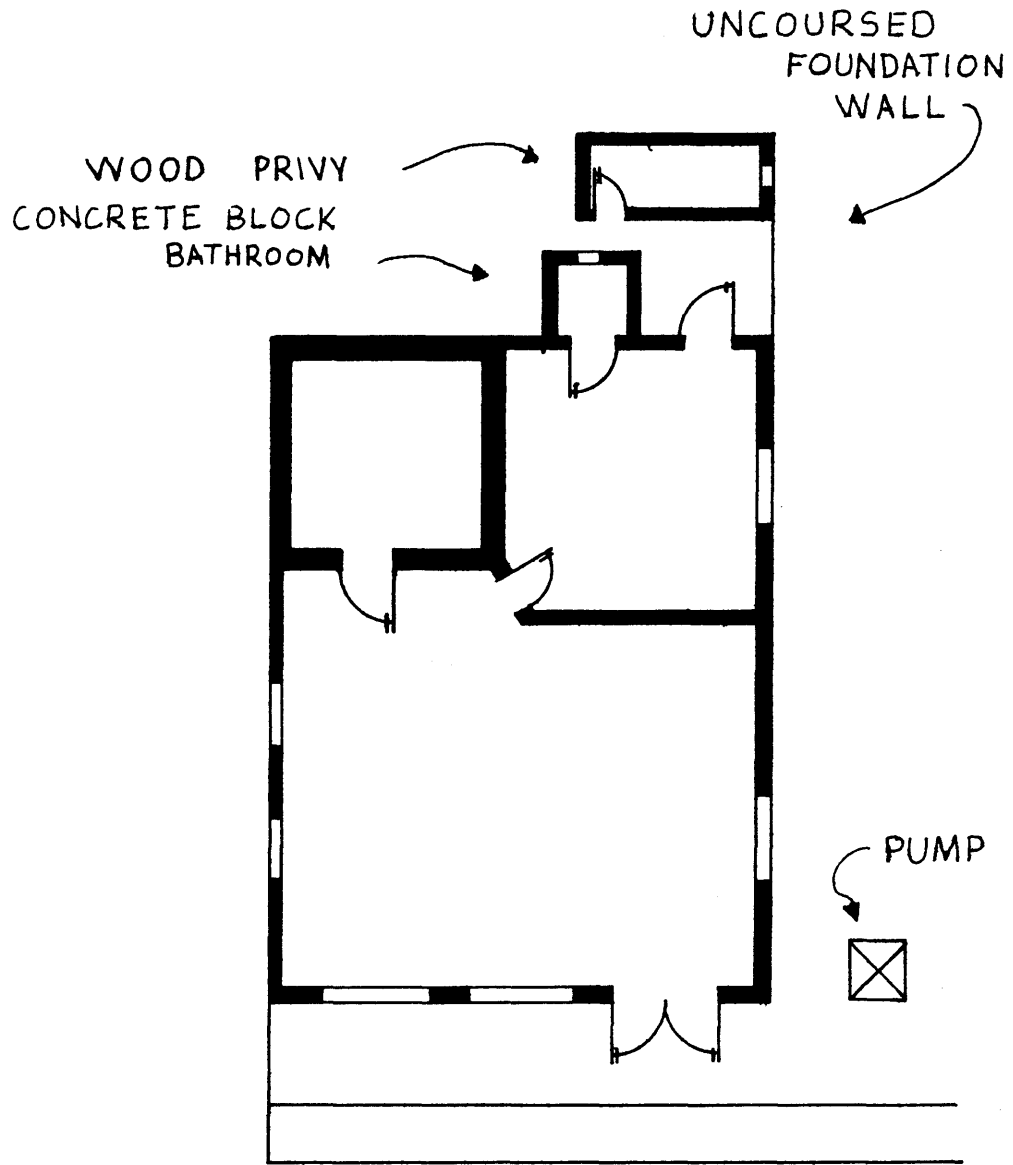
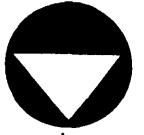
View: North and west facades.
Photo # 1

View: North and east facades.
Photo # 2

View: South and east facades.
Photo # 3

View: Interior, bank vault.
Photo # 4

PEOPLE'S
#471 — BANK OF FRIENDSVILLE



COLLEGE ST.

People's Bank of Friendsville
 (BL-471)
 Blount County
 1" = 100'

