

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic National Loan and Exchange Bank Location 1208 Washington Street
Addition
Common First National Bank (preferred) Classification Building

Owner Mr. Ed Bagwell
Suite 601, First National Bank Building
Main at Washington Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description: First National Bank has a two-story rectangular stone facade with flanking one-story wings. Most prominent features are four monumental three-quarters detached columns separated by five bays with multi-paned windows. Corners of main building feature verticle blocks with projecting pilasters.

Unfluted columns and pilasters are set on a pedestal that extends length of building interrupted by entrances. Columns have plinths, bases and capitals.

Central entrance has architrave, frieze panel, and console supported cornice. Window over door is 7 panes wide and 3 panes high. Windows on either side of entrance are divided into two sections: the lower has 35 panes and the upper 28 panes. Sash is fixed except for small central section with casement.

Between first and second floors are recessed rectangular panels. Above panels is a molding with egg and dart motif. One-story wings on either side of building extend to cornice level.

Significance (continued on back)

Built about 1924, the First National Bank is an excellent example of classical revival design. The massive stone facade is characteristic of bank architecture of the 1920s.

Located on Washington Street directly east of the National Loan and Exchange Bank (Barringer Building), the First National Bank Building was originally constructed as an addition to the National Loan and Exchange.

Following the 1933 closing of United States banks, depositors and stockholders of the National Loan and Exchange Bank organized the First National Bank, Columbia's largest, in 1934.

The structure is currently vacant.

Acreage .23 acre

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the First National Bank nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying tax map of Richland County entitled "No. 19" and drawn at an approximate scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes all significant buildings and structures.

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Other Information

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Wings have double doors framed by architrave, windows with 21 panes, and a repetition of the recessed panel and cornice found on main block.

Five second-story windows have 28 panes each. Columns support full Doric entablature. Triglyphs and metopes of frieze are interrupted by an unornamented space reserved for name of bank.

Facade is topped by a parapet with 5 projecting panels. Largest panel is in the center and contains an oval cartouche with fruit and foliage ornamentation on either side.