

MANHATTAN'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS & DISTRICTS

Manhattan State Bank

Manhattan State Bank, constructed in 1906, was the first State bank in Manhattan chartered under the Kansas banking



Manhattan State Bank, 400 Poyntz Ave

legislation passed in 1897. The Bank continued until 1931 when it was forced to

close because of its inability to collect on loans. In 1937, the Henry Otto firm purchased the building.

The Bank is a noteworthy example of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture. John D. Walters, a Kansas State Agricultural College Professor who organized the college's first four-year course in architecture, designed the building in the Romanesque revival style. A prominent example of Manhattan's limestone architecture, Manhattan State Bank reflects a facet of the period's design tastes and is a reminder of the impact that the local limestone industry had on the character of Manhattan's built environment, as many structures in the community were constructed of limestone obtained from local quarries.

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