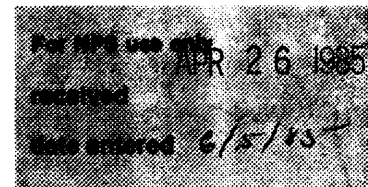


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All American Bank Building
111 W. Washington
141-56342-598
d. 1924

First Bank & Trust Co. of S. Bend
OWNER: c/o Allen Schragar
711 J.M.S. Building
South Bend, Indiana 46601

Description:

Photo #69, 70; Building #36

Located on the northwest corner of Washington and Michigan Streets, the All American Bank Building now stands isolated with large parking lots to the north and south (across Washington Street).

The four story high, Neo-Classical structure is of Indiana limestone. Modern metal-clad storefronts now cover the large, round-arched entrances and windows that once extended the height of the first floor and mezzanine. Still visible above the modern storefronts are the console keystones on the main or east facade and the keystones containing urns on the south, smooth-faced ashlar facade.

The second and third stories of the building are treated in a unified manner with pilasters extending the heights of both floors. The pilasters, with simple bases and Corinthian capitals, separate a continuous row of windows on the south facade and flank the single window on the east facade.

A projecting cornice with a denticulated frieze line caps the building.

Significance:

Designed by the architectural firm of Virthum and Burns, the All American Bank Building was completed in May, 1924. This structure replaced a smaller one that housed the bank on the same site since its founding in 1904. The bank remained in this location until 1970, when they moved into their new 25 story building one block west.

The building is located on the site of Lathrop M. Taylor's 1829 trading post where city fathers met to plat South Bend in 1831. It is also the site of the first post office.

Architecturally, the American Bank Building is an excellent example of a small, Neo-Classical commercial structure. While it is one of several downtown buildings with classical trim, it is the only small commercial building in the central business district in the Neo-Classical style constructed of limestone.

Although the first floor has been covered with modern storefronts and siding, the original windows still exist behind the siding. These windows and the decorative ceiling of the lobby are still visible in the interior of the building from a second floor balcony.

UTM Reference: 16/562390/4613930

Acreage: Less than one acre

Legal: Parcel #18-1002-0080

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Part of Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) as shown on the Original Plat of the Town now City of South Bend, in St. Joseph County, Indiana, bounded by a line running as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot Numbered Eighteen (18); thence running North 25 feet 9 inches; thence West 75 feet; thence North 8 feet; thence West 10 feet; thence North 32 feet 3 inches to the North line of said Lot Numbered Eighteen (18); thence West 20 feet along said North line of Lot Numbered Eighteen (18); thence North 10 feet into Lot Numbered Seventeen (17); thence West 20 feet; thence South 76 feet to the South line of said Lot Numbered Eighteen (18); thence East 125 feet along said South line to the place of beginning.

Subject to zoning ordinances, restrictions, and easements of record, and subject further to all party wall agreements.