1. **NAME**
   - COMMON: Bank of Washington, West End Branch

2. **LOCATION**
   - STREET AND NUMBER: 216 West Main Street
   - CITY OR TOWN: Washington
   - STATE: North Carolina

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - CATEGORY (Check One): 
     - District
     - Site
     - Structure
   - OWNERSHIP: 
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   - STATUS: 
     - Public Acquisition: In Process
   - ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: 
     - Yes: Restricted
     - No

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

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Beaufort County Courthouse
   - STREET AND NUMBER: Second and Market Streets
   - CITY OR TOWN: Washington

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - TITLE OF SURVEY:
   - DATE OF SURVEY: 
     - Federal
     - State
     - County
     - Local
   - DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   - STREET AND NUMBER:
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7. DESCRIPTION

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**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 pedimanted 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.
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.

On May 10, 1854, the Bank of Washington acquired one-third of Lot 19 in the Respsess Town section of Washington. Two weeks later the bank's directors placed the following advertisement in the Raleigh News and Observer:

"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 . . . ." 

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.

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Approximate Acreage of nominated property: One-half acre

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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name and Title: John B. Wells, Survey Specialist
Greer Gattley, Survey Assistant

Organization: State Department of Archives and History

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

13. 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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Map of Beaufort County
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