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**National Register of Historic Places
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1. Name

historic First National Bank (Old) of Prineville and Foster and Hyde Store
and/or common Bank Durg Store
Number of contributing resources: 1
Number of non-contributing resources: 0

2. Location

street & number 247 North Main Street N/A not for publication
city, town Prineville N/A vicinity of Second Congressional District
state Oregon code 41 county Crook code 013

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A in process</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A being considered</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jim and Casey Dutchuk
street & number 1390 Ochoco Avenue
city, town Prineville N/A vicinity of state Oregon 97754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crook County Courthouse
street & number _____
city, town Prineville state Oregon 97754

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1976 federal state county local
depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, 525 Trade St. SE
city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The old First National Bank of Prineville and adjoining Foster and Hyde Store comprise a single, 50 x 80-foot tax lot at the southwest corner of the intersection of Third and Main Streets in downtown Prineville, Oregon. The single-story bank building, erected of quarry-faced native basalt in 1905, occupies the street corner of the tax lot and measures 30 x 80 feet, including a modern 20-foot rear addition. Its major frontage is on Third Street. The entrance is contained in a bowed bay at the corner. Through removal of a party wall, the single-story, brick-faced Foster and Hyde Store, which has a 20-foot frontage on Main Street at the south side of the old bank, was combined with the bank's square footage after the bank building was vacated in 1953. The combined structures were adapted internally for use as a drugstore. The Foster and Hyde Store is known to antedate the bank by at least five years, as historic photographs show it was standing in 1900.

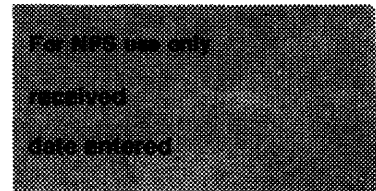
The upper facade of the Foster and Hyde Store retains its original appearance as a simplified and belated version of commercial architecture in the Italianate style. A modern sidewalk canopy shelters the length of the combined Main Street facades, wraps around the corner of the bank building and extends along Third Street. Above the canopy, it is likely that the store's original transom lights remain underneath a reversible modern covering. Above the spandrel beam, the plain brick facade is articulated simply by a patterned brick string course and a corbelled brick cornice with corner corbels embellished with raised decoration in the form of a cross. At street level, the store front was remodeled, presumably after 1953.

The old First National Bank, while compatible with its neighbor in its classical detailing, is a far more imposing architectural statement in the tradition of the American Renaissance. The architect and builder are as yet unknown. Exterior walls, constructed of rock-faced ashlar, are formally articulated, the most dramatic feature being bold semi-circular and semi-elliptical-arched window openings and portal with radiating voussoirs. There are two bays on Main Street and three wide bays and a narrow end bay on Third Street. Lower courses of the masonry walls are rusticated. The upper wall is detailed with an unadorned frieze of cast, or smooth-dressed stone and cornice with stone modillion blocks. Above the cornice, the parapet is finished with stone coping. The bowed corner entrance bay is recessed from the primary wall planes. The parapet is raised above the corner junction in the form of a straight-topped crest which bears the building's title block, "First National Bank," in raised letters. Paving of the Ochoco Highway (Route 26) in 1919 raised the street level and resulted in the loss of a basement crawlspace and the bowed corner steps which did much to heighten the effect of the main entrance. The original double-leaf door of solid oak was replaced after the historic period of significance with an aluminum-framed door of plate glass. The original oak door is extant, however, having been donated to the Bowman Museum across the street.

At the west end of the bank, a concrete mechanical services addition, 20 feet in length, completes development fully 80 feet to the west lot line. The concrete addition post dates the historic period of significance. Its facade is lightly

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stuccoed and unembellished except by a continuation of the frieze and simpler cornice. An upper level industrial window opening and street level doorway are unframed. The bank's parapet originally was crowned by a wrought iron railing. Surviving sections of the railing are displayed in ground story window sills on the Main Street facade at present. Arched window heads are covered with non-historic plaster board above the springing line, but the original glazing is intact. Window openings were cut down about a foot to the ground courses to admit more light to the interior during one of the episodes of modernization, but the historic fenestration pattern remains unaltered.

The current owners of the old First National Bank Building are proprietors of the drug store which occupies the building. They are planning a rehabilitation which would reverse some of the non-historic exterior improvements carried out after the banking institution vacated the building in 1953. None of the historic bank fixtures remain in the interior, with the exception of the vault, the door of which is embellished with gold leaf lettering and an idealized painted scene of an Indian camp on the Crooked River at sunset.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1905-1935 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The old First National Bank of Prineville and adjoining historic Foster and Hyde General Store, consolidated as a single building by the removal of a party wall in recent years, occupy the southwest corner of Third and Main Streets, the major intersection in downtown Prineville, the county seat of Crook County, Oregon. The First National Bank of Prineville was organized in 1887 and is the oldest banking institution in central Oregon. The original First National Bank Building, a single-story, frame construction of 1888, originally was located on the nominated property but was moved three blocks north on Main Street when the subject building was erected in 1905. The original bank has been used as an apartment house through much of the 20th century and does not meet National Register standards at present owing to its exterior covering of aluminum siding. The second bank building, however, meets National Register criterion "c" as an architectural manifestation of the growth and prosperity of the institution during its first 20 years. Clearly, it is a more imposing single-story structure than the original. It is constructed of quarry-faced native basalt and carried out in a suitably dignified classical style in the tradition of the American Renaissance. The building's distinguishing exterior features are a bowed corner entrance bay with round-arched portal, arcaded fenestration, a plain cast stone frieze and cornice with stone modillion blocks, and a parapet originally embellished with wrought iron railings, sections of which are presently displayed atop the window sills.

The bank underwent at least two major episodes of alteration; the first in 1919 when improvements to the Ochoco Highway (Route 26) raised the street level and resulted in reduction of the foundation and loss of the bowed entrance steps. A subsequent episode occurred in 1953 when the bank opened new, greatly expanded quarters elsewhere in Prineville and the former bank interior was converted to retail space. Leaded top lights of the old bank windows are believed to be intact beneath the present coverings. The double-leaf, solid oak door was replaced by aluminum-framed plate glass doors and a sidewalk canopy was added at the time the bank became a drug store. None of the historic bank fixtures remain in the interior, with the exception of the vault. Certain of the alterations may have been carried out before 1953 as a consequence of the bank's merger with the First National Bank of Portland in 1941. The old First National Bank Building also is significant under criterion "c" as the original component of a small group of buildings visually related by the common use of rock-cut basalt from the same nearby quarry. This group including the Crook County Courthouse (1909) and the old Crook County Bank (1910), give a distinctive character to Prineville's downtown core. The larger, two-story Crook County Bank which stands across Main Street, directly opposite the old First National Bank, does not exceed the architectural presence of the First National Bank, its greater size notwithstanding.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Corporation articles and minutes, 1887 onward, First National Bank of Prineville. Ochoco Review, September 24, 1892; Augst 13, 1914; July 20, 1939; August 2, 1917; March 16, 1916 and December 29, 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Prineville

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property is located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, T. 15S., R 16E., W.M., in Crook County, Oregon. It is legally described as the north 50 feet of Lot 1, Block 10 of the Monroe Hodges Original Plat of Prineville. The property also is described as Tax Lot 4100, Crook County Assessor's Map Referrnce No. 15 16 6AA.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jennifer Miller, Director

organization Crook County Chamber of Commerce date March 10, 1985

street & number 390 North Fairview, PO Box 546 telephone (503) 447-6304

city or town Prineville state Oregon 97754

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

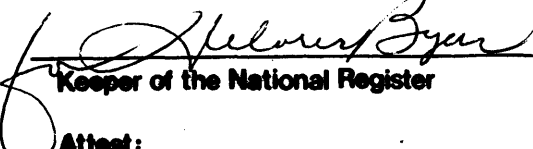
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date October 25, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 Entered in the National Register date 12/2/85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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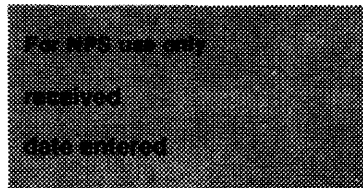
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Prineville, though a small city of 5,190 population, is nevertheless a hub of commerce in the Crooked River drainage of central Oregon's high plateau country. The area was first settled in 1868, and Prineville was incorporated in 1880. When Crook County was formed from Wasco County in 1882, Prineville became the county seat. It is still the county's only incorporated population center.

The First National Bank of Prineville, the oldest banking institution in central Oregon, was incorporated in 1887 with a capital investment of \$50,000. The original stockholders were leading members of the business community. The economic stability of the county and the steady upbuilding of Prineville between 1890 and 1910 were directly tied to the operation of the pioneer bank.

As time went on, control of the institution was gathered by T. M. Baldwin, one of the original incorporators. Baldwin came to central Oregon from Linn County as a young man. He was employed on his arrival as a bookkeeper at the Breyman and Sommerville General Store. When the First National Bank of Prineville was organized, Baldwin was enlisted as cashier, and over the years he rose to prominence as manager of the bank. Two years after the bank's new building of native stone was erected, Baldwin and his wife, Nellie, built a new house. In 1917 he acquired a controlling share of the stock, reorganized the bank as a member of the Federal Reserve system, and was elected president. Baldwin's son became cashier.

Across Main Street from the old First National Bank, a competitor bank of two stories constructed of the same native basalt was erected in 1910 by the Crook County Bank. Although it raised a building of greater size, the competitor proved short-lived. It failed in 1923. The building was occupied variously until 1935, when it was acquired by A. R. Bowman to house the Central Oregon Title and Loan Company. Eventually, the two-story building was donated to Crook County by Bowman's heirs for use as a historical museum.

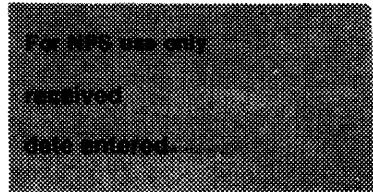
Completing Prineville's ensemble of imposing buildings of native basalt from a local quarry is the Crook County Courthouse, opened for use in 1909 at a cost of \$48,590.00. It is situated two blocks east of the nominated property on Third Street (U.S. 26). The common quarry is located off Lower Crooked River Road, west of Prineville.

Prineville's fortunes brightened as central Oregon became more accessible to world markets for beef cattle, sheep wool and timber. Completion of the Oregon Trunk Railway through central Oregon between 1908 and 1916 was crucial. Completion of the Ochoco Highway (Route 26), a major east-west route through Prineville, occurred in the same period.

The historic period of significance of the second First National Bank of Prineville extended through the Great Depression, during which time Harold Baldwin, T. M. Baldwin's son, served as bank president. Because of its solvency, the bank was closed ten days only under the enforced bank holiday proclaimed by the Roosevelt administration in 1933. The Central Oregonian for March 16, 1933 reported:

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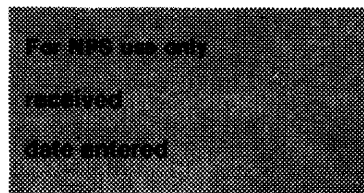
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President Roosevelt's drive against hoarders has had its effect here in bringing out gold pieces. One of the old vintage of 1878 was presented at the bank and nearly all others are in the neighborhood of 30 years old or more. Banks all over the country have received letters asking to be advised of the depositors who have withdrawn gold from the banks for the purpose of hoarding.

According to the present drastic ruling, a man who was found to have hoarded, as an illustration, \$2,000 in gold or gold certificates would be fined twice the amount, or \$4,000. Gold received by National Banks all over the country is being shipped to the Federal Reserve Banks. The First National Bank of Prineville shipped \$800 in gold to the Federal Reserve bank recently. In the hands of the government the gold will represent \$2,000 in currency.

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