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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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Delta County Bank Building

other names/site number 5DT364

2. Location

street & number 301 & 305 Main Street N/A not for publication

city or town Delta N/A vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Delta code 029 zip code 81416

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ames Edward Hartman May 12, 1993
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Alton Byer

Entered in the National Register

Date of Action

6/24/93

Delta County Bank
Name of Property

Delta County, CO
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/financial institution,
department store, professional
SOCIAL/meeting hall

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/organizational, restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/Romanesque Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1892

Significant Dates

1892

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Delta County Museum

Delta County Bank
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than one acre

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda Loftis edited by V. Rottman 3/93

organization _____ date February 8, 1993

street & number 509 Leon Street telephone (303) 874-7860

city or town Delta state CO zip code 81416

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name 1) City of Delta
2) Millard S. Fairlamb

street & number 1) 4th & Main Street 1) 303-874-7566
2) P. O. Box 289 2) 303-874-4495

city or town Delta state CO zip code 81416

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Delta County Bank
Delta County, CO

DESCRIPTION

The Delta County Bank Building is a large two-story masonry building with a three-story corner tower. This Romanesque Revival building dominates Delta's downtown area as it occupies a prominent position on the northeast corner of Main Street and Third Street. The building is rectangular in plan with a flat roof. The foundation of the entire building is stone. The masonry walls consist of red brick with sandstone accents. The roof is wood with asphalt paper and modified bitumen. The prominent square tower on the northeast corner has a pyramid roof with wooden shingles.

The tower extends three stories and is supported by a polished pink granite column with an acanthus leaf capital of carved sandstone. Similar capitals top the brick pilasters flanking the corner entrance. Sandstone is also used in the raised foundation, stringcourses, sills, lintels, and window arches. The cornice on the tower features brackets while the cornice on the second story has dentils. In addition, three narrow belt courses of projecting brick accent the top of the second story.

On the east facade near the southernmost corner is a multi-panel wooden door with ornate hardware. There is also a recessed central entrance with a modern glass door flanked by display windows. The corner entrance in the tower has paneled wooden doors with glass upper panels, sidelights and transom. A single wood panel door is on the north facade near the northwest corner.

The windows on the first story are all flat-headed with transoms. Those on the north facade are double-hung; those on the east facade are fixed. Those windows which are placed below the second story arches are paired. There are several semi-circular arch windows on the second story: two large hand-carved keystone arched windows on the east facade and three on the north. In between these are tall, slender double-hung windows with flat lintels. In the tower, each of the north and east facades features one flat-headed window with transom on the second story with a pair of small arched windows above.

From the beginning, the Delta County Bank Building has occupied two original Delta plat lots, approximately 25 x 125 feet each, and the two lots have always had different owners. Each half of the building measures 25 x 75 feet. On the first floor, the two properties share a common wall. On the second floor, they share two staircases with a door providing a passageway in the middle of the common wall.

The second floor of the southern portion of the building has a large back room with floor to ceiling wooden closets. Recently, wood from the ceilings was removed to reveal two original glass skylights.

The northern half of the building contains a two-story stairwell in the northwest corner.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

Even though the Delta County Bank Building has had periods of abandonment and neglect, it has survived fairly intact. A corbelled chimney which appears in historic photographs was removed. On the north facade, a door was converted into a window and a window into a door. The conversion of the door to a window was an historic change and pains were taken to make this change blend into the fabric of the building. Some of the fenestration on the storefront of the east facade was also somewhat altered over the years by shortening the windows and adding the glass door. However, the original cast iron remains. In the rear of the building (west facade), other alterations include the addition of a window and a door and the filling in of another window in the center of the first story.

In 1987-88, the building was restored and rehabilitated. Work included stuccoing the south and west facades, where the soft, inferior brick was beginning to crumble, in order to prevent further deterioration from weather. Also, undertaken was the re-shingling of the tower roof, the chemical removal of paint from the masonry, and attaching awnings on the front of the building. In the rear, the old wooden staircase was removed and its door opening was converted into a window.

None of the above alterations significantly compromise the property's historic significance or Romanesque Revival elements.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Delta County Bank Building is architecturally significant as a representative of the Romanesque Revival Style. At the time of its construction in 1892, it marked the first instance in Delta of an identifiable design which was in current usage throughout the United States. It remains as the best representative of this style in Delta, the only other example being a very late (1921) vernacular adaptation in the National Guard Armory.

Typical Romanesque Revival elements include the semi-circular arched windows, the square tower, and the stringcourses marking horizontal divisions, all of which figure prominently in this building's design. It also incorporates selected Richardsonian Romanesque elements in the use of the rusticated stone trim and transom windows. Victorian Romanesque details are represented in the projecting brick courses and foliated capitals.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

After the removal of the Ute Indians from this region in September 1881, stock raisers, fruit growers, and others soon realized the agricultural potential of the area. The town of Delta was platted on April 6, 1882, and the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad arrived there the same year. Delta's position as both a rail center and the county seat, together with its agricultural diversity led to its dominance of the commercial arena as well. By the turn of the century, Delta was beginning a period of prosperity, exemplified by the conversion of many Main Street buildings from frame to brick.

Commercial buildings such as this were expensive to build, and only successful entrepreneurs could afford them. This building was constructed in 1892 by the owners of the Delta County Bank (later the First National Bank) and grocers Robert and Lou Williams to house their bank and grocery store.

The bank building has had its ups and downs. Historically, it served as a center of finance and commerce with a Masonic Lodge and law offices upstairs. After the bank failed in 1929, the space it occupied was vacant for nearly two decades. In the late 1940s, it was converted into a sporting goods store and then a tavern. By 1982, the entire building suffered from abandonment. In 1985 a restaurant moved into the original grocery store space, and in 1987-88 the entire building was restored and rehabilitated by the City of Delta. It now houses "The Eatery" and the Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center. The only three-story building in downtown Delta, it remains a prominent focal point on Main Street.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

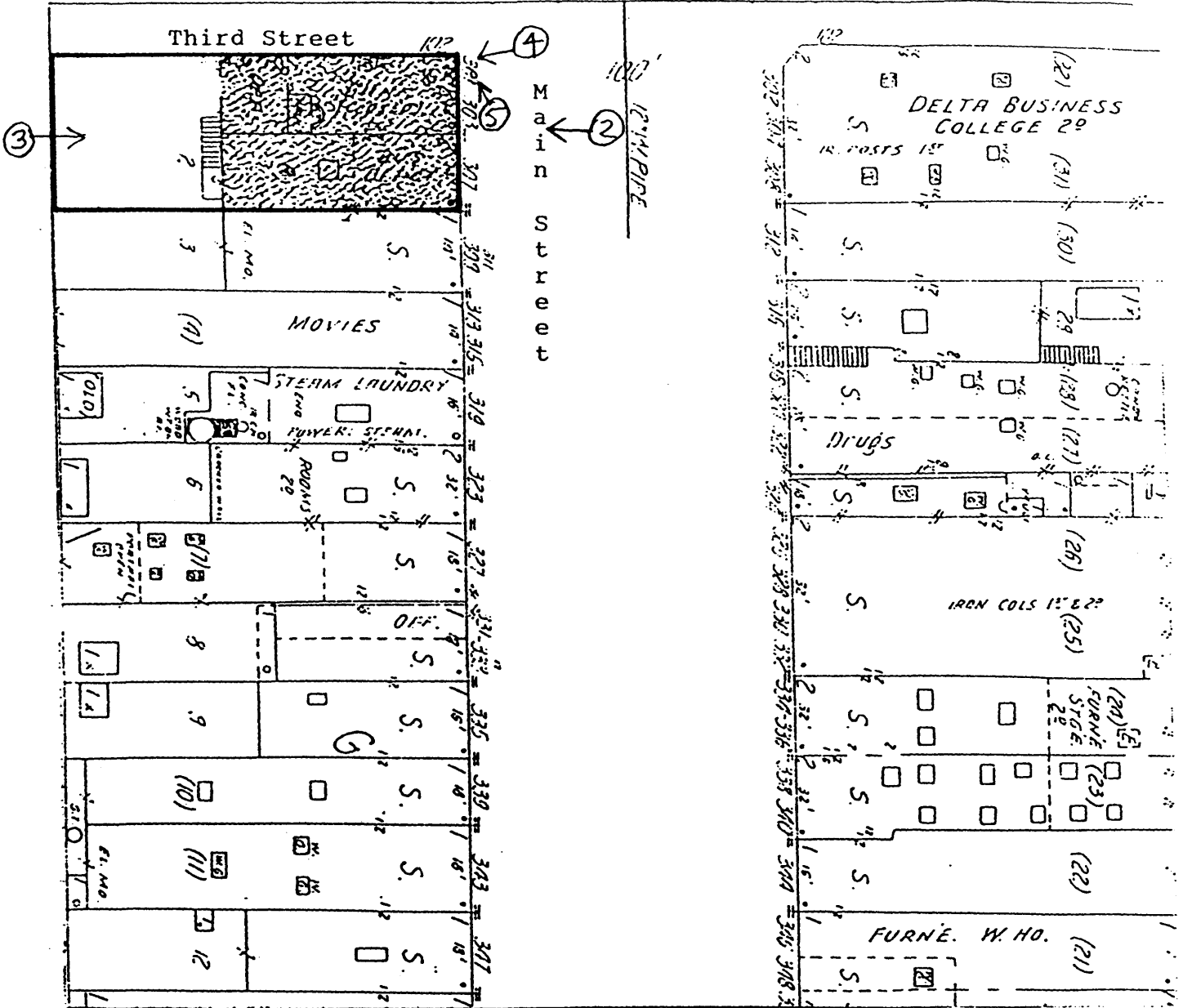
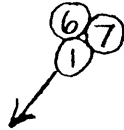
Delta Original Subdivision, Block 15, Lots 1 & 2.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary encompasses the area historically associated with the Delta County Bank Building.

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SKETCH MAP



key: shaded area is subject property

scale: 1 inch = 50 feet

- = photograph
- = boundaries of nomination

