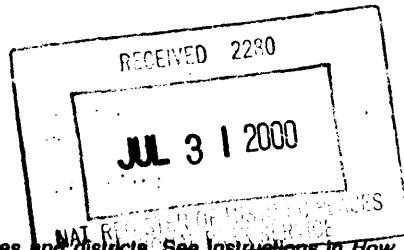


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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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 Tipton State Bank

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 501 Cedar Street N/A  not for publication

city or town Tipton N/A  vicinity

state Iowa code \_\_\_\_\_ county Cedar code 031 zip code 52772

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.)

Patricia Underkny DSM 7-24-00  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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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 commenting 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:)

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 9.14.00

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

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

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

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

Contributing One Noncontributing 0 buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade/ Financial Institution

Commerce/Trade/Professional

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals, Classical Revival

foundation concrete, walls brick, glass, roof asphalt, other

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1924

Significant Dates

1924

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.

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

J.C. Woods & Co.  
Clinton, Iowa

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:

**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property Less than one**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**

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 organization Cedar Land Librarie date Feb. 28, 1999  
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**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 Francesca Passeri  
 street & number 501 Cedar Street telephone 319-886-1282  
 city or town Tipton state Iowa zip code 52772

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## Description

The Tipton State Bank building is located at 501 Cedar Street, on the principal route north to south through the city of Tipton.

The board of directors of the City National Bank voted to build the new bank on March 28, 1923.

Architect J.C. Woods and Company of Clinton, Iowa was engaged to furnish plans and specifications for a building exhibiting a handsome exterior design and a front of Bedford stone. Woods interior design encompassed a working room (also designated as the main counting room in the instructions to the architect) on the south side to give the bank staff the advantage of the sunlight. A massive domed ceiling presided over the first floor area some 28 feet below. The customer lobby to be along the north wall. The additional space requirement was secured by a mezzanine floor at the rear of the main room and over the vault at the rear of the building. This mezzanine floor also provided a room for the bank directors as well as a rest room for the lady patrons of the bank. With future expansion in mind the plans called for a smaller mezzanine floor in the east area of the building.

An extra large and commodious vault of reinforced concrete was divided into a room for the patrons safety deposit boxes with the balance of space for the banks use. This vault was actually two stories high with the basement section providing storage for the older bank records.

New furniture and fixtures of the most modern design would be installed. The existing bank in 1923 had clearly outgrown its quarters.

In early November 1923 the new bank was nearing completion. The Mosler Safe Company had completed installation of its equipment consisting of two three ton steel doors. There were two chests with 150 safety deposit boxes in each chest weighing 3,000 pounds along with other steel fittings.

The plastering contractor had completed his contract and the painter was waiting for the plaster to cure and dry. To aid in the drying the plumbing and heating contractor had the vapor steam plant installed and working.

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O.B. McClintock Company was in the process of installing the efficient burglar alarm system. This particular system consisted of an electrified steel lining that protects the bank against daylight robbery, the acetylene torch, the drill and all other modern methods of the yeggman. This alarm system was manufactured by the American Bank Protection Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota. This company assured potential customers that in the span of 20 years not a single bank with this system had been successfully burglarized. The system was so complete that no one part of the vault has a single form of protection, but rather duplicate or triplicate. Both the open and closed circuits being used so that any attempt to cut cables or wires or drill through the vault linings or doors, or the use of Oxy-acetylene flame would sound the alarm with its own electrical energy inside the vault.

This alarm was of two ten inch bronze gongs in shields just above or beside the vault door, plus a 20 inch 50 pound bronze gong in a housing located on the south side of the building. (This larger gong is still there in 1999.)

The interior of the vault had a double steel plate lining for the open current. The lining covered the vault doors, floors, ceiling, walls, and vestibules - not a square inch being unprotected. The doors themselves are controlled by electrical time locks.

The exterior of the building is composed of brick, stone and glass, standing on a site long occupied by the banking interests of Tipton dating back to March 1877. At this time, 1877, Hammonds New Bank opened for business on the site now (1999) occupied by the Tipton State Bank building. In this extended interval the bank names included - Cedar County Bank - First National Bank of Tipton - City National Bank - Tipton State Bank, the name they adopted on March 13, 1933 after they resumed normal activities at the end of the National Banking Holiday. Business continued here until the Tipton State Bank Corporation built a new single story facility directly across Cedar Street to the east. In March 1967 an open house was held there.

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During the building's history some changes were effected on the exterior. The largest alteration occurred in 1953 on the south elevation where most of the original windows were replaced with 8" x 8" glass blocks. This revision was instigated due to deterioration of the wooden type of window sash. This sash deterioration had resulted in serious air penetration to the interior. ( refer to 1940)

Today, 1999, we find some evidence of remedial action on the glazed fenestration of the eastern elevation (refer 1940 picture). The owner is considering restoration to the original facade. While at the east elevation please note the colossal 32 inch in diameter two costory columns - as well as the capitals on top of the columns. The windows on the street level of the east facade have recessed ornamental iron barriers to protect the sheets of plate glass.

Returning to the interior of the building we find marble panels with gray and white shades on the walls from the black and white Terrazzo up 42 inches where the plastered wall starts. Such treatment continues in the vestibule as well as in the main lobby of the north wall of the building.

While still in the east portion of the building and looking upward to the west face of the mezzanine - here is displayed a row of decorative glass windows. The balance of the face, as well as the stairs and case, are paneled in walnut.

The room on the east mezzanine serves as the office for Land Title Corp., an abstracting firm. Then on the first floor level under the east mezzanine there is an office occupied by Eaton Real Estate.

Moving to the west end mezzanine there are two rooms plus two rest rooms. The first two rooms are quarters for the law office of the building's owner.

On the north and south walls there are pilasters 24" across the face to support and stablize the building. Also it was noted that the overnight depository safe was still incorporated in the south wall of the main counting room.

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Description continued -

There is a full basement under this Tipton State Bank building which provides a large room for the heating plant. The vault continues down from the first level and is 10½ feet by 8½ feet on the interior. The metal framing for the entrance is still in place. The doors are missing but half of the heavy exterior hinges are still in place as well as a portion of the inner hinges which are lighter in dimension.

The room which provides access to the vault is of fair size. Although this room is unremarkable the south wall of it does display a walk through entrance (now boarded up on its exterior) which is not a surprise but three double hung wooden windows was a bit of a surprise considering they were underground and now covered by a sidewalk. Also noted were facilities for a rest room and "scrub room" in this lower level.



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## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This former Tipton State Bank building is eligible for the National Register under criterion "C" as an example of a Classical Revival influence in the bank buildings within the city of Tipton. Currently (1999) there are three bank buildings in Tipton that occupy sites of the 1924-30 time frame.

Our candidate for the National Register is the Tipton State Bank building. This one exhibits the most original characteristics of the three. Although the building no longer functions as a bank, it retains its Classical Revival influence.

The second bank of the 1924-1930 era is directly across the street from the Tipton State, where it serves as a bank in 1999. However this building presents no resemblance to the building that occupied the site in the 1924-1930 period.

The third bank, Cedar County State, is extant today, 1999, on its 1924-1930 site. Its facade, on the whole, presents the same characteristics as portrayed while functioning as a banking house. Currently it is the site of a law office.

Our candidate (Tipton State Bank) certainly is the most impressive of the three banks. The classic columns on the east facade and the east corner of the south elevation clearly establishes its architectural leadership. These columns appear to belong to the composite order, Doric base with capitals of the Corinthian order.

To further enhance our candidate's position, a survey was conducted of the extant bank buildings in Cedar County to determine if there were any other examples of cylindrical columns incorporated in the facades.

Of the two found, both in Mechanicsville, one was of a later time frame. The second, of 1904 construction, displayed two, about 12" in diameter, of unfluted marble extending only half way up on the face of a two story building. Not a serious contender to the Tipton State Bank's position.

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Cedar County Recorder records.

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominee, Tipton State Bank occupies the south 22 feet of lot One Block 10 of the original town of Tipton. The east elevation fronts on Cedar Street while the south elevation faces Fifth Street. Refer sketches included.

## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The property lines of the site of the Tipton State Bank are clearly defined and justified by reference to the sketch of Block 10 included. This represents the boundaries historically associated with this property.

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                                    Date of photos 3-17-1999  
                                    Location of negatives -607 Orange St. Tipton, Ia. 52772

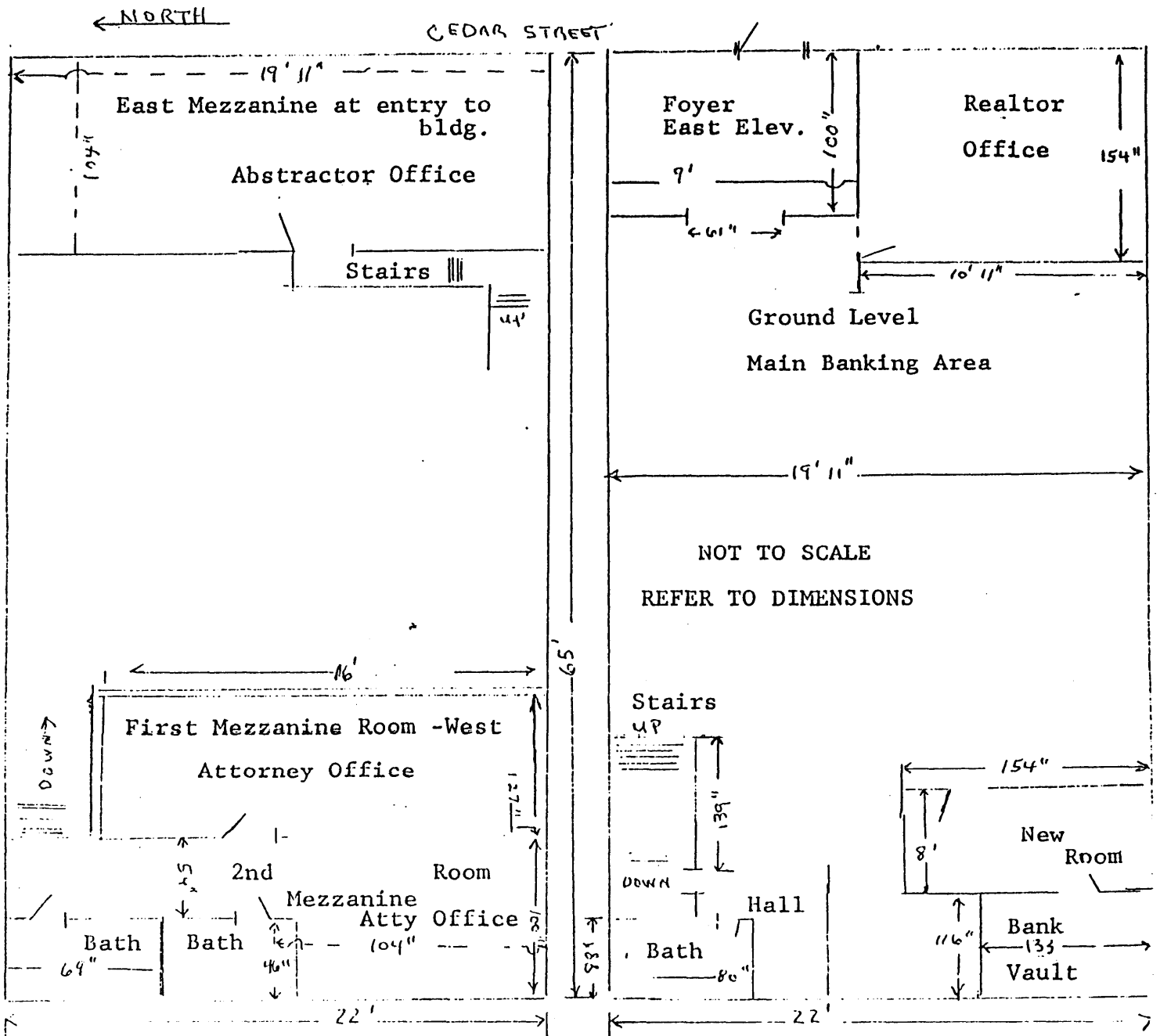
- #1 South exterior elevation of bank  
View to the north
- #2 After hour depository, south exterior  
View to the north
- #3 Burglar alarm south exterior  
View to the north
- #4 Example of brick pattern -south exterior  
View to the north
- #5 East facade exterior  
View to the west
- #6 East facade exterior - base of column  
View to the west
- #7 Owner in her office  
View to the south
- #8 Interior north wall- displaying marble  
View to the north
- #9 East wall of owners office - depicts chandelier  
View to the west
- #10 Interior southwall - after hours depository  
View to the south
- #11 Rear of building - View to the northeast

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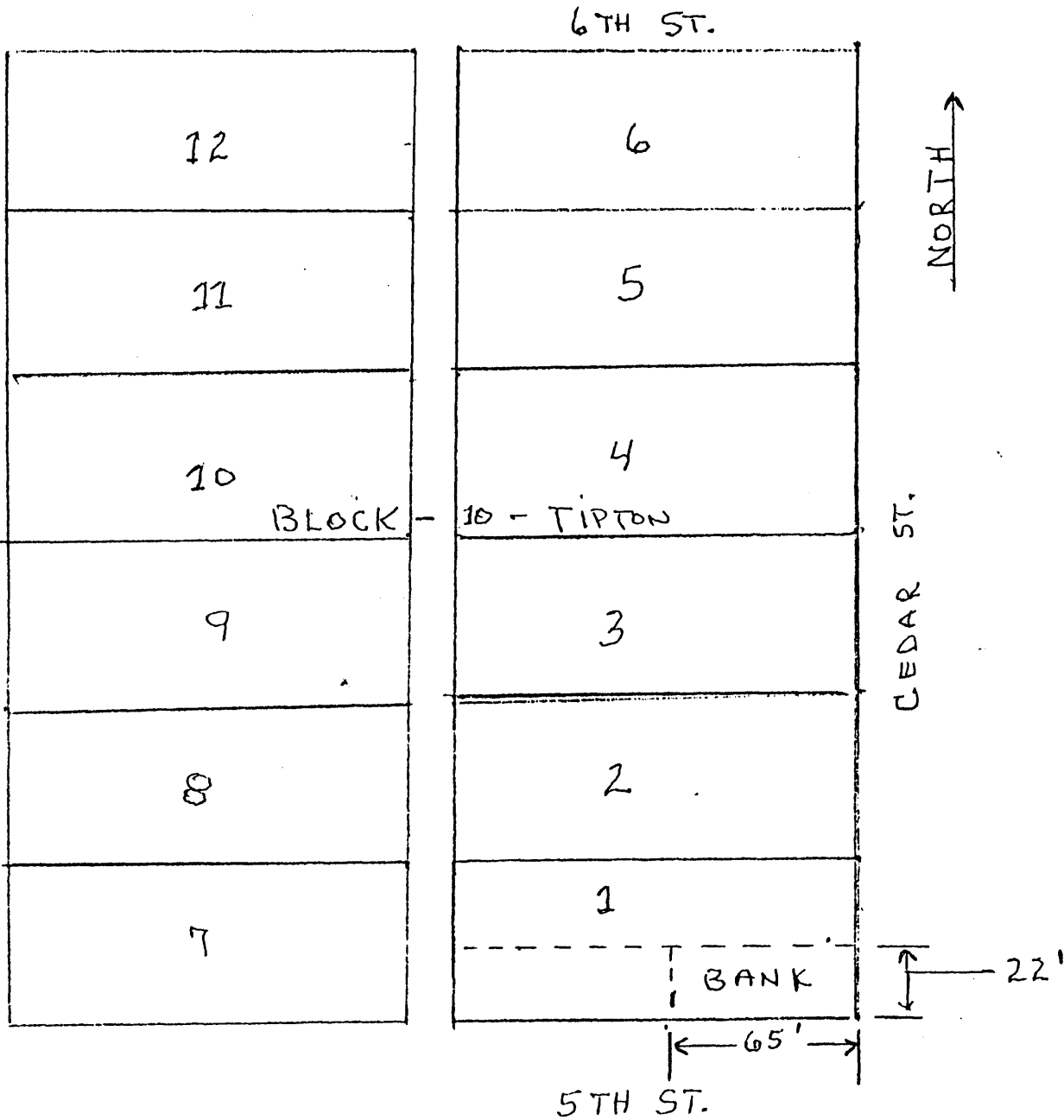


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