

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

United States Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

Orono Main Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Forest Street and Bennoch Streets

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Orono

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second Congressional District

STATE

Maine 04473

CODE

5900

COUNTY

Penobscot

CODE

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

New England Field Real Estate and Buildings Office

STREET & NUMBER

1050 Waltham Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02173

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Penobscot County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

97 Hammond Street

CITY, TOWN

Bangor

STATE

Maine 04401

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The existing Post Office is approximately a 4,200 square foot building situated on a sloping site. The first floor is supported on a stone base foundation. The first floor exterior wall construction is brick highlighted with stone pilasters and trim. The windows are double hung 12/12 wood sash with stone sills, brick lintels with stone keystones and a stone feature panels above. The entrance facade features five bays defined by stone pilasters and contains arched openings with 15/15 wood sash with arched transoms, wood panels below. There is a deep cornice surmounted by a stone parapet with urn shaped stone balusters and a brick parapet entrance with stone coping.

The lobby has a terrazzo floor with a marble border, marble wainscot and door trim, plaster walls with deep cornice and boldly denticulated moulding. The entire lobby has recently been totally renovated. All existing marble and wood door and window sash was reused or matched in the new construction. Although the lobby configuration is totally different, the aesthetic effect is one of original construction except for the new aluminum boxes.

The building is well maintained, but could profit substantially with appropriate landscaping.

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	Designed: 1932	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Louis A. Simon, Sup. Architect
	Constructed: 1933		U.S. Treasury; Stallworth & Davis
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Architectural Drawings		

The Post Office was designed as one of 136 post offices in 1932 and built along with 210 post offices throughout the United States in 1933. The Post Office, built of substantial modern construction, is a fine expression of classical revival design of great elegance. The building was designed by Louis A. Simon, Supervising Architect of the U. S. Treasury, however, the construction documents were completed by the local firm of Stallworth and Davis. The building was authorized under the Public Buildings Act of May 25, 1926 (Keyes-Elliott Act), a general enabling act allotting \$100,000,000.00 for post office construction. Full implementation of this act was delayed by the crash of 1929. The Keyes-Elliott Act produced and maintained goals of efficient planning and construction. During the Great Depression and the remainder of the 1930's, the Public Buildings Program was vastly expanded and amended. On May 31, 1930, the Act was amended to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to "employ, by Contract or otherwise, outside professional or technical services of persons or firms or corporations, to such extent as he may require." This amendment marked the beginning trend of public works projects to relieve unemployment and restore economic health to the communities and was representative of the government's new activist role to stimulate a depressed economy. The construction of this Post Office in 1933 is an expression of these qualities.

The design of the building and its facade is a refined statement symbolizing the strength and ideals of the Federal Government and signifies the importance of this town where the main campus of the State University is located.

The building is also architecturally significant, in itself, to the immediate environment because it is an important stabilizing element in restraining further deterioration to the abutting properties.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Post Office Construction 1900-1940, July, 1982

Craig, Lois, ed., The Federal Presence: Architecture, Politics, and Symbols in the United States Government Building, Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 1979

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.91 (35,849 square feet)

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,9	52,510,7,5	4,916,910,8,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				b			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Post Office is situated between a residential area where properties are fairly well maintained and a poorly maintained commercial area. The Post Office site conforms to the "V" interesection of Forest Street (250 feet frontage) and Bennoch Street (276 feet frontage). The rear property lines return at approximately 90° angles at 125 feet and 152 feet respectively.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard P. DeCoste, Architect

ORGANIZATION

SULLIVAN DESIGN GROUP, INC.

DATE

August 30, 1985

STREET & NUMBER

44 Adams Street

TELEPHONE

(617) 848-1545

CITY OR TOWN

Braintree

STATE

Massachusetts 02184

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Earle G. Shoemaker jr
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

James T. Carr

TITLE

Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE

03/13/86

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

Carol D. Shull

DATE

5-2-86

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

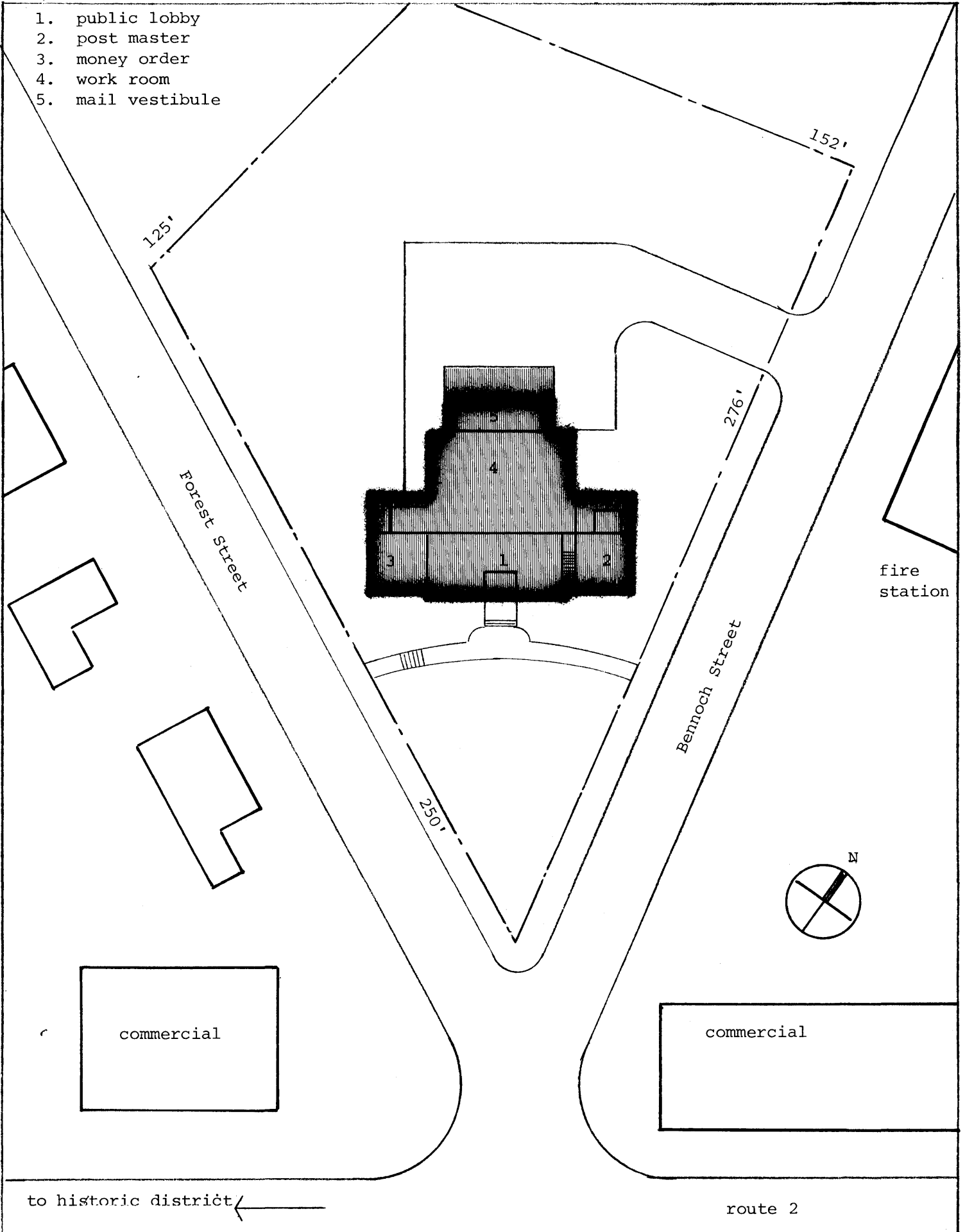
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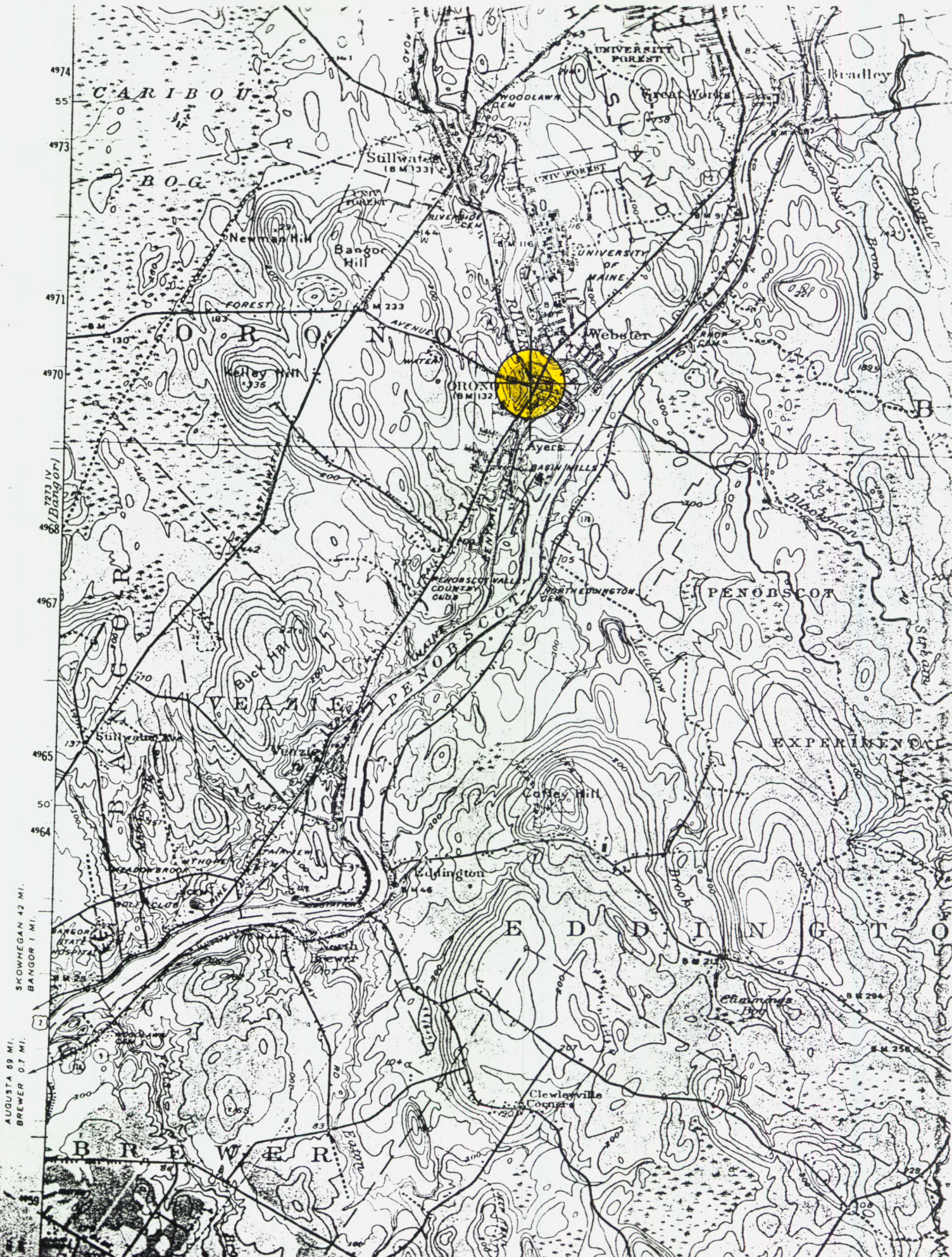
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- 1. public lobby
- 2. post master
- 3. money order
- 4. work room
- 5. mail vestibule





AUGUSTA 69 MI.
 SKOWHEGAN 42 MI.
 BREWER 0.7 MI.
 BANGOR 1 MI.

4974
 55
 4973
 4971
 4970
 7273 N (Bangor)
 4968
 4967
 4965
 50
 4964
 4959

CARIBOU

BOG

NEWMAN HILL
 BANGOR HILL

FOREST

WELLEY HILL

VEAZIE

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UNIVERSITY FOREST

WOODLAW

UNIV FOREST

RIVERBIDE

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

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PENOBSCOT

EXPERIMENTAL

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CLEWISVILLE

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