

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property Old First National Bank

Location Southwest corner of Long and Lane Streets
(street and number)

Dighton
(city, town, or vicinity location)

North 66¼ feet of lot 1, Block 4, Schiereck's Addition
(legal description)

Lane
(county)

Owner of Property Patrycia Ann Herndon

Box 669, 220 E. Long
(street and number)

Dighton, (Lane Co.), KS 67839
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review _____

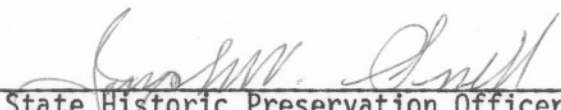
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Description: The Old First National Bank is a rectangular two-story brick commercial building with a diagonal corner projection. As originally constructed in 1889 it had an elaborate Second Empire style mansard roof with ornamental chimneys, round-arched dormers, and iron cresting. The corner projection was originally round. By 1899 the mansard roof had been removed. In 1907 the building was substantially altered. The corner projection was rebuilt, and the cornice and beltcourse were redone to match those of the newly-constructed opera house next door. In later years the windows on the first floor were filled with glass block, the original north doorway was filled in, and the 1907 door on the corner was replaced. The pressed metal ceiling remains, but has been hidden behind a dropped ceiling. The original bank vault remains and is in excellent condition, but the other interior furnishings of the bank have been removed. The second story has retained much of its original interior appearance.

Significance The old First National Bank building is notable as one of the two oldest remaining commercial buildings in Dighton, and one of the few remaining from the nineteenth century. It has important historical associations with the commercial development of Dighton from its construction until the bank moved to a new building in 1950.

Form prepared by Richard J. Cawthon date November 15, 1984

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on November 17, 1984
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.


State Historic Preservation Officer

Nov. 17, 1984
Date