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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC



Farmers and Merchants Bank

AND/OR COMMON

Nampa Public Library

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 Eleventh Avenue South

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Nampa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF  
CODE

16

COUNTY

Canyon

CODE

027

### CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

#### PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: **Library**

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Nampa

STREET & NUMBER

Nampa City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Nampa

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Canyon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

11th and Albany

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

STATE

Idaho

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan

DATE

1972

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, constructed in 1919, was designed by the Boise architectural firm of Tourtellotte and Hummel. It served as a bank building until 1965, when the First Security Bank donated the structure to the city of Nampa for use as a library. At that time it was remodeled on the interior by Smith and Keys of Nampa. The sandstone building is an example of classical revival architecture, and is distinguished by its Ionic columns and pediment.

This two-story, 60' x 90', balanced, symmetrical edifice has a center two-story portico with two pair of Ionic columns supporting a pediment. The pediment contains a sculpted pediment above it. The pediment, which is not supported by pilasters, contains the insignia of the First National Bank. The doorway is set off from the facade by vertical molding which extends to the second story and encloses a round arched window. On either side of the portico are two first-story and two second-story sash windows, which contribute greatly to the verticality of the building as the vertical pairs are encased in two-story frames. Pilasters are located at the corners of the building and between the windows, contributing additional classical detail and adding to the verticality of the entire structure. The building terminates with a balustrade above a cornice supported by dentils.

The exterior remains unaltered, although the interior, while retaining its classical detail, was remodeled to fit the needs of the library. The library tables and countertops are constructed of the marble used in the bank interior.

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# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1919

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Tourtellotte and Hummel

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Designed by southern Idaho's foremost architectural firm for the Farmers and Merchants Bank, this building was estimated to cost about \$ 73289 when completed, Work began in 1919, using sandstone from the Table Rock quarries east of Boise. In 1920, however, before the bank was finished during an economic collapse and banking panic, Farmers and Merchants Bank merged with the First National Bank. The next occupant, the Stockmen's National Bank, was bought out by the First Security Bank in 1927. In 1965, First Security donated the building to the city of Nampa, the current owners, for use as the Nampa Public Library. At this time, the building interior was remodeled to fit the needs of the library. Its classical design follows a long and established tradition for banks, originated by William Strickland in his Second Bank of the United States and perpetuated by Robert Mills in the Treasury Building and numerous other structures. This Classical style, a symbol of stability in America, reflected confidence and optimism at a climax of a period of exceptional economic expansion: inability of the contractors to get the structure built before two decades of economic disaster did not show in the building itself.

Besides being a reflection of the history and tastes of the period, the Farmers and Merchants Bank is also architecturally significant for its sculpted pediments on the portico and above the door, and for its fine stained glass skylight, which is still in place.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nampa Leader Herald, April 25, 1919

Clara Elizabeth Aldrich. The History of Banking in Idaho. M. A. Thesis, University of Washington, 1940.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries include only the building at 101 Eleventh Avenue South.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard and Tom Renk, Sites Survey Staff

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

9 January 1976

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise, Idaho 83706

STATE

# 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

*Merle Wells*

TITLE

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*9 January 1976*

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*5/13/96*

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

*5.12.76*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER