

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Adrian State Bank

Multiple Name: Nobles County MRA

State & County: MINNESOTA, Nobles

Date Received: 10/12/2017 Date of Pending List: 11/16/2017 12:03:56 PM Date of 16th Day: 11/29/2017 Date of 45th Day: 11/27/2017 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT80002093

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

☒ Accept ☐ Return ☐ Reject 11.27.17 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Razed Oct. 22, 2007. **REMOVED from National Register**

Recommendation/ Criteria Remove

Reviewer Edson Beall Edson Beall Discipline Historian

Telephone _____ Date 11.27.17

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

OT 80002093



Minnesota Historic Preservation Office

Request for Removal from the National Register of Historic Places

Name of Property: Adrian State Bank (NR 80002093)

Address: 123 Maine Avenue

City/Township: Adrian

County: Nobles

Reason for Removal: The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing because the qualities which caused it to be listed have been lost or destroyed (36 CFR 60.15 (a)).

Dates and Nature of Change: Razed, 22 October 2007

Comments:

The 1891 Adrian State Bank was one of three buildings, including the Slade Hotel (NR 75000999) and the Becker Block, that were located at the intersection of Maine Avenue and Second Street in Adrian. When the bank was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, the nomination noted that the three buildings together represented the early commerce of this southwest Minnesota city. Of the three, only the Slade Hotel remains.¹

Built in the Queen Anne Commercial style, the Adrian State Bank building retained its original tenant until 1969 when the bank moved two blocks away. For another 10 years, The Print Shop of Adrian operated there, moving out in 1979.² A year later, when it was nominated to the National Register, the building was vacant.¹ It changed hands a number of times after 1979 but remained vacant and its condition deteriorated. After a fire in the early 1990s and later a storm with straight-line winds that caused part of an exterior wall to collapse, the property was determined to be a safety hazard and the City of Adrian acquired it through eminent domain and demolished it in 2007.² A single-story liquor store called The Den, established in 2015, now occupies the lot.³

In considering the seven aspects of integrity (location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association), it is worth noting that at the time of its nomination, the physical structure of the Adrian State Bank was already compromised but was considered to have retained "some integrity."¹ The integrity of *location*, *design*, *workmanship*, and *materials* were all lost when the building was demolished. While still part of downtown Adrian, the integrity of the *setting* is severely compromised with the loss of both the Becker Block, now the site of a parking lot, and the Adrian State Bank. The *feeling* and *association* were also lost when the property was torn down.

References:

¹Harvey, Thomas. "Adrian State Bank," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 1980. Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.

²Vaseluar, Meredith Stanton. "Local Landmark Razed," *Nobles County Review* [Adrian, MN], 24 October 2007.

³www.thedenllc.com. Accessed 23 June 2016.

Field Check By: Emily Ganzel, 29 May 2016.

Legal Description:

Lot 12, Block 3, Original Plat of Adrian



Amy Spong
Deputy Minnesota Historic Preservation Officer

10.5.17

Date





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:

Building X

Structure _____

Object _____

District _____

CONDITION:

Excellent _____

Good X

Fair _____

Deteriorated _____

SIGNIFICANCE:

Local X

State _____

National _____

THEME/S:

Primary CommerceSecondary Architecture

Others _____

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____OCCUPIED: Yes _____ No X

PRESENT USE: vacant

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1891

ORIGINAL USE: bank and office space

ORIGINAL OWNER: Mylius Brothers

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

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

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

UTM REFERENCE:

15 / 262380 / 4835320

FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey

DATE: March 1979

Adrian, Minn.: 1:24,000

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.



Property

Nobles County Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State

Mn - Nobles

Working Number

1-8-8071

TECHNICALPhotos 4
Maps 3**CONTROL****HISTORIAN****ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**Accept
O'Connell
3/12/80**ARCHEOLOGIST****OTHER****HAER**

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEFResources are eligible - I have
problems with a county multiple Resource
nomination with which identifies only 4 propertiesW. R. June
5/7/80**BRANCH CHIEF**Concerns about the small number of resources included
were discussed at length with Actg. Keeper. Agreement
to list as is was reached after the architectural historian compared
the properties included to those listed in Gebhard & Martinson's Guide
& was satisfied by State staff that adequate care had been taken in
choosing properties to include

S. O'Brien 5/15/80

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered MAY 15 1980

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



Adrian State Bank

Adrian

Thomas Harvey

JAN 8 1980

June 1978

Minnesota Historical Society

690 Cedar Street

St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

View: Northwest MAY 15 1980

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*Nobles County Multiple Resource Area
(Partial Inventory)
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000365

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State Historic Preservation Office
345 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102
651-259-3451



TO: Paul Loether, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Denis P. Gardner

DATE: 10/6/2017

NAME OF PROPERTY: Adrian State Bank

COUNTY AND STATE: Nobles County, Minnesota

SUBJECT: National Register:

- ☐ Nomination
- ☐ Multiple Property Documentation Form
- ☐ Request for determination of eligibility
- ☒ Request for removal (Reference No. 80002093)
- ☐ Nomination resubmission
- ☐ Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No.)
- ☐ Additional documentation (Reference No.)

DOCUMENTATION:

- ☐ Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
 - ☐ Multiple Property Documentation Form
 - ☐ Continuation Sheets
 - ☒ Removal Documentation
 - ☒ Photographs
 - ☒ CD w/ image files
 - ☐ Original USGS Map
 - ☐ Sketch map(s)
 - ☐ Correspondence
 - ☐ Owner Objection
- The enclosed owner objections
Do ☐ Do not ☐ constitute a majority of property owners

STAFF COMMENTS: