

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Beaufort	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bank of Washington, West End Branch

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
216 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE
North Carolina

CODE
37

COUNTY:
Beaufort

CODE
013

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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments: _____ _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Board of Directors of the Bank of Washington

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
North Carolina

CODE
37

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Beaufort County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Second and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE
North Carolina

CODE
37

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bank of Washington is a temple-form building with a prostyle tetrastyle Ionic portico on the south (main) facade. This facade is of rusticated stucco on brick. The central entrance and flanking windows are each surmounted by a small unacademic pediment above a row of large dentils. The portico has a full entablature with a row of dentils embellishing the cornice. The entablature carries around three sides of the building.

The east and west sides have four bays separated by pilasters. The second bay on both sides originally contained a window surmounted by a pediment. The openings have been bricked up leaving the pediments intact. The third bay contains a window beneath an unusual segmental band of molded headers.

The north gable is not pedimented and has been altered by the construction of several additions. The interior consists of one large room which has been completely remodeled with only the original heavy window frames and entablatures remaining.

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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)			
<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 checked="" 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			
<p>The Bank of Washington was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly on January 22, 1851. Among the founders were E.J. Warren and George H. Brown. Warren distinguished himself as the speaker pro tem of the state Senate during the impeachment of Governor William W. Holden in 1871. Brown was also a prominent political figure and served as an associate justice of the state supreme court.</p> <p>On May 10, 1854, the Bank of Washington acquired one-third of Lot 19 in the Respass Town section of Washington. Two weeks later the bank's directors placed the following advertisement in the Raleigh News and Observer:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"The directors of the Bank of Washington wish to contract for the erection of a banking house, in the Town of Washington. . . . The front gable is to extend so as to form a Portico supported by four columns. Walls of brick, stuccoed to resemble stone, with fire proof roof. . . ."</p> <p>The bank was erected soon afterward according to these specifications and continued in operation until Union troops invaded the town during the War Between the States. The bank was reorganized in 1893 and is presently the West End Branch of the Bank of Washington. It is a fine example of antebellum bank design and is one of the few remaining small commercial buildings in North Carolina built in the unusually monumental temple-form idiom.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beaufort County Records, Beaufort County Courthouse, Washington, North Carolina. Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers, Census Reports).

Beaufort County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers, Census Reports).

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	35°	32'	36"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	77°	03'	24"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One-half acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John B. Wells, Survey Specialist
Greer Suttlemyre, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History DATE: 1 December 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh STATE: North Carolina CODE: 37

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.B. Jones

Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date 1 December 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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7-15-62
(July 15, 1962)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Reed, C. Wingate. Beaufort County, Two Centuries of History.
Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton Company, 1962.

Waterman, Thomas Tileston: The Early Architecture of North
Carolina. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1947.

Bank of Washington
216 West Main Street
Washington, North Carolina

Map of Beaufort County
North Carolina State Highway Commission
Scale: 4" / 1 mile
January 1, 1968

<u>Latitude</u>			<u>Longitude</u>		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds
35	32'	36"	77	03'	24"



