

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 HANCOCK SAVINGS BANK

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 311 Main Street _____ not for publication

city, town HANCOCK _____ vicinity of

state IOWA code 19 county POTTAWATTAMIE code 155

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 type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> n/a/n 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 E.L. NIELSEN

street & number 311 Main Street

city, town HANCOCK _____ vicinity of state IOWA

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pottawattamie County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Council Bluffs state Iowa 51501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

The old Hancock Savings Bank building, located at the corner of Main and Delta Streets, is a unique survivor of the early days of downtown Hancock. This one-story, irregularly-shaped commercial style edifice dates from around the turn of the century. It is constructed of red brick and capped with a flat roof surrounded by a brick parapet. Exterior ornamentation is provided by round arched window and door openings; decorative brick panels and corbelling on the roof parapet; stone lugsills under the windows; and a white stone tablet above the entrance with the inscription "Bank." The only major exterior alteration over the years has been the removal of the original one-over-one sash windows and the double entrance door and their replacement with aluminum storm windows and door. Although the arched portions of windows and doorway have been boarded up, they could easily be returned to their original state.

Inside the bank has been remodeled for use as a real estate office. The ceiling has been lowered, the walls panelled, and the floor carpeted. Many vestiges of its years as a bank remain, however, including the counter, walk-in vault, safety deposit boxes, and two safes.

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 checked="" 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 1894-1931 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The community bank played a vital role in promoting a community's local growth, especially in those smaller communities which were distant from larger urban centers. The town of Hancock owed its existence to the arrival of the Rock Island Railroad in 1880. F. H. Hancock platted the town, but a local bank was not organized until 1896. Prior to that time, the town could offer many services to area farmers, but the addition of banking services was vital.

John H. Jenks, Newt Hodson, Gus Diederrich and John Spindler organized a local bank in 1894 in Hancock. By 1899, Fred J. Boie had purchased an interest and was made cashier, a position he continued to fill until the bank closed in 1931. The bank incorporated in 1904 as Hancock Savings Bank with Mr. Jenks, president, and Mr. Diederrich, vice-president. By 1906 the bank was listed as a member of the Iowa Bankers Association. That same year, a second Hancock bank, the Bank of Hancock, is also noted.

The bank, according to local residents suffered two robberies, however these are not documented. President Jenks was replaced in 1922 by Fred Boie's daughter, Anna K. Boie, who at age 22 was credited with being the youngest female bank president in the country. Between 1921 and October, 1931, when the bank closed its doors, deposits decreased by two-thirds. The Hancock Savings Bank, with one hundred and eighty-nine other Iowa banks, collapsed in the wake of the arrival of the Depression in Iowa.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Avoca

Quadrangle scale 1 | 24,000

UTM References

A	1 5	3 0 2 5 2 0	4 5 8 4 6 3 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

D			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

F			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

G			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

The north 44' of Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 in Block 1, Town of Hancock, Iowa. This is the ground upon which the building stands.

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

state	Iowa	code	19	county	Pottawattamie	code	155
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state		code		county		code	
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jim Jacobsen

organization Office of Historic Preservation date October 8, 1982

street & number East 12th & Grand Avenue telephone (515) 281-6825

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Adrian D. Anderson

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date November 1, 1982

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

for Nelson Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 1/19/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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