

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 The Citizens' National Bank

and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 326 10th Street _____ not for publication

city, town Worthington _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6th

state Minnesota code 22 county Nobles code 105

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

4. Owner of Property

name Bill and Lauri Keitel

street & number 500 Lake Street

city, town Worthington _____ vicinity of _____ state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Nobles County Courthouse

street & number 10th Street

city, town Worthington _____ state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1978 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul _____ state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Citizens' National Bank occupies a corner lot facing Worthington's courthouse square. The building is best described by quoting excerpts from an article printed in the August 23, 1901 edition of the Worthington Herald on the occasion of the bank announcing its construction.

The paper wrote, "The building will front on 10th street and will be two stories high with a large and airy basement. The frontage will be 24 feet and length 63½. It will be placed back about four feet from the street to allow entrance to the basement without any street obstruction. Kasota stone will be used up to and including the water table. Above that the trimmings will be Bayfield brown stone. The brick for front and the avenue side will be a light terracotta pressed brick. The coping and center piece will be of brown stone surmounted by a 24-foot flagstaff. Three 24-inch polished red granite columns will further ornament the front. The vestibule will be tiled and double plate glass doors will make the entrance to the bank lobby."

"The general style of the front of the building is the double arch - an arch over the doorway and an arch over the large plate glass windows. At the left of the main entrance will be the door leading to the two suites of offices on the second floor. Passing into the bank building we find a handsomely tiled lobby and a banking room about 22 by 32 feet. The cashier's private room, 10 by 11, is located at the front. The bank's entrance to the vault is very convenient, veing right off the rear of the banking room. The inside measurement of the vault is seven by fourteen feet. A solid stone foundation will be built for the bank safe to rest upon. Under the stairway, just off the lobby, will be the clothes press for use of employees. In the rear of this will be a small room provided with tables, chairs, pens, ink, etc. for use of customers. To the rear of the customer's room is the director's room, 12 by 16 feet, joined by folding doors. From the director's room is a stairway leading to the boiler room in the basement."

"all of the inside furnishings of the first floor will be in red oak. The ceiling will be 13½ feet in the clear and of steel construction. Marble base boards and wainscoating will adorn the lobby. Passing up to the second story we find two fine suites of office rooms of three rooms each, both provided with closers, wash and toilet rooms. The furnishings of the second floor will be of Tennessee pine and the ceiling is 11 feet to the floor. The basement will be finished all with yellow pine and painted and ceiling will be eight feet. There will be a large front room some 21 by 25 feet such as will be used for boiler, fuel room and cistern. The roof will be "old style" tin painted top and bottom."

This account, written in 1901, is still generally descriptive of the building. The exterior is unchanged with the exception of removal of the roof top flagstaff. The main banking floor has been opened up into a single room, now used for retail display. The floor, ceiling, and interior trim are all original. Second floor office suites are close to the original although in a deteriorated state because of disuse for the last several years. The basement no longer has furnace and boilers and the space formerly used for that purpose is now joined with the original "large front room" and is used for display and sales.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 1901

Builder/Architect H.C. Gerlach

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Citizens' National Bank is a significant representative of the role of commerce in Worthington and Nobles County and for its architectural contribution to the city's main street/courthouse square townscape. The bank was established in 1901 by a group of Worthington businessmen ("its directors all live here, its stockholders are all interested in the upbuilding of this town") including J.D. Humiston, an important figure in the National Colony that first promoted settlement in the city. Built in 1901, thirty years after the town was founded, the stone and brick bank represents a second generation of commercial buildings. In 1900 the block-front facing the courthouse square consisted primarily of frame structures. By 1907 only one frame building remained; the rest were replaced by masonry buildings. The Citizens' National Bank was among the earliest of the "new generation," substantial structures, and is one of the few structures surviving from that period virtually intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Worthington Herald, August 23, 1901.

UTM NOT VERIFIED
MAGNETIC NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Worthington South, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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B

Zone	Easting			Northing										

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Northwesterly 70 feet of Lot 6, Block 14, Original Townsite of Worthington.

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William R. Keitel/Lew Hudson/Thomas Harvey

organization /Minnesota Historical Society date March 1981

street & number 500 lake St./240 Summit Avenue telephone 507/372-7175
612-296-9072

city or town Worthington/St. Paul state Minnesota

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12/23/81

For HCRS use only

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

Entered in the National Register date 3/18/82

Keuper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration