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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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NAME First National Bank of Custer City
LOCATION Custer City, Oklahoma 040, Custer County 039
OWNER Trustees of the Christian Missionary Soc. of Custer City,
% Mrs. Orville Hill, P.O. Box 12, Custer City, OK
LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Treasurer's Office, Custer County
Courthouse, Arapaho, Oklahoma

DESCRIPTION: Condition: Excellent, altered, original site

The First National Bank of Custer City is a rectangular, two-story building, thirty feet wide by eighty feet long and constructed of red brick. The builind has double-hung wood sash windows with brick sills and a flat roof. The only decorative element is a corner parapet with the date 1903 and the name First National Bank spelled out in concrete letters painted white. Significant alteration was the replacement of the original doorway on the south corner with a fixed picture window. The present entrance is on the east elevation, in the location of the picture window. The present entrance is on the east elevation, in the location of the original picture window. There are three entrances on the north elevation, in the location of the original picture window. There are three entrances on the north elevation which are no longer in use, but all openings have brick relieving arches except the 3 on the north elevation. Simple brick deloration occurs near the top of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1903 -- Builder/Architect: Unknown

The First National Bank is significant becuase it is one of the earliest permanent commercial structures in Custer City. The bank, built in 1903, provided much needed capital for other commercial ventures. Moreover, the bank loans for growing agricultural sector of the local economy. In addition, the First National Bank provided a sense of permanance for the fledgling town. The second floor of the bank building served as offices for various doctors, dentists, lodges, and other organizations over the years. The First National Bank operated continuously in this building until 1976, when the new building was constructed. Presently, the old bank houses a second-hand clothing store.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre QUANDRANGLE: 7.5 min.-Clinton

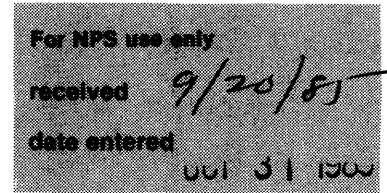
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 38, Lot 1

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Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Clinton, Oklahoma
1:24,000/7.5 minute

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Verbal Boundary Description: Lot 1, Block 38, original town of Custer City