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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic First State Bank of Baggs

and/or common Bank Club

2. Location

street & number 10 South Miles Street not for publication

city, town Baggs vicinity of

state Wyoming code 056 county Carbon code 007

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> na in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> na being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Elaine Herold

street & number Box 203

city, town Baggs vicinity of state Wyoming 82321

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carbon County Courthouse

street & number First and Pine Streets

city, town Rawlins state Wyoming

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Wyoming Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Wyoming Recreation Commission

city, town Cheyenne state WY

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

This one-story log structure has a gable roof, concrete foundation, and is covered with stumped sheet metal. The front features an oversized pediment with brackets evenly spaced in the gable end overhang and beneath the end pent. The gable end also features a stylized pediment above the recessed entry. The porch is supported by four tin fluted columns with pedestals and capitols; the two outside end columns are square with ionic treatments while the two inside columns are round, tapered and feature doric treatments. The porch floor is poured concrete. The exterior wall of the building has five evenly spaced double hung one-over-one windows with plain surrounds. All the decorative elements of the structure are tin. Though the exact date the building was covered with sheet metal is not known, it is assumed it was done very early as this seems to have been a very popular trend in the area in the early part of the twentieth century. The wide front door is flanked by two oversized set-in windows with three narrow transoms evenly spaced above the door and windows. The building features a small shed roof addition on the side used for drive-in liquor sales, and another on the back. Both additions are recent and therefore not contributing for tax incentive rehabilitation purposes. The Bank Club is located on a single lot facing what used to be Baggs' main street. Only the original bank building on its lot are included in this nomination.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1907 **Builder/Architect** Tom Vernon/J.B. Pierson

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Constructed in 1907–08 to house the First State Bank of Baggs, the Bank Club Bar is one of a few of the original buildings still standing. Though not a false front, the bank is an excellent example of western 'boom town' attempts to provide urban scale and create a sense of stability in isolated small towns. The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of greek revival and classical trends popular near the turn of the century. It represents the ingenuity of westerners, limited by financial resources and access to authentic materials, in creatively copying the popular urban 'look' of the day. Windshield surveys of major portions of the state indicate this is likely the only one of its kind remaining. Located within a community lacking in significant architectural structures and retaining integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, the Bank Club Bar is a locally significant building associated with the broad patterns of early western commercial development. It definitely deserves enrollment in the National Register of Historic Places.

SEE ADDENDUM

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE ADDENDUM

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Baggs, WY

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A 

1	3	2	7	6	5	0	0	4	5	4	5	9	2	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE ADDENDUM

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

state na code na county na code na

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elaine Herold

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date December 12, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 203 telephone 383-7152

city or town Baggs state Wyoming

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Alvin J. Bastron

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 8/11/84

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

for Alvin J. Bastron  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 9-13-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Baggs is a ranching community. The Homestead Act brought many people to the valley as early as 1880. The bank was needed as Craig, Colorado, is 40 miles and Rawlins, Wyoming, is 78 miles away. Since the need was there, it was logical to have a bank in Baggs. When the bank closed in 1924, everyone had to do their banking business in Craig and Rawlins again. In 1981, the Valley State Bank was opened in Baggs.

There was a doctor's office for a time and also a bootleg business for illegal liquor. When liquor was legalized, it was the Baggs Liquor, owned by Owen Groshart. Bill Terrill owned the Bar for a number of years. Leo Craner bought it in 1946 and then changed the name to The Bank Club Bar. Phil Leckenby bought it from Leo Craner in 1953. After Mr. Leckenby's death, it was sold to Lee Talley and Carl Baker in 1958. Elaine Herold purchased it in 1972.

The Vernon Hotel which was across the street was the only other building that had stamped metal. The Hotel was destroyed by fire in December of 1979. There are very few old buildings left standing in Baggs today.

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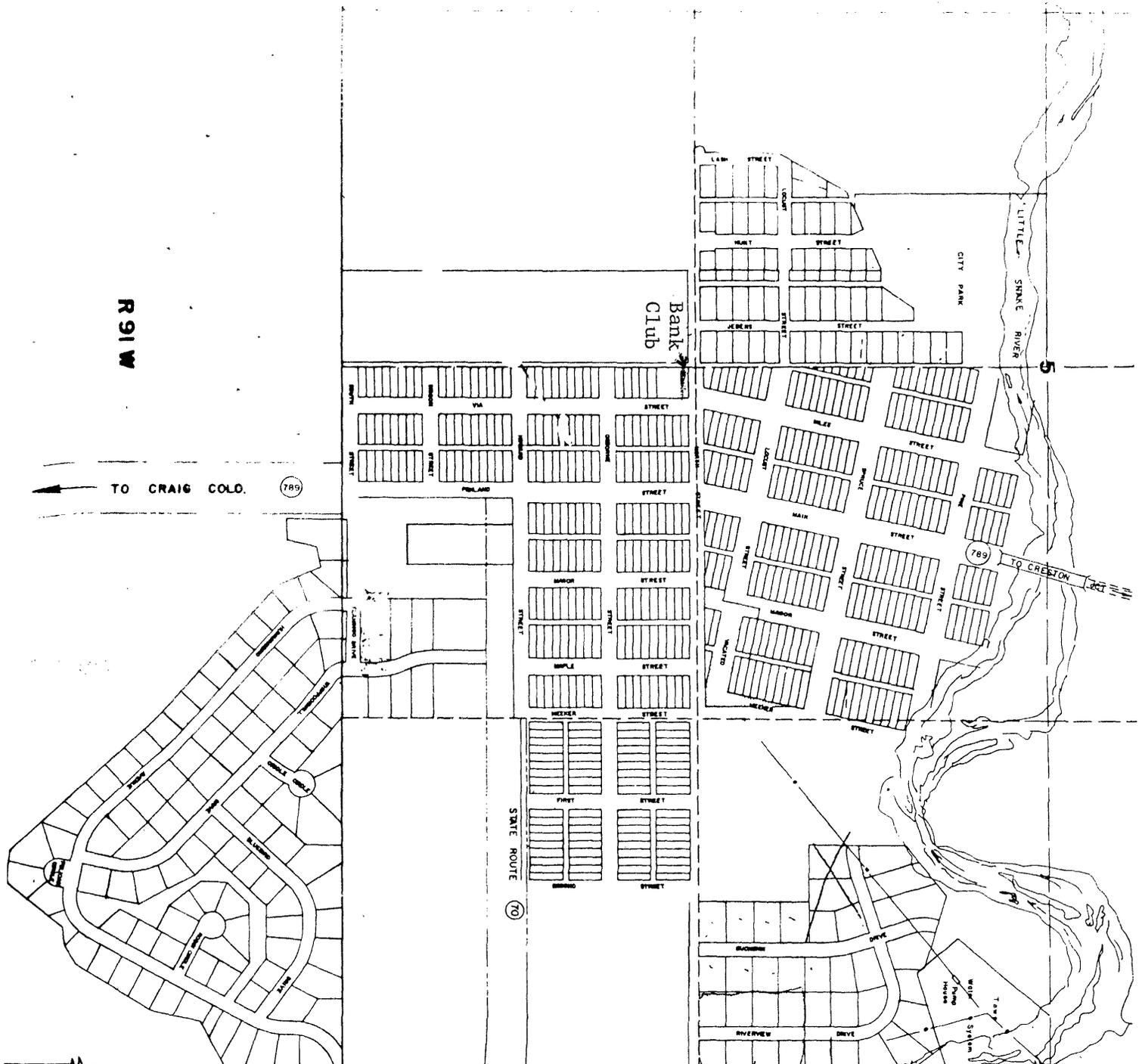
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This nomination includes only the original bank building located on the north 30 feet of Lot 15 Block 1, Franklin Addition Baggs, Wyoming. This area is the original location of the bank and both defines and protects the site. For purposes of tax incentive certification it should be noted that the two additions located at the back and side of the building are not eligible.



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TOWN OF BAGGS

SCALE 1" = 200'

TO CRAIG COLD.

TO CRESTON

TO DIXON

Bank Club

CITY PARK

LITTLE SNAKE RIVER

STATE ROUTE 70

789

789

70

