

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: First National Bank
3. Street or rural address: 157-163 Main Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 23B Lot 157-163
5. Present Owner: Norstar Bank of Maine Address: P.O. Box 3000
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Neo-Classical
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The building is distinguished for its cast stone trim highlighted against a background of high quality pressed brick. The facade is divided by five Ionic pilasters supporting a full entablature which includes a cornice with dentils. The windows on the second and third stories have segmental and flat arched trim. In addition, there are cast stone balconies with wrought iron railings under the third story windows.

The first story, which has been extensively remodeled, consists of polished glass, plate glass and metal replacement of the original materials.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated c. 1903 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Balustrade removed and first story remodeled c. 1960
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The building is primarily significant for its architectural design which consists of a French-inspired neo-classical facade that is unlike any other building of this period in Maine.

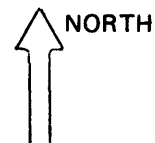
Historically, the building is significant as the home of one of the earliest banks in Lewiston. Established in 1852 as the Lewiston Falls Bank, this corporation provided much of the capital essential to launch the city's industrial growth in the decade before the Civil War. Its organizers included many of the city's leading capitalists. Chartered as the First National Bank in 1864, it continued to grow with the city. Norstar Bank, the present occupant, is the direct descendant of the original bank.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government ___ Military _____
Religion ___ Social/Education _____
Other (describe) _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Historic Lewiston: A Textile City in Transition, James S. Leamon, Lewiston, 1970.

22. Date form prepared 12/85
By (name) Roger Reed
Organization MHPC
Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building Name(s): Norstar Bank Historic First National Bank
- 2. Principal Street Address: 157-163 Main Street
- 3. Other Street Address: _____
- 4. Present Owner's Name: Ronald Beauchesne 5. Ownership: public ___ private X
- 6. Owner's Address: 35 Ash Street, Lewiston
- 7. Original Owner: First National Bank
- 8. Use: original Bank/offices 9. Accessibility to public:
present Bank/offices exterior visible from public road yes
interior accessible: (explain) business hours

Surveyor's Name: L. Chatterton Date: August, 1984
 Address: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Telephone: _____
 Position: volunteer ___ professional consultant X intern ___
 other, (explain) _____

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 3 Bays 4 Attic ___ Basement ___
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: ___ wood frame, light members: ___
System: masonry load bearing: X metal, (explain): _____
- 12. Photo _____ 13. Map _____

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DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle___ wood shingle___ slate___ concrete___
Material: composition X metal___ tile___ other___
Walls: wood___ stone___ cast iron___ brickX stucco___
other___
Foundation: brick
15. Present excellent___ good X fair___ poor___ deteriorated___
Condition: explain fair or poor condition___
16. Integrity: original site: yes X no___ if moved, when___
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):
First story completely remodeled, balustrade removed from cornice
17. Threats to none X zoning___ roads___ developers___ deterioration___
Building: other___
18. Related barn___ carriage house___ garage___ privy___ shed___ shop___
Outbuildings: landscape features___
other___
19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land___ woodland___ industrial___
densely built-up X commercial X scattered buildings___
residential___ other___
20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

This building terminates a row of brick structures which occupies the northeast corner of Lisbon and Main Streets. On the east side of the bank is an empty lot.

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21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:

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22. Date of Initial Construction: c. 1904

23. Architect: unknown Address: _____

24. Builder: unknown Address: _____

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

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26. Sources:

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