

HISTORY

In 1987, Donald and Susan Sturm purchased American National Bank in Cheyenne, a bank that originally opened its doors in 1919. At the time, American National had two locations and about \$80 million in assets.

Following the 1987 purchase, in 1989 the Sturms purchased Western National Bank and Western National Bank of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

In February of 1990, Mesa Federal Savings and Loan, as well as, Valley Federal Savings and Loan, both headquartered in Grand Junction, Colorado, were added to the Sturms' banks. The two savings and loans had seven locations in Western Colorado. They were immediately converted to Mesa National Bank. That same year, First Federal Savings was purchased in Colorado Springs, Colorado and was merged into Western National Bank. August of 1990, the Sturms purchased another bank named Cherry Creek National Bank and changed the name to The Bank of Cherry Creek. In Late 1991, The Bank of Cherry Creek created its Trust Division.

Additional Wyoming banks were added to the Sturm Financial Group of banks in 1993. That year Stockgrowers State Bank in Worland, The Bank of Laramie in Laramie, and Wyoming Bank and Trust in Buffalo were all purchased.

With eight separate banking charters and eight separate banking names within the states of Colorado and Wyoming, it only made sense to consolidate the banks into one charter, with one name. Consolidation began in 2001 merging a few banks at a time. In February 2004, a final consolidation took place joining all 33 banking centers in Colorado and Wyoming into one bank - American National Bank. With one name, and one banking charter, customers could benefit from multiple locations, a larger asset base, and more product offerings. There is another bank in the Sturm Financial Group that still carries their own name - Premier Bank, located in Kansas and Missouri.

Today, with 35 locations conveniently placed throughout the communities they serve, the banking centers proudly offer highly personalized, quality service to their customers, with local staff and local decision-making. Experienced banking professionals and financial strength are the cornerstone of American National Bank.

American National Bank continues to maintain its position as a highly capitalized, independently owned and operated bank. American National Bank maintains financial strength embodied in approximately \$1.9 billion in assets and has the financial strength to meet customer's borrowing needs.

Expansion plans are in place for new full-service banking centers in Castle Rock, Colorado Springs, and Denver, CO. The Bank has also expanded into the Arizona market with a Loan Production Office in Scottsdale, AZ.



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