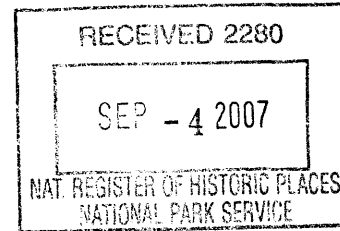


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**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900A). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

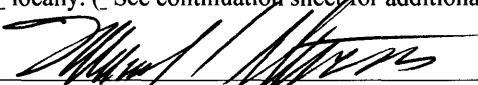
historic name First National Bank
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number	113 North Main Street	N/A	not for publication
city or town	Oregon	N/A	vicinity
state Wisconsin	code WI	county Dane	code 025 zip code 53575

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets _ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _ nationally _ statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official/Title

8/30/07
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer - Wisconsin

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _ meets _ does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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Dane County

Wisconsin

Name of Property

County and State

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall

10.16.07

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 structure
 site
 object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

contributing	noncontributing
1	0 buildings
0	0 sites
0	0 structures
0	0 objects
1	0 total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources is previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STONE

roof ASPHALT

other BRICK

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1914

Significant Dates

1914

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Wisconsin

9. Major Bibliographic References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous Documentation on File (National Park Service):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State Agency
 - Federal Agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: Oregon Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

2 _____
Zone Easting Northing

4 _____
Zone Easting Northing

See Continuation Sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Timothy Smith, Christine Gesick, and Emily Pettis, Architectural Historians	date	June 2006
organization	Mead & Hunt, Inc.	telephone	608.273.6380
street & number	6501 Watts Road	zip code	53719
city or town	Madison	state	WI

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A U.S. Geological Survey map (7.5- or 15-minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black-and-white photographs of the property.

Additional Items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title	Charles A. Hagstrom	date	June 2006
organization	Hagstrom Insurance Agency	telephone	(608) 835-3818
street&number	113 North Main Street	zip code	53575
city or town	Oregon	state	WI

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects, (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Description

The First National Bank is located at 113 North Main Street in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin. The bank is situated near the northwest corner of Jefferson and Main streets, adjacent to an empty lot featuring a landscaped lawn that slopes up towards the building's south elevation. This open area replaces a row of commercial buildings that extended beyond the bank north along North Main Street. The open space has been landscaped with trees; several mature coniferous trees about the bank's north elevation. A sidewalk runs diagonally across the corner lot to connect Jefferson and Main streets. Access to a rear parking area, located directly behind the building, is gained from the rear alley.

The architectural details of the bank exhibit the Neoclassical Revival style, including the cornice, frieze, and doorway pediment. Although the bank has had minor alterations, it retains its original location, design, setting, materials, and association, and therefore it maintains a high degree of integrity.

The First National Bank is a one-story brick building with a stone facade and a simple rectangular footprint. It has a flat roof with a stepped parapet that recedes along the north and south (side) elevations, toward the rear (west) of the building. The symmetrical design of the main (east) facade faces North Main Street, and it is faced in stone. A parapet located above the cornice maintains classical ornamentation through the use of corner pilasters and recessed panel details. The cornice is supported by block modillions, beneath which is a frieze incised with "First National Bank." Two corner Tuscan pilasters support an architrave. The front entrance is centrally located and emphasized by a projecting pediment. The pediment displays dentils both below the cornice and inset beneath the raking cornices. It rests upon an undecorated frieze, situated above the door. The single light, wood door and hardware is original. Two large, square, fixed windows with wooden frames flank the central entrance. Above these is a ribbon of three transom windows, currently enclosed with wood.

The north (side) elevation is an uninterrupted brick wall with a stepped parapet that faces a narrow alleyway and two-story commercial building. A small front-gable addition with a modern metal door, located at the northwest half of the rear (west) elevation, provides access to the rear of the bank. The frame addition has horizontal siding and corner boards, and the gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The south (side) elevation displays two replacement, one-beside-one, sliding sash windows near the center of the elevation.

Interior

The interior can be accessed by an original door on the front (east) facade of the building. The interior does not retain the original layout of its historic period, although some original woodwork remains and a series of three original wood doors are intact near the rear of the building. The interior has been longitudinally divided in half with a hallway extending back from the front door. Each half of the interior is comprised of three subsections. The southern half is divided into two offices, proceeding from the front of the building. A bath, closet, and staircase leading to the basement comprise the rear section of the southern half. The northern half of the bank is comprised of a reception office at the front of the building, an original vault, and rear office. In addition, the northern half of the building

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features a dropped ceiling.

Alterations and Condition

The exterior of the First National Bank remains in excellent condition, retaining its original form and materials, such as the masonry façade with its decorative detailing, brick sides and rear exterior, and wooden entrance door and front windows. The building has undergone minor alterations, such as the enclosure of the upper windows on the facade and the construction of an addition at the rear of the building. Overall, the building has been well maintained, and the alterations do not detract from its historic integrity.

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Statement of Significance

The First National Bank is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under *Criterion C: Architecture* at the local level as a good example of the Neoclassical Revival style. Built c.1914, the bank features dentils, pilasters, a cornice, and a front entrance accentuated with a pediment. While the windows have been altered, the building is one of the few remaining historic commercial buildings on North Main Street and the only local example of the Neoclassical Revival style. The period of significance corresponds to the construction date of 1914.

Historic Context

Historical Background

The Village of Oregon, located in south-central Dane County, was originally known as "Rome Corners." Rome Township originally encompassed an area that included the towns of Fitchburg, Dunn, Rutland, and Oregon. In 1842 C.P. Mosley built a cabin, which was also a tavern, on what is now Janesville Street, near the present site of the water tower. I.M. Bennett soon purchased the property and opened a general store. Approximately one year later, James Coville constructed the village's second cabin on the corner of Main and Grove streets, present site of Oregon High School, and operated a cobbler business from his home. A permanent settlement gradually took shape and Oregon Township was officially formed in 1847 after Rome Township was divided.¹

In 1848 the first post office was established, and the postmaster erected the first frame house in the future village a year later. The first church in Oregon was the First Presbyterian Church, constructed in 1855. The original plat of the village was filed on April 7, 1857, after Charles Waterman had his 40-acre parcel surveyed as "Oregon." However, the village was still known as "Rome Corners" until the arrival of the railroad in the 1860s.²

The Beloit and Madison Railroad arrived in 1864. The original train depot was named Oregon, which led to the settlement being known as Oregon rather than "Rome Corners." In 1876 a new depot (nonextant) was built west of the railroad tracks near the intersection of Market and Lincoln (then Third) streets. Stockyards and a water station were also added in the railroad corridor.³

¹ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," *Oregon Observer*, 26 June 1941, 26; Elizabeth Miller, "South Main Street Historic District," National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 2000, n.p.

² "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 15; Miller, "South Main Street Historic District," n.p.

³ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 13, 39.

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By 1880 the population of Oregon was 527. Oregon village government began operating in 1883 with Manual Wolfe as the first president and M.J. Fisher as the first clerk. In 1883 Oregon incorporated as a village with 581 inhabitants, and the population was 595 in 1890. An early village hall operated out of a two-story frame building formerly used as a school, which was moved to the downtown area in 1895.⁴

Commercial Development

The arrival of the railroad in the 1860s provided Oregon with commercial and economic advantages over smaller nearby communities. Oregon became the busiest shipping point for livestock and grain on the Chicago and NorthWestern line between Chicago and Madison and flourished economically. In 1873 Oregon's central business district included only a few scattered buildings located near the intersection of Janesville Street and Main Street. A downtown commercial district developed along South Main and Janesville Streets by 1880 with enterprises such as general stores, groceries, a hardware store, and a hotel. These businesses served as a commercial center for residents of the developing community and surrounding agricultural landscape.⁵

The village continued to prosper between 1890 and 1900 with the addition of a flour and grist mill, creamery, and new businesses along North Main Street. Increased business activity created the need for financial institutions and Oregon's first bank opened in 1892. Wiggins and Starbuck were the proprietors of the bank, which closed after only a few years in operation. The Bank of Oregon opened in 1900.⁶

The First National Bank organized and opened c.1914 in a newly constructed building at 113 North Main Street. A.H. Sholts served as the bank's president and C.N. Shilton was the cashier. The First National Bank closed in 1929, as did many financial institutions across the nation, due to the economic impact of the stock market crash. Although the First National Bank did not reopen, the building continued to house commercial enterprises. Subsequent tenants of the building included Dr. E.S. Johnson and the Dunn Insurance Agency.⁷ The building is currently used as an office building for the Hagstrom Insurance Agency.

⁴ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 33, 39, 57; W.L. Ames, *History of Oregon and Trade Territory* (Oregon, Wisc.: W.L. Ames, 1924), 26; Elizabeth Miller, "Oregon High School," National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1998, n.p.; Miller, "South Main Street Historic District," n.p.

⁵ Miller, "South Main Street Historic District," 3-4.

⁶ Ames, *History of Oregon and Trade Territory*, 27-28.

⁷ Florice Paulson, *A Walk Back in History: Did You Know?: The History of Oregon, Wisconsin* ([Oregon, Wisc.]: n.d.), n.p.

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Architecture

Oregon's early twentieth-century commercial architecture mirrors architecture developments in Wisconsin and throughout the entire country. After about 1840, nearly every national or regional style appeared in the state. Styles that received their impetus from the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, however, generally made their appearance along local streetscapes a decade or so later. Most late nineteenth and early twentieth-century commercial buildings in Oregon display features of the commercial vernacular style and Romanesque Revival style. In addition, most twentieth-century commercial buildings in Oregon were built by local masons or carpenters rather than designed by professional architects.⁸

The popularity of the Neoclassical Revival style began with the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago, which effectively turned the architectural tide back to classicism. This popular exposition's large grouping of classical buildings re-instilled a national belief in the classical ideal, and resulted in the unprecedented production of new buildings with classical details. The style was popular in Wisconsin from 1895 to 1935 for public and institutional buildings, as well as commercial structures, especially banks.⁹ Neoclassical symbolic associations of permanence, stability and order were the same as the programmatic needs of the banking industry. As a result, the style became the predominant architectural form for banks from the turn of the century through the Great Depression. Despite its modest scale, the First National Bank displays several features of Neoclassical design, including its cornice, frieze, pilasters, and pediment above the front entrance. It is a good small-scale representation of the Neoclassical Revival style and in its design is typical of small community banks of the period in Wisconsin.

Preservation Activity

The Village of Oregon and the Oregon Historic Preservation Commission have been very active in initiating preservation activities, including a 2004 intensive survey of the village that identified the First National Bank as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register. In addition, these local entities have been active in educating

⁸ Miller, "South Main Street Historic District," 7.

⁹ Wyatt, Barbara, ed. *Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin* (Madison, Wisc.: Wisconsin Historical Society, 1986), 2-18.

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property owners in the village as to the importance and value of historic preservation, including acting as the sponsor of this nomination.

Archaeological Potential

Research indicates that this building is original to its respective site and, therefore, it is unlikely that any historic archaeological remains exist on the lot. No information about possible pre-historic remains on the property was found during the course of research. It is likely that any remains of pre-European cultures located on the property would have been greatly disturbed by the building activity associated with subsequent development in the area.

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The historic boundary is an irregular rectangle that corresponds to Lot 2 of Plat No. 2 in the Village of Oregon. Beginning at the southeast corner of the building, the boundary proceeds northwest, following the lot line approximately 113.9 feet. It then turns northeast and follows the back edge of the alley approximately 27.2 feet before turning southeast and following the lot line approximately 110.7 feet. The boundary then turns southwest and proceeds approximately 27 feet to the starting point

Boundary Justification

The historic boundary encompasses the historic property and provides an appropriate setting. The boundary corresponds to the legal parcel for the building, which extends approximately 4 feet beyond the east side of the building. Therefore, a portion of sidewalk measuring approximately 4 feet by 27 feet is included in the historic boundary.

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Photographs

The following information pertains to the following photographs:

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113 North Main Street
Oregon, Wisconsin 53575
Photographer: Mead & Hunt, March 2006

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First National Bank – front and side (east and south) elevations
View looking northwest

Photograph No. 2 of 7

First National Bank – side (south) elevation
View looking northeast

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First National Bank – front and side (east and north) elevations
View looking west

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First National Bank – rear (west) elevation
View looking east

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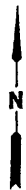
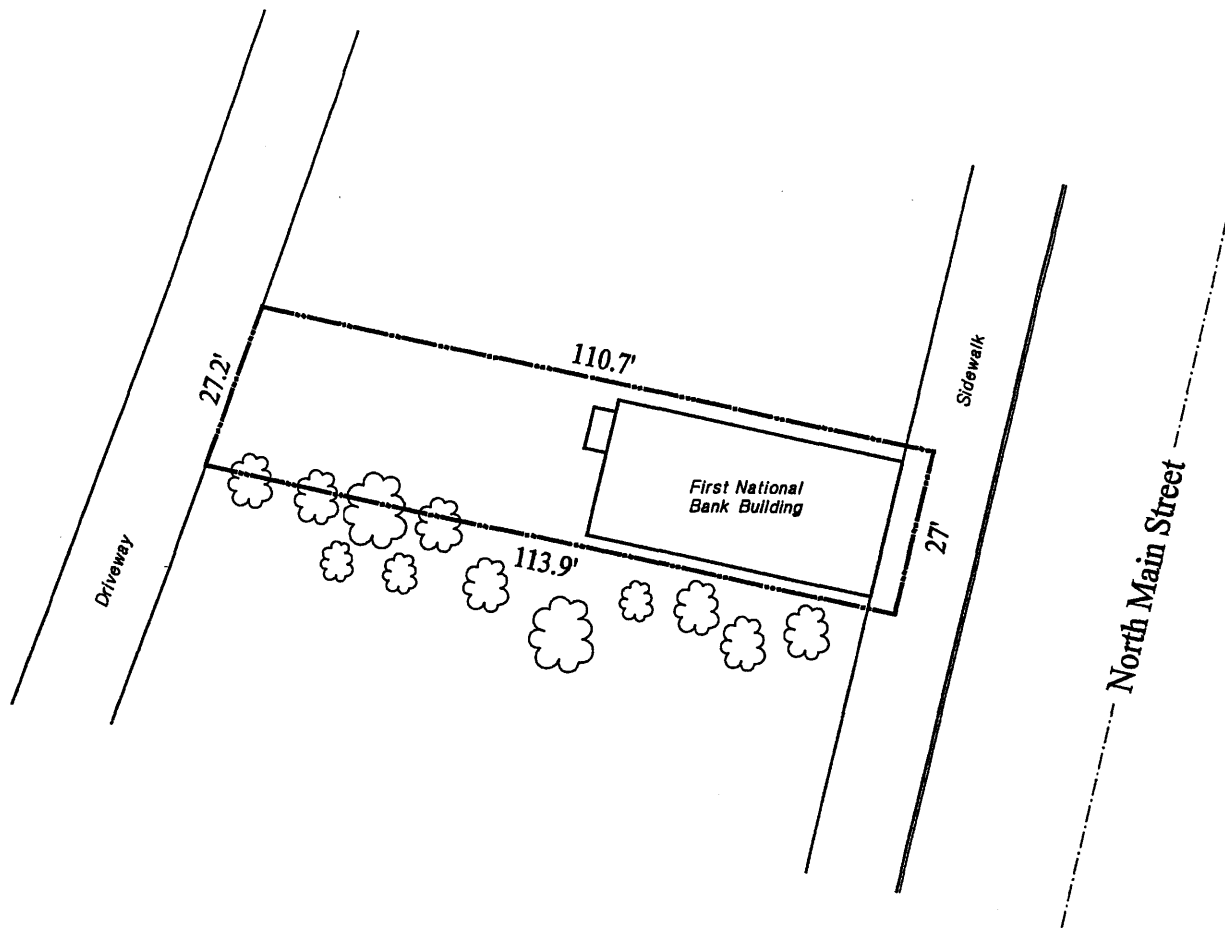
First National Bank – side and front (south and east) elevation
View looking northwest

Photograph No. 6 of 7

First National Bank – detail of front (east) entrance
View looking west



Photograph No. 7 of 7

First National Bank – Interior
View looking west



Approximate Scale
1" = 30'

Key:

-  Historic Boundary
-  Contributing

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