

HISTORIC NAME: Adrian State Bank COUNTY: Nobles
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Adrian
 LEGAL DESC.: Lot 12, Block 3, Original Plat ADDRESS: NW corner Main Street
 and Second Avenue

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Commerce</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted ___ PRESENT USE: vacant
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___
 OCCUPIED: Yes ___ No X

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1891 ORIGINAL USE: bank and office space

ORIGINAL OWNER: Mylius Brothers ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Robert Artley
 Adrian, MN ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

UTM REFERENCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

The old Adrian State Bank is a rectangular commercial block built of soft red brick. It was constructed as a single block but with three conceptual units. The front portion is a corner unit with a square tower. The original front entrance has been filled-in and is now a window. Access is through an adjoining building. On the side facade a central unit has a door flanked by symmetrical window treatments. To the rear is a three-story unit (the rest of the bank is two-story) that forms a somewhat separate commercial unit. It has smaller windows but with the same treatment as in the rest of the building.

First floor windows are rectangular. Second floor windows are round-arched. In the tower all windows are arched. Brick hood moldings accentuate the windows. Pressed metal brackets support a boxed cornice. Metal is also used in the pyramidal tower roof and in several false-fronted pediments. There is a brick frieze below the cornice. The main entrance reads "Bank" and "1891." One pediment reads "Mylius."

SIGNIFICANCE:

1891 saw a boom in commercial block construction in Adrian. At one intersection three substantial buildings were erected: the Slade Hotel (previously listed on the National Register), the Becker Block, and the Adrian State Bank. The facade entrance of the Becker Block has been poorly modernized, but the bank retains some integrity. Its relationship to the Slade Hotel makes it an important structure to preserve.

Mylius Brothers were important financial agents in southwestern Minnesota. They served as land agents for the Close Brothers Land Company and established banks in several other communities. The Adrian Bank is the only remaining structure that they built, though a hotel in Pipestone once housed one of their operations.

The interior of the bank lobby is largely intact, including marble and wood counters and a porcelain water fountain.

