



A, C, D, F, & J. REHDER BUILDING
803-807 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs.

A striking feature in the heart of downtown, the locally-manufactured brick and locally-quarried sandstone business block, representative of the commercial development of a Colorado frontier town, was completed by the First National Bank in 1905 and became the second location of Steamboat Springs' third banking institution. The arches topping window and door openings in the lower story, the use of rusticated stone lintels, the quoining and contrasting brick trim and belt courses are details indicative of the Romanesque Revival architectural style. The building's large-scale proportions reflect the prosperity of the area at the time of construction. Founded in 1902, the bank was successful until the 1929 stock market crash and eventually went bankrupt during the Depression of the 1930s. The building was foreclosed upon, auctioned, and purchased by Henry Rehder in 1937. Since then, several businesses, including a garage and automobile parts store, a creamery and cheese factory, a dentist, a barber shop, a saloon, a ladies lounge, an antique store, a farm implement repair shop, clothing stores, restaurants, art galleries, and ultimately, another bank have occupied portions of the two-story original building or its rear addition, which

fronts on Eighth Street. Both the building and its sandstone addition are in excellent condition, and the façade remains virtually unaltered from its original design.

Associated with the building's original banking institution are two individuals who significantly contributed to the culture and development of Routt County: F. A. Metcalf and Henry Rehder. Metcalf was an owner of the Steamboat Springs Town Company, was Vice-President of the First National Bank, served for a term as County Treasurer, and operated a real estate and insurance business. He also owned then sold in 1902 the land on which the second First National Bank building was constructed.

Henry Rehder was a German immigrant and quartz miner who brought his wife and two sons to Steamboat Springs in 1902. A third son was born at the family's cattle and sheep ranching operation in Pleasant Valley, a venture that endured through two generations of Rehders into the 1990s. Rehder was a Director of the Moffat County Bank and owner of the Rehder Building for more than 60 years. In 2004, Helen Rehder bequeathed the entire landmark building to the City of Steamboat Springs with the stipulation that it be preserved as an art museum honoring Routt County settlers and artists. NRHP: 2000.