

NATIONAL FARMERS BANK OF OWATONNA
(Security Bank and Trust Company)
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Minnesota	COUNTY Steele	TOWN OR VICINITY Owatonna
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) NATIONAL FARMERS BANK OF OWATONNA		HABS NO. MN-85
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Security Bank and Trust Company		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 110 North Cedar Street at the corner of East Broadway		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1907 (National Register nomination)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Louis Sullivan	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL; INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Probably the finest of the late, small mid-western banks designed by Sullivan. It derives its importance in the planning of its spatial organization, massing, use of materials, colors and ornamentation. A definite statement against the eclectic architecture of the day, and for the idea that function and design compliment one another.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) sandstone, brick and terra cotta		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE reddish-brown sandstone block base, with softer brick comprising the rest of the wall structure. A wide band of terra cotta and a narrow band of glass mosaic frame the exterior walls. Corner ornament and cornice are of brown terra cotta. Hugh arches enclose stained glass windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) floors are green tile, wainscoting in red roman brick, woodwork and craftsman furniture all in simple white oak. Beautifully detailed wall treatment, plastering, murals; elaborate light fixtures and wall clock, stained glass windows.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In the early 1930's the ornamental teller's grills and other interior features were removed in a remodeling. In 1958, architect Harwell Hamilton Harris (Sullivan student) was hired to restore the exterior and carefully remodel the interior to preserve details and spacing.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good condition, still being used as a bank.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The structure comprises the main bank building and a smaller business building. The business part is lower and has a more unified facade. The two are joined with corridors, stairs and an elevator.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places nomination, prepared by Brooks Calvin, AIA, of Calvin & Page, St. Paul, MN		
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