

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Wake	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
North Carolina National Bank--Raleigh

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
State Bank of North Carolina, Christ Church Rectory

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
11 New Bern Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
City of Raleigh

STATE North Carolina	CODE 32	COUNTY: Wake	CODE 92
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
North Carolina National Bank

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 120

CITY OR TOWN:  
Charlotte

STATE:  
North Carolina

CODE:  
28201 32

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Wake County Courthouse, Office of Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
310 Fayetteville Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Raleigh

STATE:  
North Carolina

CODE:  
32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1956  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
East Capitol and Independence Avenue, S.E.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D.C.

CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The State Bank of North Carolina is essentially a Federal building two stories in height, of handmade brick, with granite lintels and sills, and pedimented roof. On the east and west elevations are matching superimposed pedimented porticos which express the turn to Classicism that took place at the end of the Federal period. The columns are of brick stuccoed over with coarse sand and mortar, and have modified Tuscan capitals. The design of the portico is somewhat less than academic in that the same order is employed on both levels and the entablature which should appear between them has been omitted. The projecting bases of the upper columns give the design a curious, but interesting aspect. The interior of the building has been adapted for use as a modern banking facility. Retained within the interior are some of its original mantels and doors. The suspended circular stairway which connects the second and attic floors is also original. The entrance facing upon New Bern Avenue was originally the entrance to the State Bank and is now the entrance to the North Carolina National Bank. This entrance gives access to the original banking room which occupies approximately half of the structure, being the width of the building. Behind this were a transverse hall connecting the two porticos, two small rooms, and a vault beneath the curved stair. The old vault is no longer in place and the installation of a new one and drive-in banking facilities necessitated an alteration of the original floor plan in this section of the building. These alterations were carried out after the building was moved approximately 100 feet southeast to its present location in 1968.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic            | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |  | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The State Bank of North Carolina was incorporated in 1810, with its central branch in Raleigh and others in Edenton, Wilmington, Fayetteville, New Bern, Tarboro, and Salisbury. During the War of 1812 there was justifiable fear that the British would attack North Carolina's coast and all specie money was moved to the inland State Banks at Raleigh and Tarboro. The main branch at Raleigh was then strengthened sufficiently in 1813 to build the structure now standing on New Bern Avenue. The first president of the State Bank was Colonel William Polk of Revolutionary War fame who also made his home in the bank building. Jacob Johnson, father of Andrew Johnson, served as porter for the bank.

In 1832 the building was taken over by the Bank of State of North Carolina. The Bank of State continued to use the building until it went bankrupt during the Civil War. After the War, on January 3, 1873, the United States District Court, acting upon an insolvency decision, ordered all of the bank's "vaults, effects, building, and lands" to be turned over to Christ Church which stood on contiguous property, for their purchase price of \$9,925. From 1873 until 1951 the building was used by Christ Church as its rectory. From 1951 to 1968 the building was used for other church functions. In 1968 The North Carolina National Bank obtained title to the structure in order to use it as a downtown branch of its bank. In the same year N.C.N.B. moved the structure 100 feet southeast of its original position, placed it upon a new foundation, and undertook the necessary renovations.

The North Carolina State Bank is significant as an early commercial structure which has survived and is once again functioning as originally intended.

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Battle, Kemp P. The Early History of Raleigh, The Capital of North Carolina. Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton, Printers and Binders, 1893.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	35°	46'	59"	78°	38'	15"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One-quarter acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Jack Zehmer, Survey Specialist, & Sherry Ingram, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: North Carolina Department of Archives and History      DATE: April 22, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh      STATE: North Carolina      CODE: 32

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Dr. H. G. Jones  
Title Director, State Department of Archives and History  
Date April 22, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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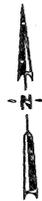
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North Carolina National Bank  
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11 New Bern Avenue  
City of Raleigh

Property Map of Raleigh  
City of Raleigh

Scale: 1"/400 feet  
June, 1967



Latitude

Longitude

degrees minutes seconds

degrees minutes seconds

35° 46' 59"

78° 38' 15"

