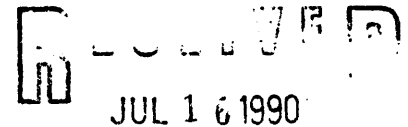


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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REGISTER

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 sub categories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets(form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name American National Bank
other names/site number OJNH Inv. # 0408337 - Horizon Princeton Bank

2. Location

street & number 1219 Broadway not for publication
city,town Camden vicinity
state New Jersey code NJ 034 county Camden code 007 ZIP CODE 08101

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-state	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: _____ 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.

Helen A. Seube 1/11/90
Signature of certifying official Date
Acting Commissioner, DEP/DSHPO
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. Patricia Andrus
 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:)
8/22/90
Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/financial institution

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS

Neo-Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/Granite

walls BRICK

LIMESTONE

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance

Summary

The one story, three bay wide Neo-Classical Revival American National Bank building fits within property type #1, Bank Buildings, in the multiple property nomination of bank, insurance, and legal buildings in Camden, New Jersey 1873 to 1938. The building dates from 1927, and the architect is unknown at present. The building faces Broadway in south Camden, and the dominant feature in its three bay facade is a large arched opening which contains the main entrance above which is a statue of an eagle. There is an addition at the rear of the building which is not visible from the street. Otherwise, both the facade and interior retain a large percentage of the original fabric and design elements.



The American National Bank building stands at 1219 South Broadway and is a rectangular one story building with an overall height equivalent to two stories in nearby buildings. The Broadway facade of this rectangular shaped building abuts the sidewalk of this busy street. There is no landscaping in the the neighborhood of the bank. A low parapet across the facade rises above the flat roof. The brick building stands on a granite foundation and smooth light grey limestone covers its exterior facing Broadway.

The main entrance to the bank is in the central bay of the three bay wide Broadway facade. A brass expanding gate covers double glass doors within a limestone frame. A stone eagle with spread wings stands on the cornice of the door frame. A round arch rising from street to architrave nearly fills the central bay and contains the entrance and a multi-paned metal sash window. A limestone or terra cotta shield forms its keystone. A brass night depository is on the south side of the entrance.

Four colossal pilasters with carved panels for capitals rise at the

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)

Architecture
Economics

Period of Significance
1927-1938

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Samuel Britton and English builders

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

SUMMARY

The American National Bank building is one of several Neo-Classical Revival banks on South Broadway in Camden and is significant for the role it played in the city's early twentieth century banking history. The bank was founded in 1927 during a prosperous and expansive era in banking. Only twelve years later, at the end of the Great Depression, American National merged into the Camden Trust Company. Although the architect is unknown, the building follows the architectural trend toward classical design established by banks in Camden. The building is of a modest size for a bank, but its overall design and use of classical elements give it instant identify as a bank. The building fits within property type #1, Bank Buildings, and within the one context of the multiple property nomination: Banking, the Insurance Business, and the legal profession in the city of Camden, New Jersey from 1873 to 1938.

The cornerstone of the American National Bank was laid on April 9, 1927. It was one of a group of several banks that opened in the prosperous 1920s on Camden's South Broadway. As the city's industry expanded southward along the Delaware River, banks and other commercial enterprises moved in the same direction along Broadway. The new bank's first president was William E. Morganweck, best known as the "father of basketball" in Camden County.

The American National Bank opened only two years before the stock market crash of 1929 and the start of the Great Depression. It continued to operate

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corners and between the bays of the facade. Bronze lanterns project from the pilasters on either side of the entrance, and a flagpole is mounted below the lantern on the north side. Tall rectangular windows with metal sash fill most of the space in the two exterior bays. A metal grill covers the lower section of these windows. A panel in the frieze above the pilasters appears to have once contained the name of the bank. The sides of the fully detached building are of tan brick and are five bays deep with a tall arched window in each bay.

The interior with its large banking floor and ceiling height equivalent to two stories is of a design similar to that of other 1920s bank buildings in Camden. Large two-story arched windows make the main room very light. There is a mezzanine at the rear of the room. The floor is resilient tile with one foot squares laid to look like marble. Wood paneling covers the original plaster walls. An acoustical tile dropped ceiling hides the original ceiling. A large round door, similar to the one in the bank at 123 Market Street, protects the vault. Inside the vault there are various types of safe deposit boxes, which correspond to banks which merged into this one.

Original trim is visible under the panelling around some of the window openings. Original baseboards are also visible in some areas just above the floor between window openings. Scars on the resilient flooring on the south side of the building indicate where the teller stands were located. Modern hanging fluorescent light fixtures have replaced the originals. An addition at the rear of the original building probably dates from the 1940s or 1950s and houses many old files and ledgers. Some date back to the end of the nineteenth century and belonged to the Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Company, the bank that absorbed American National Bank.

The American National Banks' use as a bank for sixty years attests to the building's viability as a bank and has helped to keep it in good physical condition. The building meets all the registration requirements for property type #1, Bank Buildings in the nomination. The original vault and other interior features add to its significance.

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until 1939 when the Camden Trust Company absorbed it. Therefore American National was also one of the many banks to become a part of one of the three Camden banks that emerged from the Depression. The Camden firm of Simon Britton & English constructed the building, but the architect is as yet unknown.

Although the building is now vacant, it was used as a bank until recently when it was a branch of the Princeton Bank. There has been some modernization on the interior, it is still basically a bank interior and much of the original fabric remains even though it is hidden under new material. The exterior of the building retains a high degree of integrity, and in consideration of the continued bank use of the interior, the overall integrity is generally higher than many of the banks in the nomination. Although the teller's cages are gone and a dropped ceiling reduces the height of the banking room, the vault and many other original features remain.

The American National Bank building is an important reminder of the 1920s banking expansion along Broadway in Camden. Architecturally, it is in a good state of preservation on both interior and exterior as compared to the other Broadway bank buildings. A 1987 survey of banks, insurance, and legal buildings in Camden identified the American National Bank building. The survey followed federal guidelines and the results are on file at the Office of New Jersey Heritage. The Preservation Planner for the City of Camden and the Office of New Jersey Heritage have evaluated the building and determined that the American National Bank Building is eligible for inclusion in the multiple property nomination of the basis of its history, architecture, and integrity.

9. Major Biographical References

See Main Bibliography

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# _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Specific repository _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

USGS quad Camden

UTM References

A 1 18 4 8 9 7 3 5 4 4 1 9 8 12 0
 Zone Easting Northing
 C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing
 D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

The American National Bank Building is located at the Southwest corner of Broadway and Amber Streets, City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, legally described as block 334, lot 34.

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Boundary Justification

The Boundary includes lot 34 in block 334, which has been historically associated with the property.

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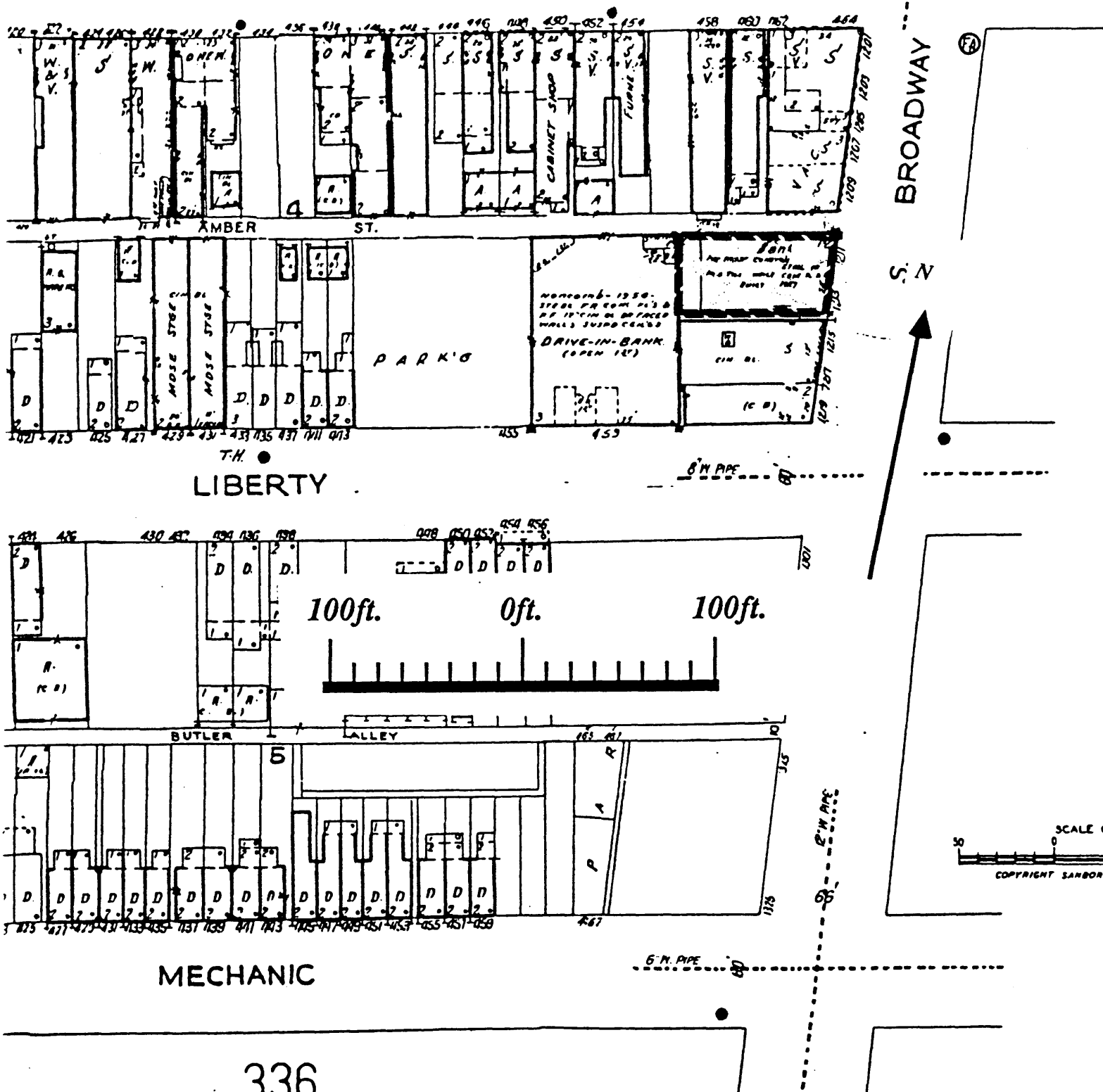
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Boundary Map

American National Bank Building

Bank, Legal, and Insurance Buildings in Camden, NJ 1873-1938
 City of Camden
 Camden County, New Jersey
 Camden Quad

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