

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Farmers and Merchants National Bank

and/or common Enix Flower Shop

2. Location

street & number 107 South Main St. N/A not for publication

city, town Hennessey N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Kingfisher code 073

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

4. Owner of Property

name Millie Alice Enix

street & number Route 1

city, town Hennessey N/A vicinity of state OK 73742

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of County Clerk

street & number Kingfisher County Courthouse

city, town Kingfisher state Oklahoma 73750

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office - Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state OK 73105

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank is a rectangular commercial building with smooth faced ashlar facade and stucco finished red brick on the other sides. Located in the downtown area of Hennessey, the building has common walls on the north and south sides with other commercial structures. The two story, four bay building has a flat roof which is surrounded by stepped battlement walls on the north and south sides.

The facade or west side of the building has a central metal entrance door with a glass panel and three copper framed display windows on the first floor. There is a door leading to the second storey at the south end of the facade. The doors and windows have copper mullioned window lights with either 72 or 99 square panes. A small porch with two brackets covers the main entrance. The facade is dominated by two Doric order pilasters with plain capital and smooth shafts running the height of the first floor. Above the pilasters is a freize with the inscription "Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank." The second storey has four 1/1 sash windows with ashlar lintels and sills. The windows are covered by screens.

The south side wall is joined to the next commercial building, as is the north side wall. The north side, however, has four 1/1 wooden sash windows. These windows have wooden sills and have small wooden arched frames above.

At the rear or east side of the building there is a wooden first floor rear entrance door and a second floor door, access to which is via a metal fire staircase. There are four 1/1 wooden sash windows, two on each storey.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1890 - 1959 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Hennessey is historically significant because it is the oldest commercial structure devoted to banking in Kingfisher County and one of the oldest commercial banks in what was once Oklahoma Territory having been completed in 1890, one year after the Land Run of 1889 which opened Oklahoma Territory for settlement.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank was constructed in 1889-90 and opened in June of 1890. It was built on the original homestead of S. P. Richardson who participated in the 1889 Land Run and became the first cashier of the bank, the second oldest commercial enterprise in Hennessey (Hennessey Clipper, the town's newspaper was the first). With initial capital assets of \$15,000, the bank served the growing agricultural community of Hennessey which had been platted in 1889, the year of the Run. By Oklahoma statehood in 1907, the bank's assets had increased to \$20,000, its staff expanded, and the name was changed to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

In 1912 a national charter was granted to the bank and it became the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Banking operations continued in the building until 1959 when the Farmers and Merchants National Bank moved to a new facility. During the 69 year period when Farmers and Merchants Bank occupied the building, it served as a depository for the farmers and merchants of Kingfisher County and provided needed cash, loans, and other services to its customers. Since 1959 the nominated property has been used for several commercial purposes and currently houses the Enix Flower Shop.

This Territorial Era commercial structure has retained both its historic and architectural integrity and remained as a monument to the early commercial history of Oklahoma Territory and the State of Oklahoma for almost 70 years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Hennessey Clipper, Thursday December 9th, 1982. Page 6.
Interview: Millie Enix, July 1983, Hennessey, Oklahoma. (Flower shop owner).

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Hennessey, OK

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UTM References

15"

A

1	4	5	9	9	1	5	0	3	9	9	6	4	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 4, Block 32, Original townsite of Hennessey

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Department of Geography date November 1983

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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 C. W. Metcalf 1-23-84

title date

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/23/84

for Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration