

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

## Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



**CPRC meeting:** CPRC Approved 6/6/07  
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**Name of Marker:** HARRIET BELLE AMSDEN SAMMONS (1876–1954)  
BANK PRESIDENT

**County:** San Juan

**Review:**  Original Text/Replacement Marker  Revised Text  
 Move of Existing Marker  New Marker

**NMDOT District:** 5

**NMDOT Highway:** To be determined

**Suggested Site for Installation:** To be determined

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### Existing or Proposed Text:

Harriet was an astute financial manager and the first female bank president in New Mexico, operating the First National Bank in Farmington from 1922 until 1951. During the Depression, she bought out the San Juan National Bank, keeping it solvent and approving loans. She financially supported the newly formed United Indian Traders Association and kept many Farmington citizens out of bankruptcy.

**Word Count:** 61

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**Previous Title and Text:**  N/A

**Researcher/author:** Dr. Thomas E. Chavez

**Source(s):** *Farmington Daily Times*. January 26, 1952. Farmington Museum Archives.

Debbie Doggett, Director, Farmington Museum. Diana Ohlson, former Director, Farmington Museum.

Charles "Bud" Tansey Interview, Oral History, Northern Arizona University, Brad Cole, interview. March 10, 1998.

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**CPRC Comments:** Yes

**For Referral to:** NMHWMI; Dee Beingessner, NMDOT Go

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