

Historic Name: Old National Bank of Manassas

Source: Prince William County Historical Commission-“A Past to Preserve”

Date or Period: Ca. 1896

Original Use: Bank

Vicinity: Manassas

Possessing a two-story, brick-and-stone exterior, the interior of this former bank includes a front room that is open to the full height of the building. The old bank building is a significant asset to the city, both historically and architecturally. Historically, the building's first occupant, the National Bank of Manassas, is important because it was western Prince William County's first banking institution. Several of Manassas' prominent citizens were affiliated with the bank. When it outgrew this small building, rather than demolish the structure, the bank built a new headquarters next door to the old building and eventually re-used the old bank for bookkeeping operations. Through the years, the building has been used as law offices, a laundry, and an art supply store. It was home to The Manassas Museum from 1974 to 1990. The building which is architecturally eclectic, has style and attractive proportions. The red sandstone and brick were quarried and produced locally. The designer-builder, John A. Cannon, was responsible for many buildings in Manassas.

For a picture of this house see “A Past to Preserve”

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National Bank of Manassas - Manassas, Va., was the first bank to be established in Prince William County. The first meeting of stockholders was held in the office of Judge C. E. Nicol on 27 Jul 1895. H. F. Lynn was elected president and R. H. Lynn was elected vice president. The first cashier at the bank was Westwood Hutchison with a salary of \$950 per year. T. H. Lion was hired as the first teller at \$35.00 per month. - Resolve to deposit your money in a strong bank, not necessarily strong because of vault equipment only, but because of able and experienced officers and a host of depositors and patrons. The New Year holds to you a golden opportunity for future success if you will save your earnings by depositing them with us. 3 Jan 1919 M. J. - In operation from 1896 to 1956. The location was at 9406 Main Street from 1866 to 1912. Located second at the corner of Main and Center Streets 1912-1956. In 1956 the bank became First Virginia Bank.