

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Main Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

U. S. Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Morford and Court Square

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

McMinnville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

COUNTY

Warren

CODE

NA

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ___ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- ___ STRUCTURE
- ___ SITE
- ___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- ___ PRIVATE
- ___ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- ___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- ___ UNOCCUPIED
- ___ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- ___ YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ___ NO

PRESENT USE

- ___ AGRICULTURE
- ___ MUSEUM
- ___ COMMERCIAL
- ___ PARK
- ___ EDUCATIONAL
- ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ___ ENTERTAINMENT
- ___ RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- ___ SCIENTIFIC
- ___ INDUSTRIAL
- ___ TRANSPORTATION
- ___ MILITARY
- ___ OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U. S. Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Drawer 3744

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee 38173-0744

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Warren County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Morford and Court Square

CITY, TOWN

McMinnville

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NA

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Facing Court Square, the McMinnville post office is situated on a relatively flat site on the center fringe of the Central Business District of a town of approximately 15,000 people. McMinnville, Tennessee is located in the east central portion of Tennessee approximately 75 miles from Nashville. Constructed in 1931, the facade is Georgian Revival.

The two-story brick building is rectangular in plan over a raised basement. The fenestration of the building employs windows with a jack arch and large keystone. There is a slate composition roof with dormer windows, balustrade and dentilated cornice. The exterior is further highlighted by brick quoins at the corners of the building and classical blank tablets above the building's tall windows. The most prominent exterior feature is the tetra style pedimented portico on a raised base with a double flight of steps.

The interior of the building is in very good condition. A glass and oak wood wall separates the window service area from the lockbox section in the L-shaped lobby. Lobby walls are enhanced with oak molding and marble floors. Situated on the left of the lobby is the Postmaster's office and directly behind is the workroom.

An addition/remodeling occurred in 1963. The workroom was extended, dock area moved from rear to south side of the building and Postmaster's office was remodeled with walnut paneling and carpeting. Also, nine to ten offices were added to the second floor. The addition retains the original style of the building.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1931	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Neal Melick, Const. Supv. W. C Stone, Acting Supv. Architect
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dwarfing the entire southeast corner of Morford at Court Square, the post office is located directly across from the potentially-historic courthouse. Although overshadowed by the most stately structure of Norman Architecture built in 1897, the Post Office building does not lack for charm and uniqueness. Constructed of the finest building materials during a period of great wealth and progress, it is one of the tallest buildings domiciled on the town square.

Unlike the Greek Revival style library (Yearwood and Johnson, 1931) the Post Office derives its distinction from the simplicity of its form and elements. The rectangular, red brick elongated windows with white jack arches, attenuated portico columns and roof balustrade reflect the building's strong Federal style. It is the only public building of this style in McMinnville and represents the finest example in the county.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McMinnville at a Milestone
 Mrs. Priest, Librarian, Magnus Memorial Library
 Dr. Schultz, County Historical Society

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	6,1,1	0,8,0	3,9	4,9	1,3,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a stake on the south side of Morford Street at the NW corner of a lot now owned by Frank Barry, running with the line of said lot South 5° West, 159' to a stake at the Northeast corner of a lot; thence N 85° 30' West 122.5' to the Court House Square; thence N 5° East 157.7' to a stake on the South side of Morford Street; thence South 84° East 121.5' to the Point of Beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NA			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ethel N. Hayes, Real Estate Specialist

ORGANIZATION

US Postal Service, Field Real Estate & Buildings Office

DATE

September 3, 1985

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Drawer 3744

TELEPHONE

901/521-3131

CITY OR TOWN

Memphis

STATE

TN

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Date 9/13/85

Herbert E. Hayes
 Deputy STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___ National ___ State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Sam T. Coe

Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE **OCT 22 1985**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Greg Schlager

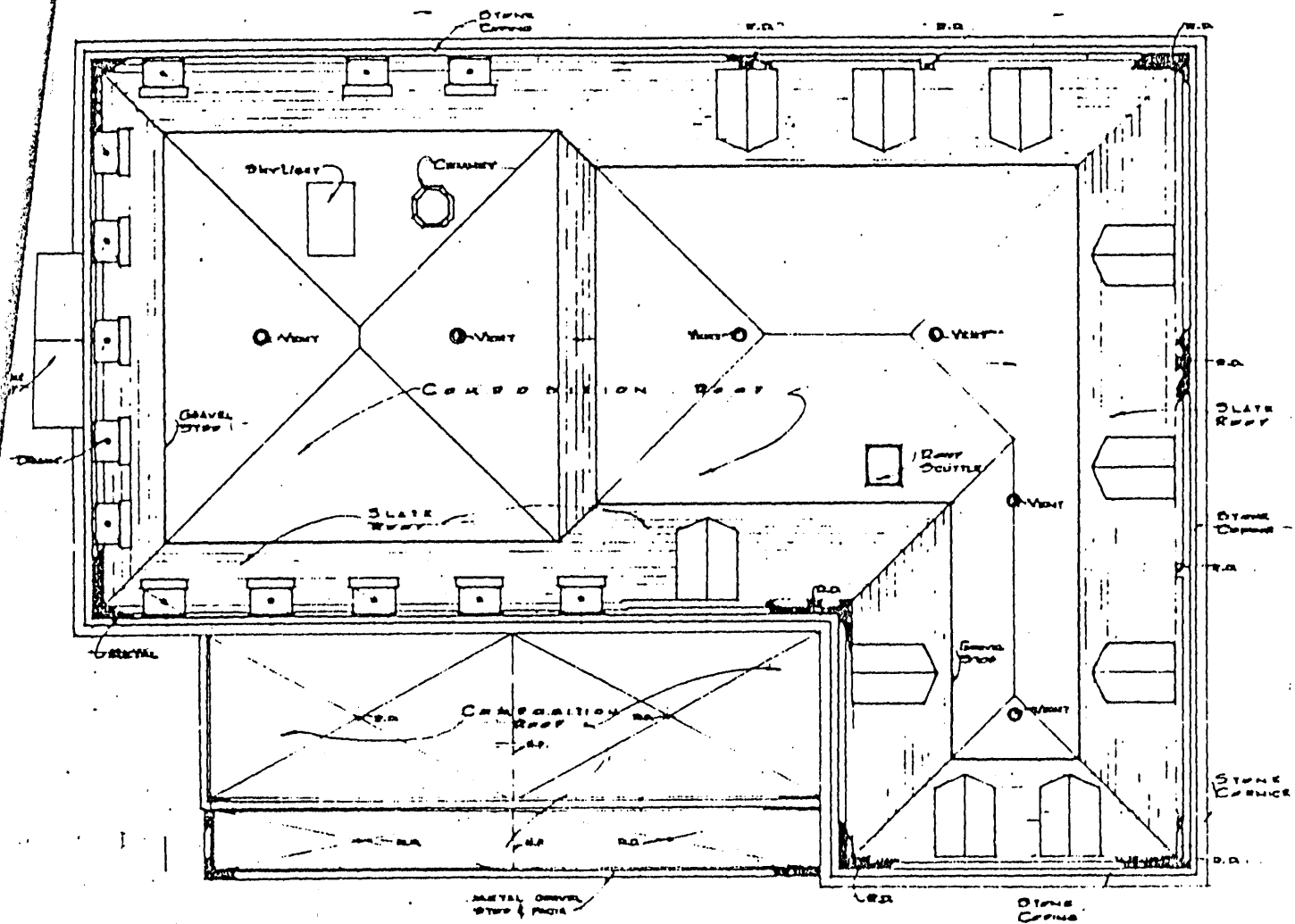
DATE 2/3/85

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

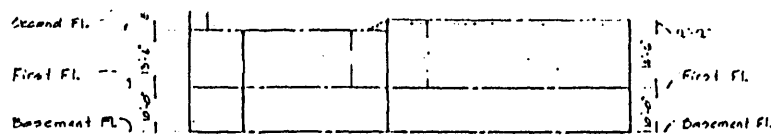


ROOF
SCALE 1/16"
GRAPHIC SCALE



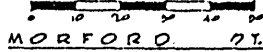
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Division			
Department of Construction Division Region 4 Atlanta Georgia			
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE - WASHINGTON, D. C.			
PROJECT	U.S. Post Office		
LOCATION	McAlister Terr.		
STREET	Court Sq. & Norland St.		
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ASSIGNMENT PLAN			
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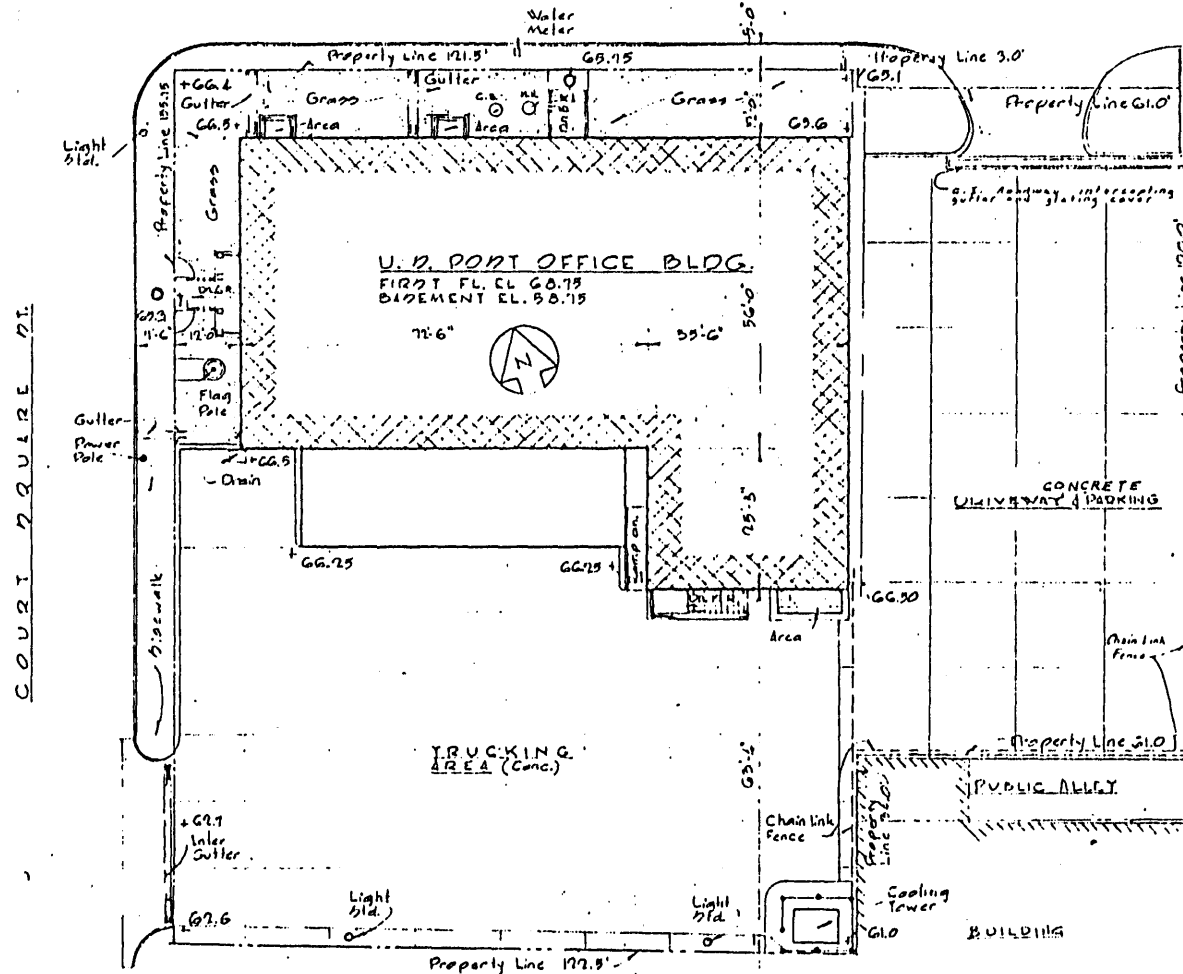


LONGITUDINAL SECTION

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Graphic Scale

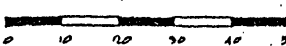


MORFORD 21



SITE PLAN

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Gross Area of Lot 26396
Ground Area of Building 8100
Total Volume of Building 180,610
Construction is not designed for addition of stories

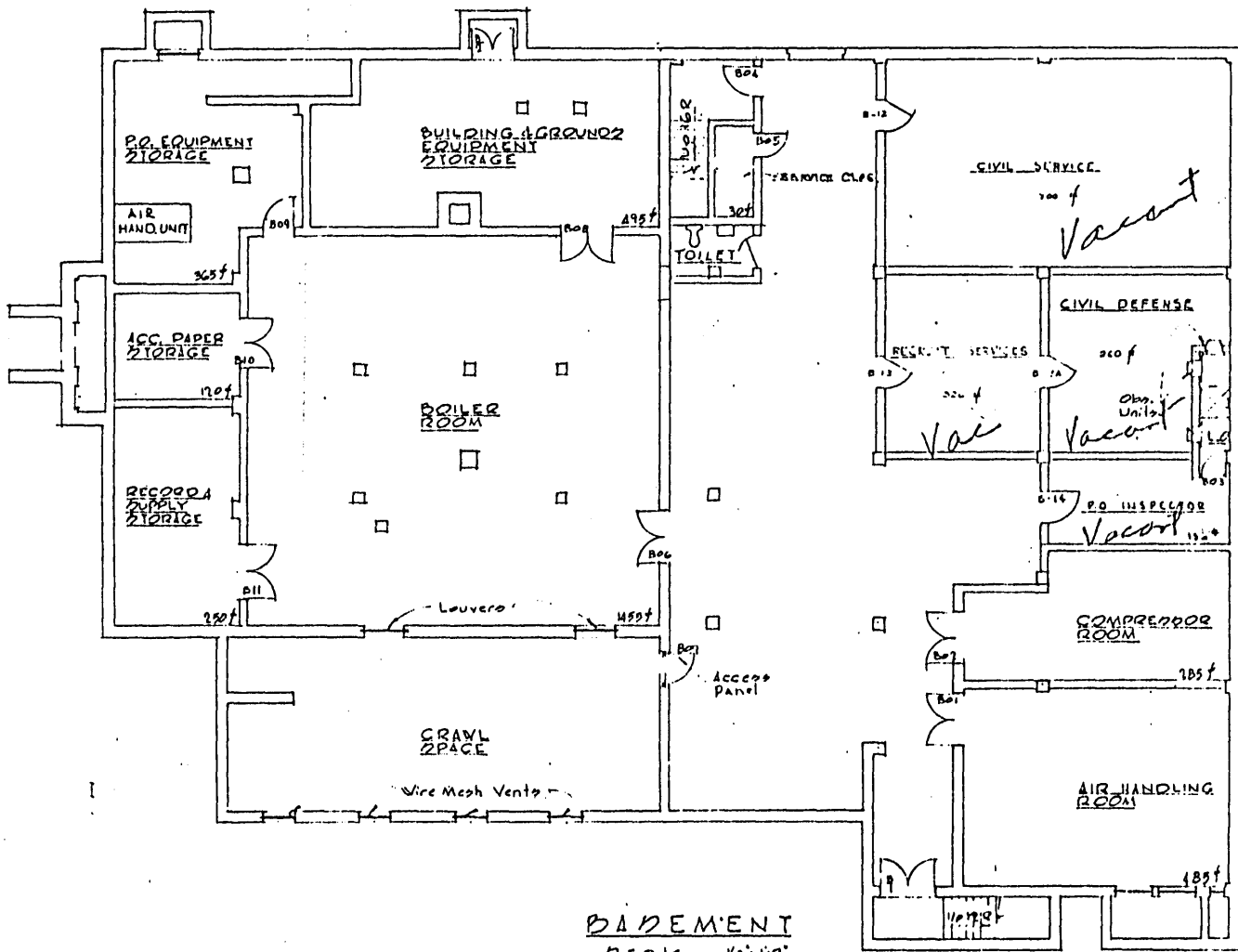
GRAND TOTALS FOR BUILDING
In Square feet

Key Agency Areas Including Custodial Areas (Except P.O.)	9200
Post Office Areas	11,060
Not Assignable Areas	14,260
Circulation, Mechanical and Construction Area	7469
Gross Area	21,799

Revised	10-18-57	10-18-57	10-18-57
Design & Construction Division Region 4 Atlanta Georgia			

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE - WASHINGTON, D. C.	
PROJECT	U. S. Post Office
LOCATION	Mt. Manville Tenn.
STREET	Court Sq. & Morford St.
PLAT NO.	24 G. 1
FILE NO.	
DESIGNED BY	Arundell & Lyg. 63 CHECKED BY SCHWARTZ
DRAWING TITLE	SITE PLAN

ALIGNMENT PLANS	
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BASEMENT

Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"
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BASEMENT

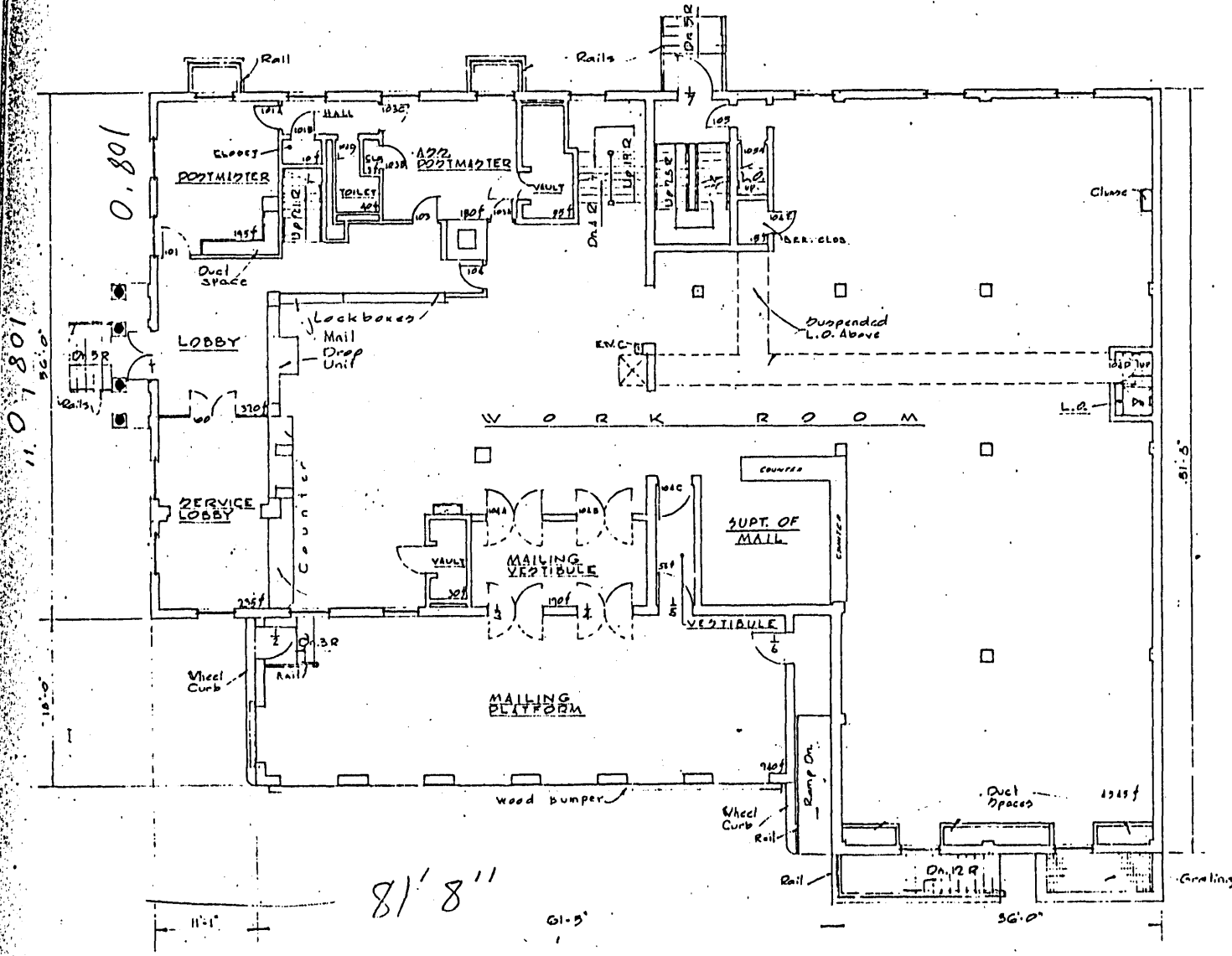
IN SQUARE FEET

Net Agency Areas Including Custodial Areas (Except P.O.)	1,170
Net Post Office Areas	4,275
Net Assignable Areas	4,275
Circulation, Mechanical and Construction Areas	3,825
Gross Areas	8,100

Revised Date 11/22/51
 Design & Construction Division
 Region 4 Atlanta Georgia

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE - WASHINGTON, D. C.			
PROJECT	U.S. Post Office		
LOCATION	Washington, D.C.		
STREET	Court Sq. & Maryland St.		
PROJ. NO.	29 C-1	FILE NO.	
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ASSIGNMENT PLANS			
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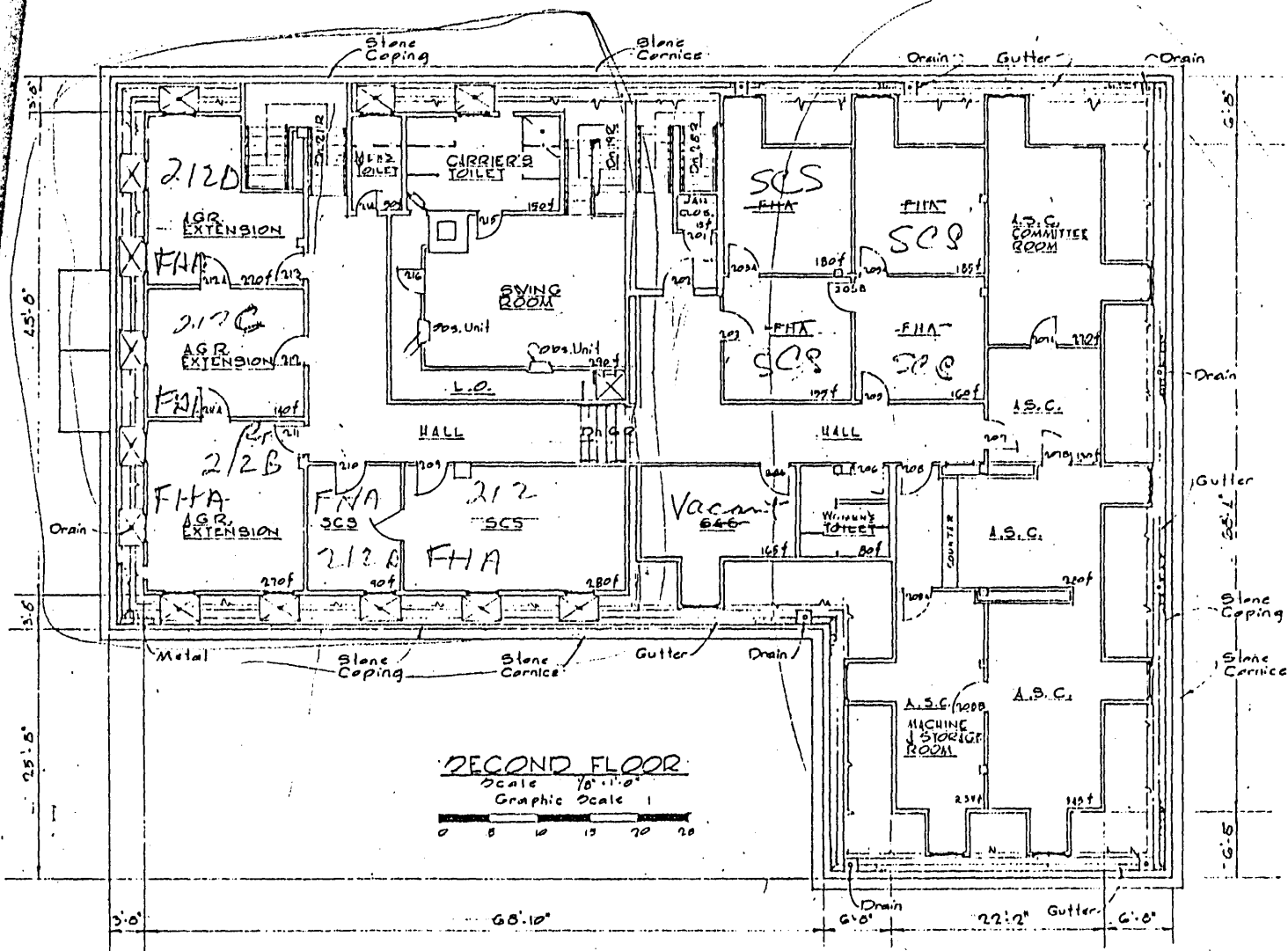




FIRST FLOOR
 In Square Feet
 Net Agency Area Including
 Custodial Area (Except P.O.)
 Net Post Office Area 6740
 Net Assignable Area 6740
 Circulation, Mechanical and
 Construction Area 1360
 Gross Area 8100

FIRST FLOOR
 Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"
 Graphic Scale

Revised	2/27/61		
Design & Construction Division Region 4 Atlanta, Georgia			
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE - WASHINGTON, D. C.			
PROJECT	U.S. Post Office		
LOCATION	Attnville, Tenn.		
STREET	Court St. & Woodford St.		
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ASSIGNMENT PLANS			
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SECOND FLOOR
In Square Feet

Net Agency Area Including Custodial Area (Except P.O.)	2,715
Net Pool Office Area	211
Net Assignable Area	3
Circulation, Mechanical and Construction Area	2,720
Gross Area	5,529

SECOND FLOOR
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"
Graphic Scale 1

Revised	DATE	BY	REASON
Design & Construction Division Region 4 Atlanta Georgia			
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE - WASHINGTON, D. C.			
OFFICE	U. S. Post Office		
LOCATION	Mt. Airyville Tenn.		
STREET	Court Sq. & Merford St		
PROJ. NO.	2751	LINE NO.	
DRAWN BY	W. M. H. / J. W. G.	CHECKED BY	W. M. H.
DRAWING TITLE	SECOND FL. PLAN		
ASSIGNMENT PLANS			
DRAWING NO.	14-475		

