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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

First Bank of Joseph

AND/OR COMMON
Same**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Second and Main

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Joseph

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

2nd

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Wallowa

CODE

063

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Joseph

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Joseph

__ VICINITY OF

Oregon

STATE

97846

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wallowa County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Enterprise

Oregon

STATE

97828

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1973

__ FEDERAL STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Parks and Recreation Branch

CITY, TOWN

Salem

Oregon

STATE

97310

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Bank of Joseph is a fine example of High Victorian Italianate Commercial architecture. Although the style was common in Portland and the Willamette Valley, in the isolated town of Joseph in the northeast corner of the state, such a fine example of the style is quite unusual. Dimensions of the two-story building are 25 X 91 feet.

On the exterior, the vocabulary employs the basic components of High Victorian Italianate architecture as described in Marcus Whiffen. First floor windows are stilted, flat-headed arches; windows on the second floor are rectangular arches with architectural moldings. Other detailing on the exterior includes metal brackets on the upper cornice and metal moldings on the belt-course around the building. The entrance is a truncated opening at the corner of the south and west walls that is flanked with two cast-iron crocketed columns supporting a portico.

In the original configuration of the building, the first floor was occupied by the bank in the front, and a newspaper office occupied the back room. A covered exterior stairway led to an upstairs room that was used as a meeting room.

The bank moved from the building in 1914, at which time the building was taken over by Dr. Verdo Gregory. He installed his office and waiting room in the banking headquarters and a kitchen in the former newspaper room. He converted the second floor into hospital wards and an operating room and replaced the exterior stairway with one inside.

In 1927, the City of Joseph acquired the building and it became a community center. The upstairs became a meeting room and performing arts theater. The first floor was used for various civic purposes. Among other functions, it served as the city hall and library until the city vacated the building in 1973. After standing unoccupied several years, the building was restored by the Wallowa Bicentennial Committee in 1976, and it is now operated as the Wallowa County Museum.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Bank of Joseph is significant as an example of High Victorian Italianate architecture and as one of the earliest commercial structures in northeastern Oregon.

Wallowa County and the City of Joseph developed after the famous Nez Perce Indian War of 1877. Chief Joseph, for whom the town was named, lived with his tribe in the Wallowa Valley very near the town of Joseph. After the Indians were forced out of the area, white settlers moved in rapidly. By 1879 a new road was built into the Wallowa Valley with a stage line and by 1887 Wallowa County was formed. In that same year the First Bank of Joseph was organized with a capital stock of \$25,000. By 1890 this amount was increased to \$50,000.

The president of the bank was F.D. McCully, who had moved to the Wallowa Valley from Salem. McCully's connection with Salem and the Willamette Valley probably explains the sophisticated use of High Victorian Italianate architecture in the bank building. McCully lived in Salem when the Ladd and Bush Bank was constructed in 1869, and the elaborate Victorian detailing on this building no doubt influenced him.

Architecturally, the First Bank of Joseph building is one of the finest examples of the High Victorian Italianate commercial style in eastern Oregon. Many of the popular architectural styles during the late 1800s appeared in eastern Oregon, but they were usually vernacular interpretations of these styles. The First Bank of Joseph is not only an attractive building, but it is unusual as a pure example of the High Victorian Italianate style.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Union and Wallowa Counties. Spokane, WA: Western Publishing Company, 1903.
 Holman, F.V. "History of Counties of Oregon" Oregon Historical Quarterly (March, 1910)
 P. 60.
 Joseph Women's Club, Minutes.
Wallowa County Chieftan, Wallowa Herald.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. .13 acres (50 X 117', or 5,820 sq. ft.)
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	4 8 2 1 0 0	5 0 2 1 7 4 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 6, Block 7 of the Original Town of Joseph

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert K. Sutton

ORGANIZATION

Oregon State Parks

DATE

February 8, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

525 Trade St. SE

TELEPHONE

(503) 378-6118

CITY OR TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon

97310

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

Robert K. Sutton

TITLE State Parks Superintendent (Preservation Officer)

DATE September 19, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *Chuck Adams*

DATE 2-23-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property First Bank of Joseph
State OR Working Number 9.27.77.1546

Wallowa
78002324

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
9.28.77

HISTORIAN

Accept 1-9-78
Joe Sawyer

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Bravham
12.2.77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Lebovich
2/13/78

BRANCH CHIEF

[Signature]
2-22-78

KEEPER

[Signature]
22371

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 4.4.78

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered FEB 23 1978

INT:2106-74



FIRST BANK

EPH FIRE DEPT.

NO
PARKING

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

First Bank of Joseph
Joseph 1 of 4
Wallowa County, Oregon
West elevation prior to
restoration SEP 27 1977

Historic Preservation Office
Photo 1970
State Parks Branch
525 Trade Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97310

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

First Bank of Joseph
Joseph 2 of 4
Wallowa County, Oregon
South elevation prior to
restoration

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

First Bank of Joseph
Joseph 3 of 4
Wallowa County, Oregon
West and south elevations, showing truncated entrance bay at corner

Historic Preservation Office
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First Bank of Joseph
Joseph 3 of 4
Wallowa County, Oregon
South and east, or rear elevations showing effects of restoration, including reconstructed covered stairway.

SEP 27 1977

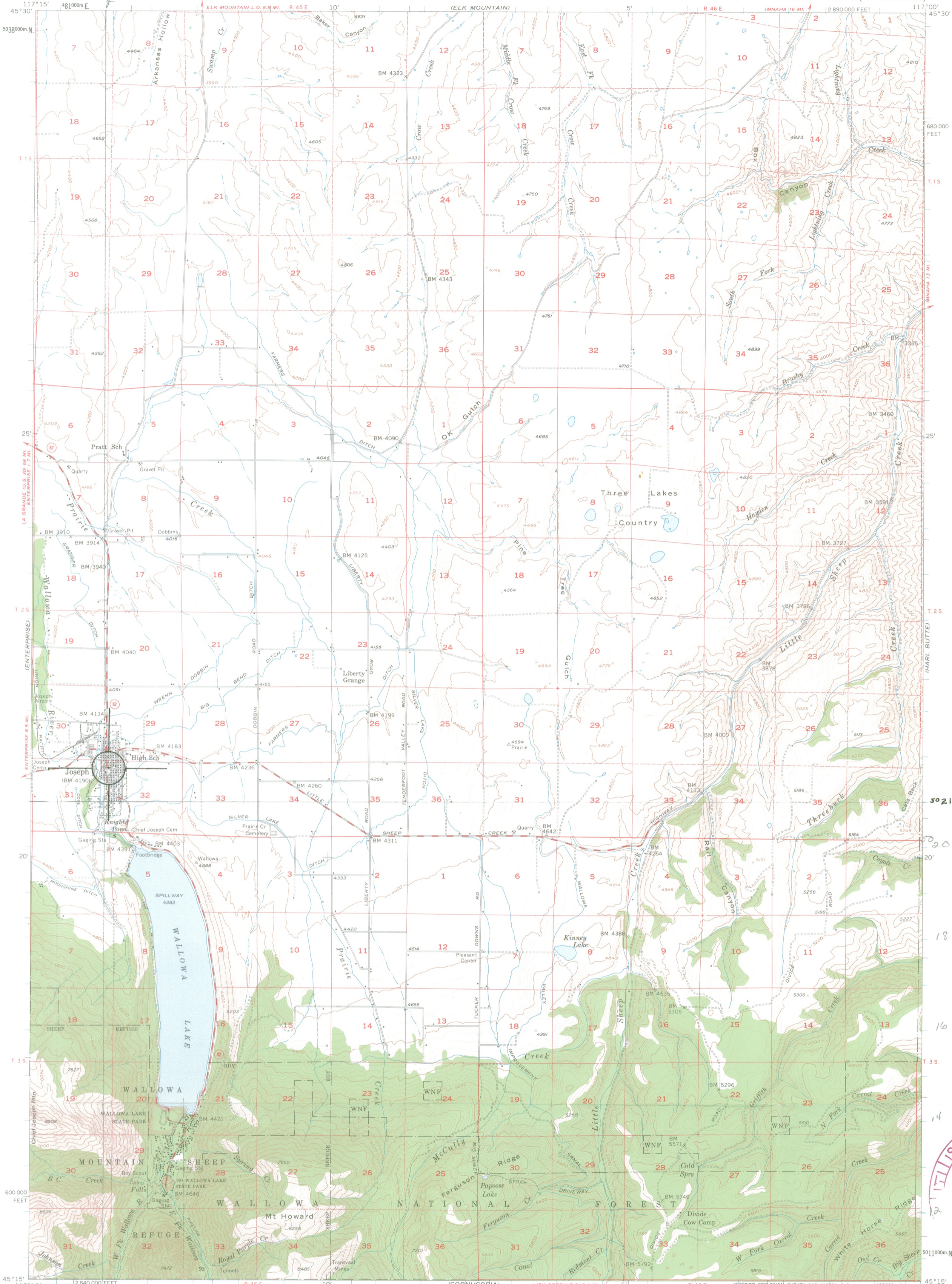
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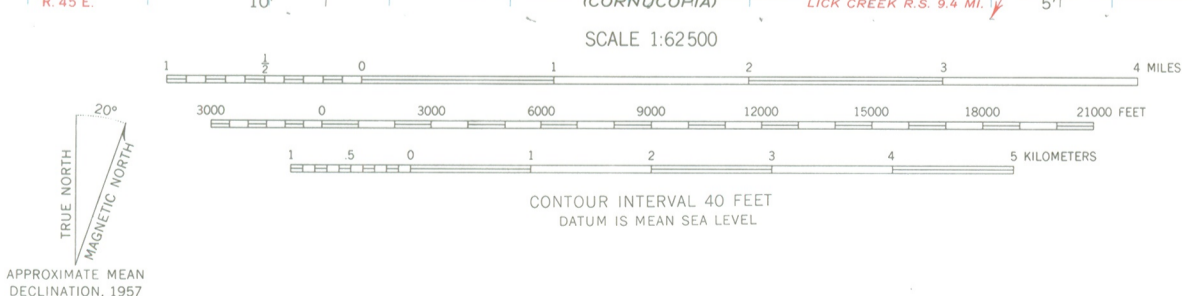
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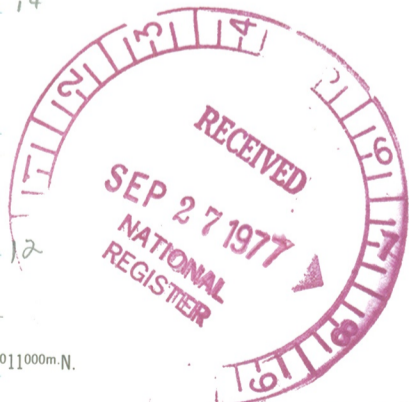
JOSEPH QUADRANGLE
OREGON—WALLOWA CO.
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1957
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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north zone
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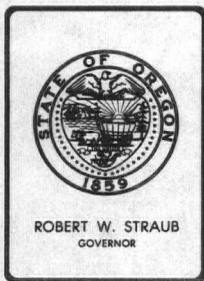
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty — Light-duty
Unimproved dirt —
State Route
FIRST BANK OF JOSEPH
JOSEPH, OREG.
N4515—W11700/15
1957



FEB 23 1978

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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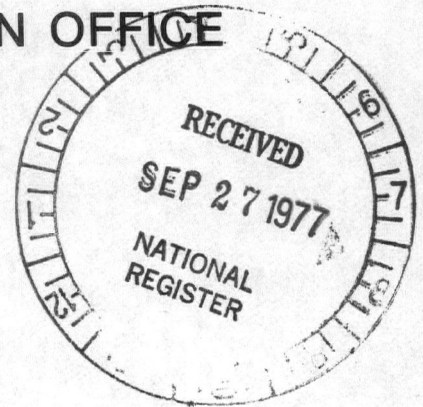
Department of Transportation

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Parks and Recreation Branch

525 TRADE STREET S.E., SALEM, OREGON 97310

September 19, 1977



Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attention: Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief of Registration

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

On the recommendation of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, I wish to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

1. Pioneer Hall
McMinnville, Yamhill County
2. First Bank of Joseph
Joseph, Wallowa County

The current owners of the properties are aware of this action. The appropriate forms bearing my signature are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

David G. Talbot
State Historic Preservation Officer

DGT:EWP:pb

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OREGON

Date Entered FEB 23 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pioneer Hall, Linfield College	McMinnville Yamhill County
First Bank of Joseph	Joseph Wallowa County

Also Notified

Hon. Bob Packwood

Hon. Mark O. Hatfield

Hon. Les AuCoin

Hon. Al Ulman

Regional Director, Pacific Northwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. David G. Talbot
State Parks and Recreation
525 Trade Street SE.
Salem, Oregon 97310

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Mott/js

3/7/78

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: First Bank of Joseph		2 OTHER NAMES:		3 date of entry: FEB 23 1978	4 county code: 63
5 LOCATION street & number 2nd and Main Sts.		city / town Joseph	vicinity of	state OR	county Wallowa
7 OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		8 ADMINISTRATOR:		6 NPS REGION: PNW	
9 EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		10 FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 2nd	12 SOURCE of NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL if state who prepared form?	
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME <input type="checkbox"/> NO		15 ACREAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
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25 architectural style(s):		26 architect:	27 master builder:	28 engineer:	
29 landscape architect / garden designer:	30 interior decorator:	31 artist:	32 artisan:	33 builder/contractor:	
34 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					

35 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP