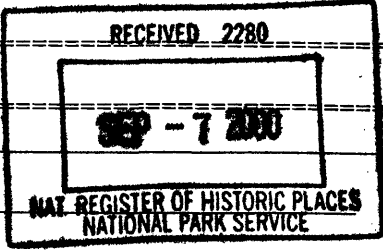


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1. Name of Property

historic name Federal Office Building

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 308 West 21st Street not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Cheyenne vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state Wyoming code WY county Laramie code \_\_\_\_\_  
zip code 82001

*Handwritten initials/signature*

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide \_\_\_\_\_ locally. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Wendy E. Brodeur 4/3/00  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Constance Warner Kammer August 4, 2000  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

X entered in the National Register Carl B. Ferguson 10/12/00  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

for Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register           

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Government</u>	Sub: <u>Government Office</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Government</u>	Sub: <u>Government Office</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Neo-classical  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone  
roof flat, rolled paper and tar  
walls common bond brick  
  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Government  
Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1932-1946  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1932  
1937

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder William Dubois, Architect  
James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: G.S.A., Federal Center, Building 41 Rm. 288

10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property one city block

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing
13 515 100 4 554 600

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Karen Waddell, Historic Preservation Specialist

organization General Services Administration date July 1999

street & number Denver Federal Center, Bldg. 41 Rm. 288 telephone 303 236-7131
x. 293

city or town Denver state CO zip code 80225

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name United States Government, General Services Administration Portfolio
Management

street & number Bldg 41, Room 288, Denver Federal Center telephone (303) 236-7131
x293

city or town Denver state CO zip code 80225

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County and State
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Present and Historic Physical Appearance

Constructed in 1932, the Federal Office Building in Cheyenne, Wyoming is a four story plus basement building with a modified rectangular plan approximately 127' wide by 50' deep. Constructed of masonry walls, the building's base foundation is limestone coursing terminating below the first floor window sills with one course of granite at grade. Exterior walls are buff colored brick and have vertical, metal window bays. The main (south) entry has limestone pilasters and a decorative entablature. Above the third story, a continuous limestone cornice with limestone detailing exists where the building originally terminated. The fourth story, 1937 addition is buff colored brick with simple compatible detailing. A four story enclosed stairwell addition, constructed in 1974, exists on the east elevation and maintains the materials and detailing found on the rest of the building. On the north elevation, an enclosed entry and concrete ramp also were added in 1974 to facilitate accessibility.

The building is located in downtown Cheyenne near the Wyoming State Capitol. It is surrounded by federal, state, county, city, and commercial buildings. At the time of its construction, the Federal Office Building was surrounded by upper middle-class residences. The only remaining home in the vicinity is located to the north of the Federal Office Building. It is an eighteen room, Italianate style home built circa 1880 which served as the Wyoming Territorial Governor's Mansion from 1895 to 1898 under Governor William Richards. This once opulent residence suffers from decades of neglect and decay as well as an inappropriate storefront addition. A 1898 Classical Revival style Post Office was located across from the Federal Office Building on 21st Street. After sitting vacant for two years, it was demolished in 1967 to make way for a bank building.

Beginning approximately 15 to 20 feet from the building, an original, low stone wall surrounds the east and south lawns. Mature evergreen trees grow at the east end of the lawn and overgrown evergreen shrubbery flanks the main (south) entry. Deciduous trees exist at the corners of the south lawn. An aluminum flag pole and a non-historic, low brick sign are situated at the southeast corner of the yard. The south (main) entry stair is granite and consists of two sets of four risers each with a landing separating the sets. Non-historic, aluminum rails follow the stairs. The entry is flanked by decorative, cast iron lamp poles. Parking lots are located adjacent to the building along the north and west elevations. The site grade remains fairly flat around the building perimeter, sloping gently toward the southwest.

The main (south entry) is surrounded by limestone trim detailed with egg and dart and foliated molding. Doric style pilasters flank the entry and support the limestone entablature. The non-historic entry doors are metal and have original grating attached to the lower portion of the doors. The original transom above the doors has metal grating with lattice detailing.

The first three stories of the Federal Office Building share common characteristics. The north and south elevations have nine window bays with buff colored brick between them. The east and west elevations have three window bays separated by buff colored brick. Molded limestone lintels and trim surround the window bays. The metal window units have a three over three pattern with casement windows on the lower ends. The center and upper windows are fixed. On the first story window units, original security grating exists on the interior of the casement windows. Decorative panels are located in the window bays between the stories to enhance vertical delineation. The panels have vertical reeding and fluting. The center panel over the main (south) entry contains the federal eagle emblem. A decorative limestone cornice with a continuous, plain limestone frieze terminates the third story. At the south elevation, the words "The United States of America" are carved into the frieze. Beneath the continuous frieze, decorative limestone friezes with fluting and paterae are placed between the window bays.

The fourth story and elevator addition have buff colored brick similar to the first three stories. Two sets of two over one casement windows rest directly above the lower window bays. The windows are metal with brick coursing between units. The fourth story windows have simple brick lintels, sills, and trim. A simple limestone cornice terminates the fourth story. The brick elevator addition, also constructed in 1937, continues above a portion of the fourth story. It has metal casement windows in a three over five pattern. One brick chimney extends from the northwest corner of the building.

Portions of the building's interior have original finishes, although the floor plans have been modified (please see the attached floor plans). Many of the interior partition walls located throughout the building have been removed to create an open, interior floor plan. The basement contains several original two panel, double doors. Original, metal casement basement windows have been altered and some have been infilled with paneling.

The interior entry foyer has non-historic entry doors and non-historic interior handrails. The brass surrounds on the door and the radiator covers, as well as the marble steps and wainscoting, are original. The entry foyer also has egg and dart molding and terrazzo floors. Secondary doors and sidelights have been altered.

The first floor has a dropped ceiling in the hallway with egg and dart molding evident underneath. Ceilings throughout the building have been dropped. While all of the hallways have terrazzo floors, the remainder of the floor area is covered in carpet. The original floor covering was most likely linoleum. Each floor has two bathrooms. All of the bathrooms and mechanical closets have a black and white, hexagonal, honeycomb pattern tile floor. Bathroom fixtures are original, including pedestal sinks and toilet stalls. Granite wainscoting exists in each bathroom and there are operable transoms over the bathroom doors. In the third floor bathrooms, however, most of the historic fabric has been removed.

The original, three story 1932 portion of the Federal Office building was designed with a structural capacity to support an additional four stories. The building has experienced little exterior alteration since the 1937 additions. The elegant simplicity of design and use of high quality materials have contributed to the enduring importance of the structure.



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county and State

**Statement of Significance**

The Federal Office Building, built in 1932 to house Treasury Department operations, meets National Register Criterion A and C as a representative product of the National Building Act construction program. In 1928, Congress passed the first of two National Building Acts that authorized the construction of federal buildings throughout the nation. This massive building program was one of the first efforts undertaken by the federal government to alleviate the unemployment caused by the Depression. The style of the Federal Office Building is typical of the simplified Neo-classicism utilized for many of the federal buildings constructed by this program.

The building is also significant under Criterion C as an intact example of the work of William Dubois, a regionally prominent architect. Educated at the Chicago School of Architecture, Dubois moved to Cheyenne in 1901 and established a successful architectural firm. A master of the Neo-classical style, Dubois also incorporated elements of the Beaux Arts, Romanesque Revival, and Art Deco styles into many of his designs.

Dubois designed many prominent buildings throughout Wyoming including: the east and west wings of the State Capitol (Cheyenne); Carnegie Library (Cheyenne); Supreme Court and State Library Building (Cheyenne); Laramie County Courthouse (Cheyenne); Laramie County Courthouse (Laramie); Landmark Apartments (Cheyenne); Plains Hotel (Cheyenne); and the Hynds Building (Cheyenne). While many buildings designed by Dubois still exist, the Federal Office Building is significant as the only federal building designed by Dubois. It is an excellent example of the architect's later, more simplified interpretation of the Neo-classical style.

The original, three story 1932 portion of the Federal Office Building was designed with a structural capacity to support an additional four stories. The building has experienced little exterior alteration since the 1937 addition of a fourth story and an elevator access.

Interior alterations of office space in the past have essentially destroyed the interior. The buildings lobby and public spaces, such as restrooms, are the best examples of remaining historic interior fabric. The building's second, third and fourth floors were remodeled in 1999 to make them usable for tenants. These alterations were done under the Secretary of Interior Standards to protect any remaining historic elements. Alterations made to the windows to accommodate individual air conditioning units were reversed in 1999 with the addition of central air conditioning. The building's overall elegant simplicity of design and use of high quality materials have contributed to the enduring importance of the structure.

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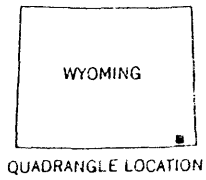
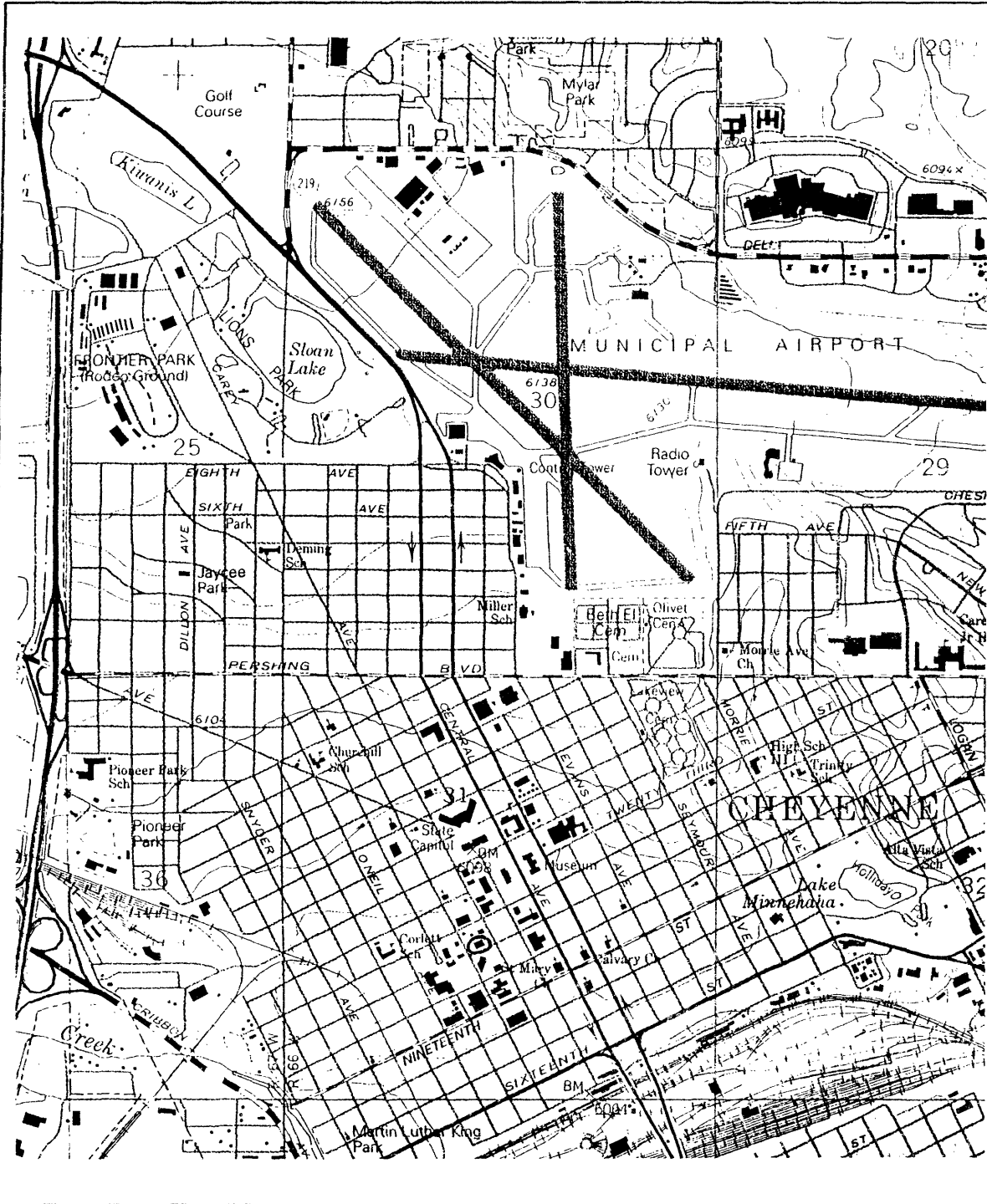
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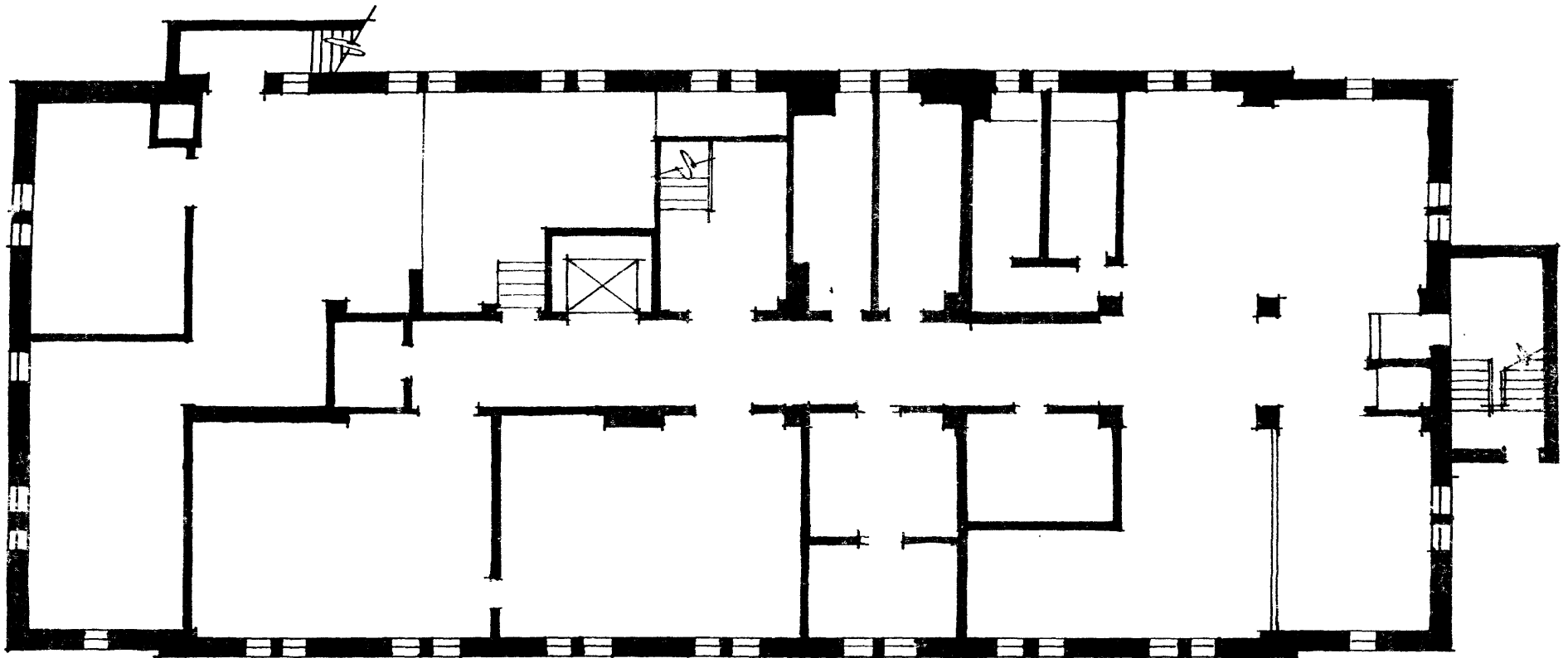
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Secondary highway, hard surface		Unimproved road	
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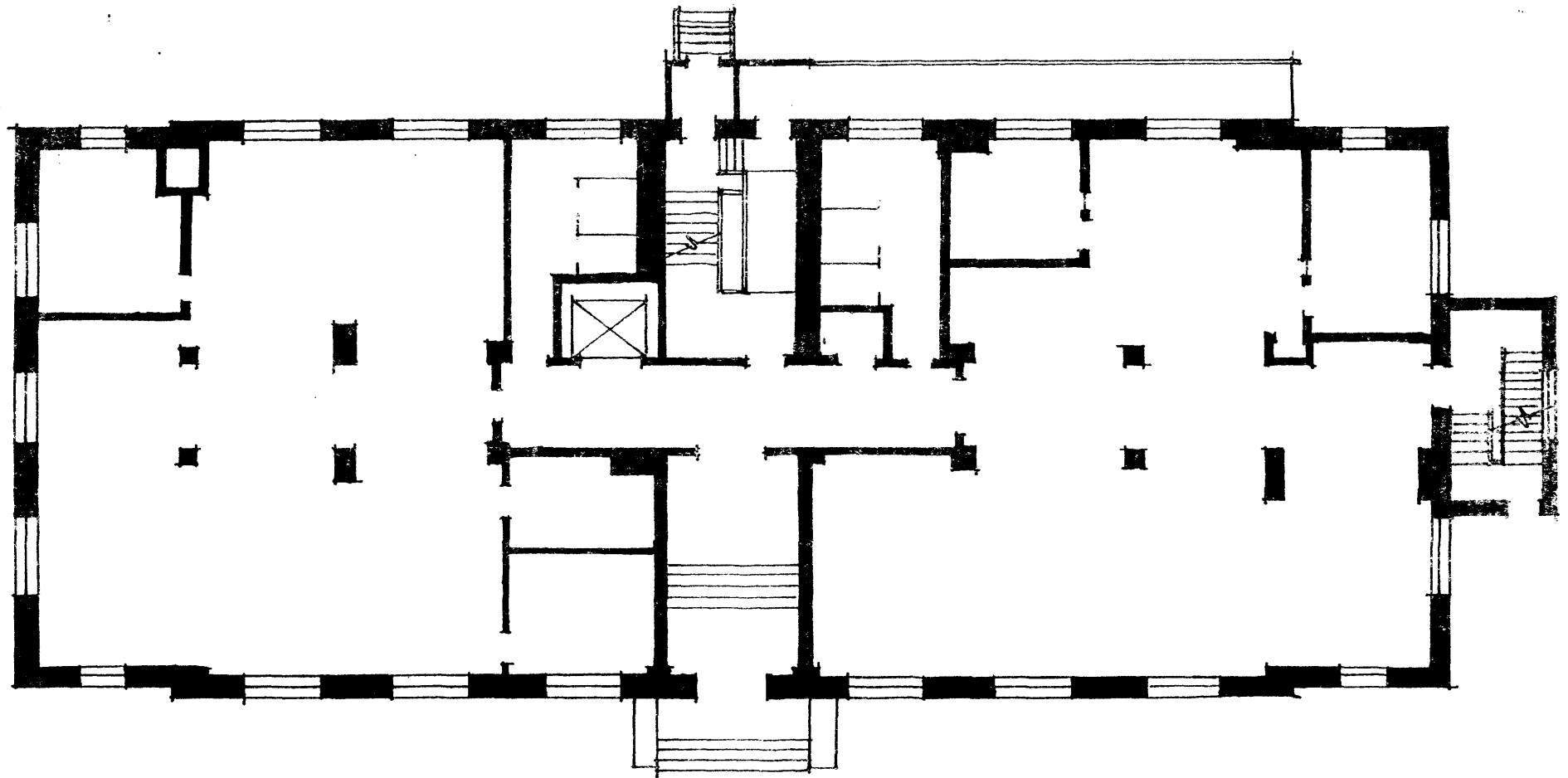


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**CHEYENNE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING**  
APPROXIMATELY 1/16"=1'-0"      APRIL 1996



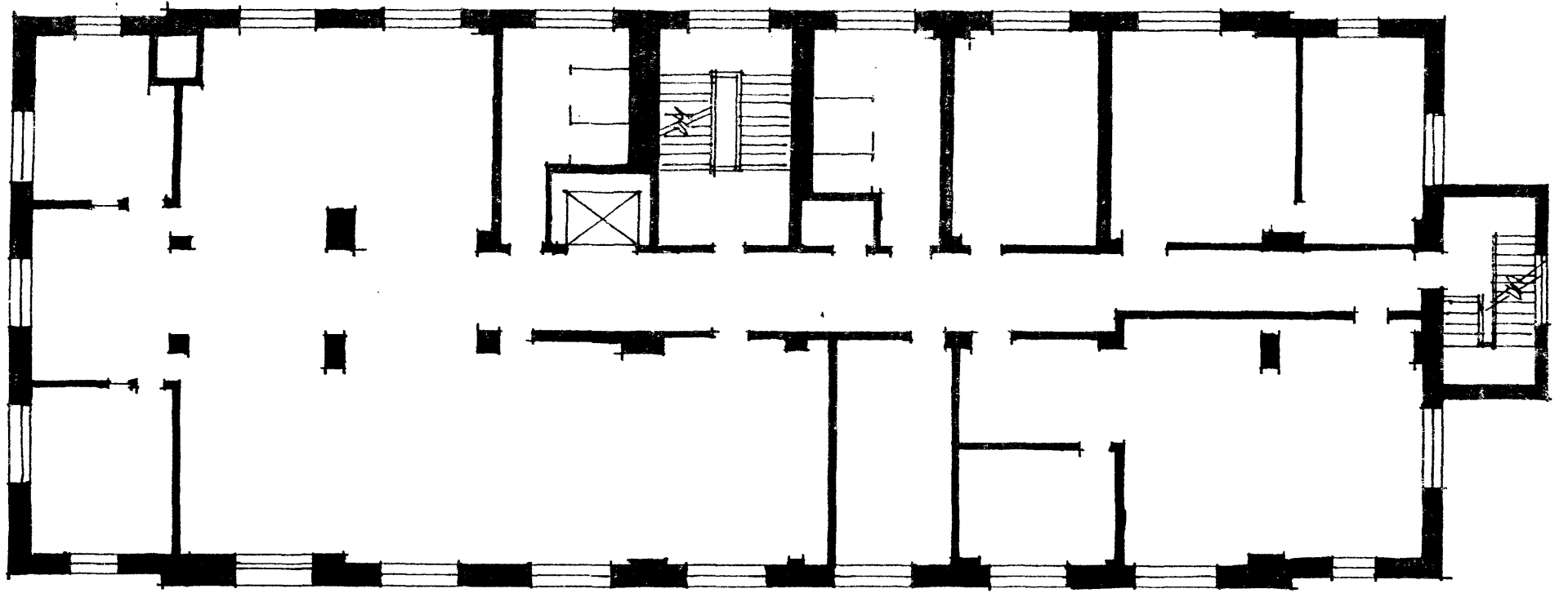
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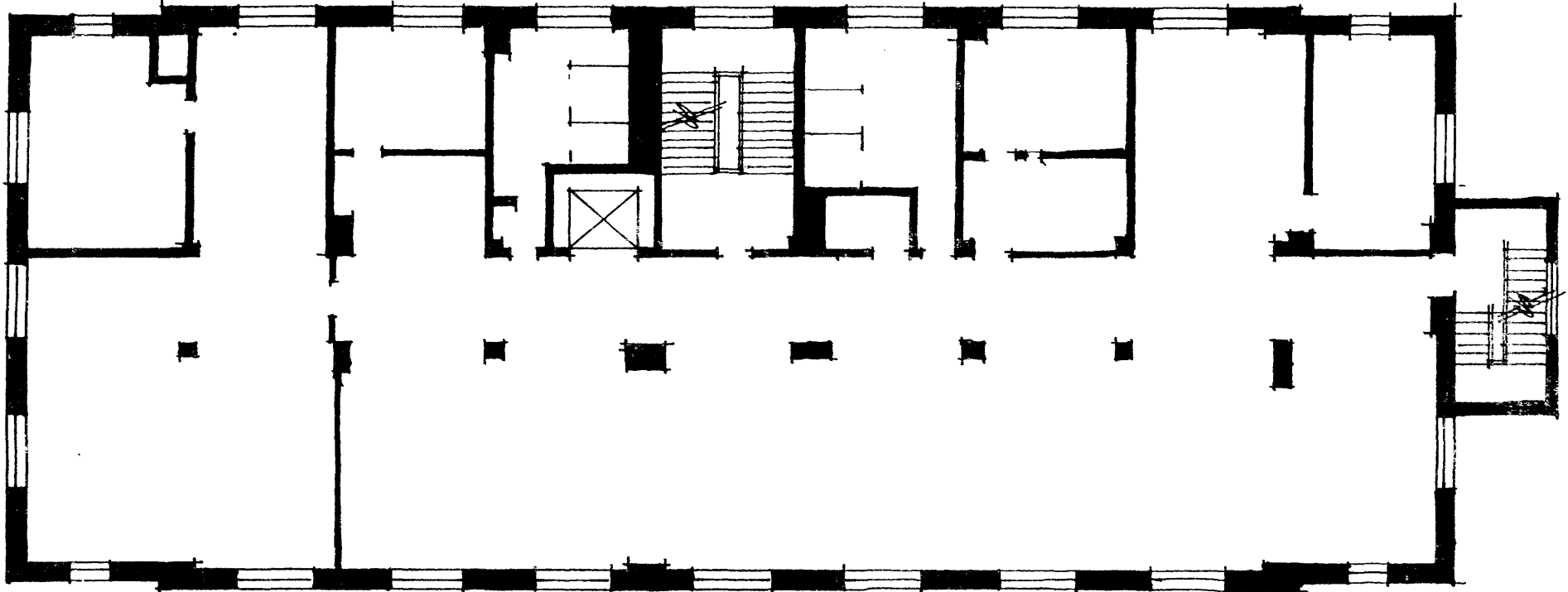
FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
CHEYENNE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING  
APPROXIMATELY 1/16"=1'-0"      APRIL 1996



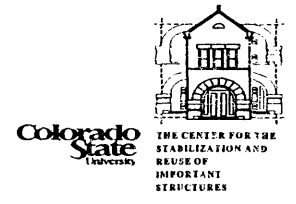


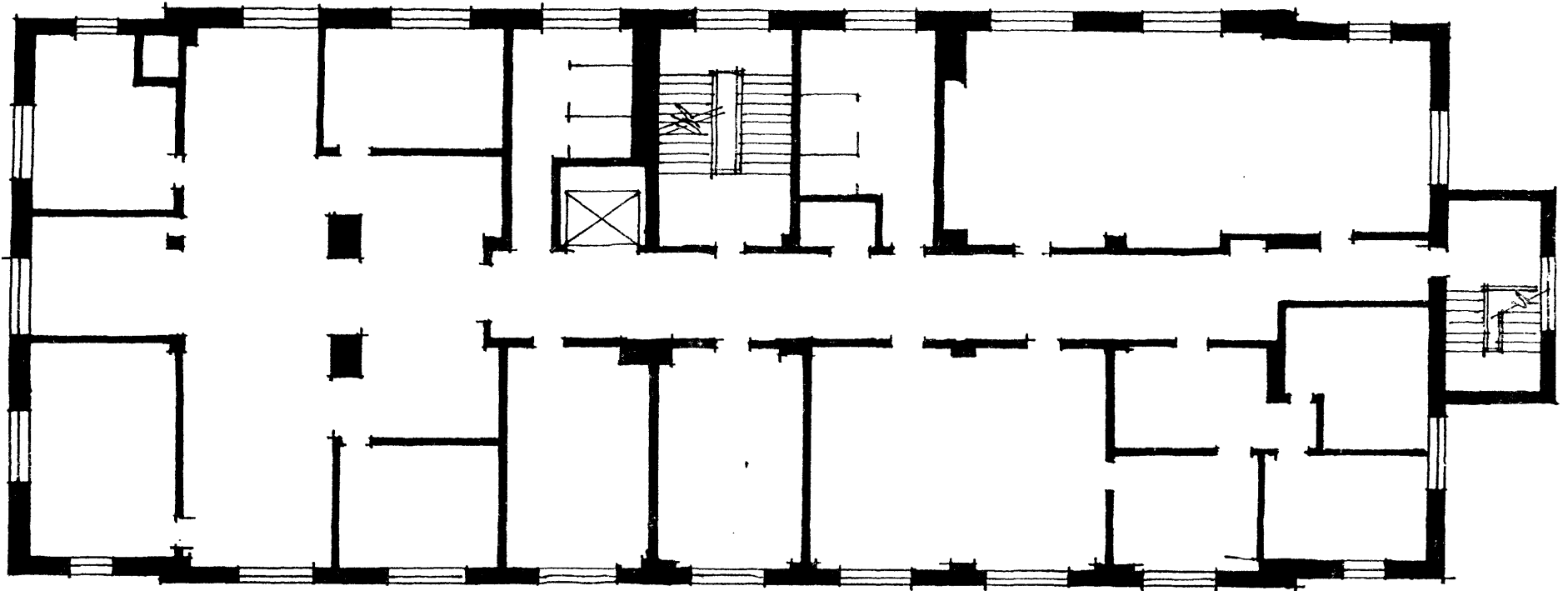
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CHEYENNE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING  
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN  
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APPROXIMATELY 1/16"=1'-0"      APRIL 1996





FOURTH FLOOR PLAN  
CHEYENNE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING  
APPROXIMATELY 1/16"=1'-0"      APRIL 1996



NORTH  
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 00001191

Date Listed: 10/12/2000

Federal Office Building--Cheyenne  
Property Name

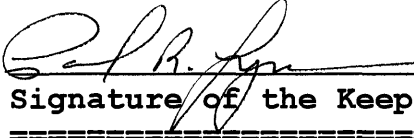
Laramie  
County

WY  
State

N/A

Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

10/12/00  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Verbal Boundary Description as indicated in the attached nomination file letter dated 6/27/00 is: "The south half of the city block bounded by Carey Avenue (East), Pioneer Avenue (West), West 22nd Street (North), and West 21st Street (South)." This represents the property historically associated with this resource that retains integrity of setting and location.

U. T. M. References:

The correct UTM Coordinates, as noted in the attached nomination file letter dated 6/27/00 are:           13 515180 4553750

These revisions were confirmed with Connie Ramirez, GSA.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)