

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: First National Bank COUNTY: Murray
 CURRENT NAME: Citizens' State Bank CITY/TWP.: Fulda
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 10-13, Block 9, original plat ADDRESS: 115 North St. Paul Ave. Fulda, MN

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Commerce</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes x No _____ Restricted x PRESENT USE: Bank
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes x No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes x No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1918 ORIGINAL USE: Bank
 ORIGINAL OWNER: First National Bank -ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Lytle Co.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Citizens State Agency, Inc. 115 N. St. Paul Avenue Fulda, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>x</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Murray County Historical Society County Fairgrounds, Slayton, MN	UTM REFERENCE: Fulda MN Quad. 7.5 15/ 299155 / 4859560
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DESCRIPTION:
 The Citizens State Bank is located on St. Paul Avenue between Front and Second Streets in Fulda. It is a two-story rectangular structure of gun-metal hytex brick and cream colored terra cotta, designed in a style reminiscent of Beaux Arts Classicism. Terra cotta ornamentation on the bank's east facade includes single and paired fluted pilasters with hybridized Ionic capitals employing acanthus and egg-and-dart motifs, and a central front entrance featuring a flat door hood with cartouche, acanthus leaves and consoles. Paired and single pilasters also appear on the north facade, but utilize brick shafts. Running the full length of both the east and north facades is a continuous sill at the base of the pilasters, an architrave above the capitals, and a denticulated cornice capped by a brick parapet. Located between the pilasters are large square windows (infill not original). Alterations to the building include the addition of a one-story drive-in teller facility, window modifications on the west wall, and tuck pointing of the cornice. The bank interior retains original furnishings--mahogany woodwork, Italian marble, white and dark green ceramic tile floor and moulded plaster coffered ceiling.

SIGNIFICANCE:
 The Citizens State Bank is significant as an unusually well articulated and well preserved example of an early 20th century building common to streetscapes in small southwestern Minnesota towns. At the time of its construction, (1918-1919), the bank was known as the First National Bank; it became known as Citizens State Bank after a change in ownership in the 1930s. First National contracted with the Lytle Company of Sioux City, Iowa for the construction of a new building in 1918. The Lytle Company was known throughout southern Minnesota and Iowa for its distinctive use of building materials on its commercial structures. The well-preserved Fulda bank commands an unusual prominence among the commercial buildings of Murray County's small towns. It's location in the heart of main street and its well preserved condition make it a notable example of the type and a locally significant building.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: "First National Bank Opens in New Location", Fulda Free Press, 2 May 1919, p. 1.