United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property			
historic name	First National Bank		
other names/site number			
2. Location			Inch for publication
street & number	120 S. Main		not for publication
city, town	<u>Maquoketa</u>		vicinity
state <u>Iowa</u> code	IA county Jackson	code 097	zip code 52060
3. Classification			
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Reso	urces within Property
x private	X building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
public-local	district	1	buildings
public-State	site	'	sites
public-Federal	structure		structures
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		1	0 Total
Name of related multiple property lis	stina:	Number of contri	buting resources previously
Architectural & Historic	cal Resources of Maquoketa,	IA listed in the Nation	
4. State/Federal Agency Certif	ication		
National Register of Historic Place		ssional requirements s	et forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
Signature of commenting or other off			Date
State or Federal agency and bureau			
5. National Park Service Certif	ication		
I, hereby, certify that this property is			
entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the Nation Register. See continuation sheet determined not eligible for the National Register.	nal Seth Bolard		<u> 8/9/91</u>
removed from the National Regis	stor.		
	Signature of t	he Keeper	Date of Action

6. Function or Use	JUN 2-1		
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Commercial Institution		
COMMERCIAL/Financial Institution			
7. Description Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)		
Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals: Neo-classical Revival	foundation Limestone walls Brick Terra cotta roof Asphalt other		

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story double wide building is located on the west side of Main Street, half way between Platt and Pleasant, in the center of the Maquoketa business district. It is a very fine example of neoclassical bank design from 1920. The elaborate terra cotta facade features monumental Ionic columns and pilasters as well as a wide variety of classical motifs: Greek key, egg & dart, foliated rinceau, rosettes, anthemion, and volutes. It is difficult to think of a classical motif which cannot be found somewhere on the facade.

The double storefront width, rather than the more common single storefront often used for banks of this time, adds to the monumentality of the total design. The integrity of this building has been maintained to a high degree, the only apparent alteration being the name Jackson State Bank replacing First National Bank across the entablature. This project has focused on the exterior rather than interior of the buildings. Little information has been gathered, but the bank does retain the two story interior in the lobby area.

Though there were two other banks that also had neo-classical details at one time, this is the only one which retains its architectural integrity.

8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in	relation to other properties: ewide X locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B XC)	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	E F G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1920	1920
	Cultural Affiliation N.A.	
Significant Person N.A.	Architect/Builder Archt: The Lytle Co., S	ioux City

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The First National Bank building is significant under Criterion C as an outstanding example of neo-classical bank design.

During the teens and twenties, many banks adopted the neo-classical facade, to create an image of strength. Some of these were built of brick or stone, but the most elaborate were executed in terra cotta. This material provided the opportunity for rich details, such as found on the facade of First National. The firm responsible for the manufacture of this facade, the American Terra Cotta Company of Chicago, published an article about the building's architects, the Lytle Company of Sioux City, and included a full page picture of "the First National Bank erected recently in Maquoketa Iowa," and called it "a little gem." Many of these buildings have been altered over the years, but the integrity of this building appears to be intact.

The Lytle Company, Architects and Engineers, appears to have been responsible for the design of at least twenty-five banks in Iowa between 1913 and 1923. These were all built in relatively small communities. Many of these, if not all, were executed in the neo-classical style. Most appear to have been narrow (approximately 22 feet) and many were located on corner lots (First National Bank of Iowa Falls, Hardin County, is a case in point). In many cases terra cotta was used for detailing only, and the primary material was brick.

First National demonstrates the growth of the community and the need (desire) to replacement older buildings with "stylish, modern" ones. Shortly after this bank was constructed, a new building was started at the southwest corner of Main and Platt for the American Savings Bank. This too was in the neo-classical style, but used stone rather than terra cotta for detailing. This building has undergone extensive alteration and no longer has the integrity found on the First National Bank.

9. Major Bibliographical References	
Jackson Sentinel, 1920, 1921, various arti	icles
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):	
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)	Primary location of additional data:
has been requested	State historic preservation office
previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark	X Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings	University Other
Survey #	Specify repository:
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10. Geographical Data	**
Acreage of property Less than one acre.	
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In terms of commerce and banking, Maquoketa has a strong banking tradition. In 1895 there were four banks: The Jackson County Bank, First National Bank, Exchange Bank, and the Citizens Bank. First National and the Exchange Bank had been established in the 1860s, and the Jackson County Bank in 1885. In 1938, bank failures left Jackson State as the only bank in Maquoketa. It moved south to 120 S. Main, the building originally built for First National in 1920.