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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 First National Bank

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 22 West Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Mayville N/A vicinity of

state North Dakota code 38 county Traill code 097

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"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" 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 Paul Grinager

street & number Raintree Apartments #15-1322 North Nursery Road

city, town Irving N/A vicinity of Texas state 75061

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Traill County Registry of Deeds

street & number Traill County Courthouse

city, town Hillsboro state North Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Cultural Resource Inventory of portions
title of Mayville, North Dakota has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 9-2-82 N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records North Dakota State Historical Society

city, town Bismarck state North Dakota

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The First National Bank in Mayville, North Dakota, is a two-story, red brick, landmark building. A rear addition of the bank style was built in 1900 and together with a sympathetic addition on the west side (1915), constitutes the entire First National Bank as seen today. The original portion of this building measures 25' x 60' and is accented by an elaborate pressed metal cornice and brick corbels. The corner of the building is canted and is surmounted with a pressed metal peak within which is a decorative wheat bundle of excellent craftsmanship and unusual design. The lintels and water table are of buff sandstone. The building had one major entrance. It was located on the south facade and had an elaborate sunrise motif pediment with the bank's name on an arched panel which supported the pediment. This door however has been altered. The sunrise motif is also located in a pediment above a present day door in the southeast canted corner.

Unfortunately, the First National Bank has seen several extensive alterations which detract from the original appearance. As was previously mentioned the southeast canted corner has been changed by making a window into an entrance. This may have been done around 1900 when the rear, northside addition was constructed. Today, however, permastone has been applied to the transom which existed above this entrance as well as the main southern entrance. Other recent alterations have included the removal of 1/1 wood sash second story windows which have been replaced by plate glass and aluminum siding and 1/1 windows in aluminum panels. A distinctive round wheel window that was present in the original second story south facade has been bricked in to accommodate a square window having twelve panes of glass. There once was a fan light above the original south side entry which was a single pane of glass with the painted words "Bank" on it. Another bevel and leaded glass fan light with a spider's web motif existed above a window located on the south face. Both of these original details have been removed and bricked over. The storefronts of both the north side and west side additions have been compromised by the use of aluminum siding and modern plate glass windows. First floor windows on the east facade have been completely filled with aluminum panels. The main floor interior space was gutted in 1982. At the same time, second story apartments were rehabilitated and windows on this floor were altered.

With the exceptions of bricked-in windows and one doorway, most alterations could be reversed. The building retains its scale and character. The First National Bank occupies an important corner location and is a landmark in the downtown. Since its erection in 1889 it has remained downtown Mayville's only surviving commercial block in a High Victorian Italianate Styling.

One Contributing Resource.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1889, 1900, 1915 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The First National Bank is significant because it was the first bank to be built in Mayville, North Dakota. It exhibits significant distinctive architectural style and is a landmark building in the commercial district. The bank represents an early banking endeavor in Mayville and is associated with several prominent Mayville entrepreneurs.

The First National Bank grew out of a earlier private banking firm of Brown Brothers and Company, and received its federal charter on April 18, 1837. The bank's original management was dominated by men trained in the teaching profession: president G.S. Albee was president of the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; vice-president J.P. Haber was formerly principal of the Ripon, Wisconsin city schools; and cashier, Julius Rosholt, was one of Mayville's earliest teachers.

The bank functioned as one of the major banking institutions in Mayville in the 19th and early 20th century. In April, 1920, the First National absorbed the defunct Farmer's State Bank whose building was gutted by fire on New Year's Day. On June 25, 1929, following a prolonged run, the First National Bank closed it's doors - the Great Depression had taken its toll. The building was sold in 1935 and since that time has been occupied by a number of commercial enterprises. The upper floor was used by a number of professional men, including doctors, lawyers and dentists. In recent years, office space has been converted into apartments.

The overall massing and brickwork of the bank are of the Victorian Gothic style of architecture. An indicitive feature is the canted edge pediment that surmounts the second floor cornice and contains within it a very distinctive Gothic arch. The building also exhibits excellent craftsmanship not found anywhere in Mayville and which is best embodied in the decorative metal wheat bundle located within the Gothic arch pediment. This bundle is three dimensional and is a visual focal point of the First National Bank.

Although the First National Bank has been somewhat compromised architecturally it remains a landmark building in Mayville's downtown core. It is the oldest surviving bank building in the city and typifies a find adaptation of several period styles, namely Queen Anne and Victorian Gothic. Perhaps the strongest remaining Queen Anne features are the picturesque roofline, which is broken by the pediment on the canted edge, and the sunrise motif metal work above the main entrance and canted window (now door).

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Mayville North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	4	6	2	6	0	5	0	5	2	6	1	9	0	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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G

Zone	Easting				Northing									

H

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

The First National Bank Building occupies Lots 1 and 2 of the original Mayville Townsite

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

state N/A code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title James R. Schimmer / Daniel Cornejo

organization Cornejo-Schimmer Planners date June 1, 1985

street & number Suite 814 Black Building telephone (701) 235-3147

city or town Fargo state North Dakota

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.

James E. Sperry
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota) date September 30, 1985

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

for Beth Grovona date 11/20/85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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Regardless of these alterations, the First National Bank is the best preserved example of the Queen Anne and Victorian Gothic styles as applied to a commercial building in downtown Mayville. Complementing this area of significance is the fact that the bank is associated with three early Mayville entrepreneurs; namely, G.S. Albee, J.P. Haber and Julius Rosholt. Rosholt was responsible for Mayville's first public school. By loaning \$6,000 to the School Board, he insured that a public school building was indeed built.

The First National Bank has local significance in the area of architecture and is directly associated with three of Mayville's prominent early businessmen. For these reasons, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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