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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 ~~International Bank of Edna~~

and/or common (old) First State Bank (preferred)

2. Location

street & number ~~S.W.~~ ^{SW} corner of Delaware and Main ^{S.W.} N/A not for publication

city, town Edna N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kansas code 20 county Labette code 099

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"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Edna Historical Society

street & number

city, town Edna N/A vicinity of state Kansas 67342

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Labette County Courthouse

city, town Oswego state Kansas 67356

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state

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

Situated at the corner of Main and Delaware in Edna, Kansas, is the old First State Bank Building. Since its opening in 1887 as the International Bank the two-story stone structure has been a landmark in this agricultural community. In 1912 the ground floor was altered; the old fashioned Victorian commercial front was replaced with a modern classical revival one. No major alterations have occurred since that time. The building functioned as a bank until it was turned over to the Edna Historical Society in 1978.

The bank building consists of the main block from 1887, which measures about 40'x27', a 16'x27' single-story 1912 addition on the rear, and a 12'x13½' addition made in 1958 to house a restroom and storage area. The bank is built of sandstone and the major facades are covered with cement scored to look like ashlar masonry.

Two bays on the ground floor of the east facade and one bay of the north facade are devoted to store front. The plate glass windows and transoms above them are flanked by Ionic terra-cotta pilasters. A terra-cotta entablature surmounts the whole. The base panels are finished in marble. The denticulated and molded hood and the rectangular transom window over the corner entrance reinforce the classical spirit of the ground floor composition.

The other windows and cornice on the main block all date from the original 1887 construction. The segmentally arched windows are capped by dressed stone lintels with projecting keystones. The galvanized cornice is decorated with brackets and modillions and forms a pediment at the northeast corner with "1887 BANK" prominently displayed within the pediment.

The first addition on the west end has two segmentally arched windows, but no cut stone lintels. Built of concrete block, it is painted and scored to match the rest of the building. This addition was probably built at the time of the storefront remodeling, or shortly thereafter.

The facade has had a few additions made to it over the years. The duck cloth awnings on the east facade have been replaced by a metal awning that stretches across to the building next door. An air conditioner has been inserted in the window above the corner entrance. Plate glass has replaced the small tiles of prism glass in the transom windows of the storefront. On August 7, 1958 a new sign with an electric clock was attached on the east facade. The Edna Sun commented "Both the sign and clock can be seen from a great distance and is an addition both the bank and community can point to with pride."

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Inside, the old cashier and teller cages were removed when the bank moved out. The space is now filled with museum displays. The floor in the old lobby space is terrazzo. The pressed metal ceiling with coved cornice remains and is in very good shape. The vault is currently used to store the historical society archives. The plain plaster ceiling in the old addition was removed and replaced with dry wall.

Upstairs there are three rooms that were used as offices. Access was gained by an exterior stair on the west facade. The stair is gone now and the only access is by way of ladders. One room occupies the width of the east end. The hall runs along the south wall and the two other rooms open off of it to the north. All of the doors have transoms above them. The original woodwork is still intact. The east room has a picture molding around much of its perimeter. Floors are wood boards.

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 checked="" 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 1887-1912

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The old First State Bank building in Edna has had a checkered, but not atypical career. Since its construction in 1887 it has changed hands numerous times, but it has always remained one of the most prominent structures and most important institutions in town. Typical of bank buildings of its era, it was built on a corner lot at a major downtown intersection. The appearance of the building now is a combination of the initial construction and a remodeling in 1912. Overall the building is an accurate reflection of the changing tastes and fortunes of a small midwestern town and as such is a significant piece of architecture in Edna.

The First State Bank of Edna was constructed as the International Bank Building. Completed in October, 1887 the structure was cited in the Edna Star as "a credit to our little city." The carpenter work was done by A. Greenwood and the painting by a Mr. Clark. The stone mason is not known. Edna was apparently fairly prosperous at that time for the same newspaper listed the following businesses then operating in the town: two hardware stores, two drug stores, one jeweler, four general stores, one bank, one millinery, two restaurants, one flour and feed store, one billiard hall, two meat markets, one lawyer, two livery stables, one boot and shoemaker, three doctors, two insurance agents, one hotel, a picture gallery, saddle shop, barber shop, broom factory and flour mill.

The International Bank was owned by one C. T. Ewing who was also in the banking business at Thayer and Cherryvale. J. M. Berry was the first cashier. He was succeeded on November 1, 1888 by C. H. Zabriskie who remained in charge of the bank until it failed in May of 1892.

The town was without a bank for several years, a situation which the editors of the local papers regularly decried. In September, 1897 the new Edna State Bank was established. In June of the following year, however, the bank had to close its doors due to lack of confidence in that institution after the principal owner, Harry Mason, was arrested. All depositors were paid off in full.

The new First State Bank of Edna opened for business in July of 1899. On February 5, 1905 its charter was changed to the First National Bank of Edna.

The First National Bank was the only bank in Labette County to

9. Major Bibliographical References

An Old Path, A New Direction, Edna, Kansas 1876-1976
by Edna Centennial Committee, n.p. 1976.

(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Edna

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	1	5	2	9	0	2	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	1	3	5	7	1	0
Zone			Easting			Northing													

B

Zone			Easting			Northing													

C

Zone			Easting			Northing													

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H

Zone			Easting			Northing													

Verbal boundary description and justification North 25 feet of lots 1, 2, and 3, block 29 in the city of Edna. The bank building has occupied this site since its construction.

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

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organization Ks. State Historical Society-HPD date 9-16-82

street & number 120 West Tenth St. telephone 913 296-3251

city or town Topeka state Kansas 66612

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 

title Executive Director date 9-16-82

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

 date 11/1/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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survive the economic pressures of the Great Depression. Like many banks in small midwestern towns in the thirties, operations at the First National were occasionally disrupted by robberies. The first robbery occurred on July 24, 1930, the second on March 23, 1931. The bandits in the second escapade were shot dead as they emerged from the bank building by the dentist who had his offices in the second story of a building across the street.

The rest of the history of the bank is rather quiet. On September 30, 1962 its charter was again changed, this time to the First State Bank of Edna. The First State Bank remained in the old bank building until February, 1978 when a new bank was completed across the street. One month later the Edna Historical Society purchased the building for use as a museum.

The bank is a remarkable example of three generations' ideas of "modern." An October 28, 1887 article in the Edna Star described the building when it was new:

The entire front of the first story on Delaware street is panel work and plate glass, with a colored glass oval top setting in each section, the two sections being divided by an iron column. On Main street there is only one section of wood and glass front. . .The whole is surmounted by a handsome galvanized cornice. . .

A pre-1912 photograph shows that the storefront was a very Victorian creation, essentially Italianate in character with its brackets, modillions, pediment with inscription, and arched windows. By 1912 the neo-classical revival was well-established as the modern style and the ground floor was altered accordingly. In 1958 the bank was again in need of modernizing and so an electric sign with a clock was added, as was a modern restroom.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT.

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Form compiled from research submitted by Ronald Neidigh of Edna.