

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**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

Sanford Main Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

28 School Street at Mousam Street N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sanford

N/A VICINITY OF

First Congressional District

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maine 04073

7250

York

031

2 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

STATE

Lexington

N/A VICINITY OF

Massachusetts 02173

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

York County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Alfred

Maine 04538

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

The Sanford, Maine Post Office occupies a corner lot on a quiet street which leads to the central business district two blocks away. The main road through Sanford, State Route 109, runs approximately parallel to School Street until they converge at the town center. A couple of blocks to the rear of the building, along Mousam Street are the old Industrial mill buildings. Despite the proximity to both the Commercial Center and Industrial area, the Post Office building is situated in a residential area of smaller individual structures including a church, senior citizen center, as well as the only other two buildings of interest- the Public Library (on Route 109), and a large Victorian mansion directly across the Street which is listed on the National Register. A municipal parking area occupies the block across Mousam Street from the side entrance.

The Post Office is a one story building with a basement, rectangular in plan, with a central entrance on School Street and a side entrance on Mousam Street, both leading directly to the public lobby which runs along the front of the building, with the Postmaster's office located at the right end of the lobby. Behind the lobby screen is the workroom and mailing platform at the rear of the building. The basement consists of utility, service and storage rooms.

A one story Federal office building addition has been added at the right side towards the rear with its longer elevation running perpendicular to School Street. Basically a double loaded corridor with offices, - the ample setback from the street, low roofline and simplified utilitarian facade treatment, - allows the Post Office to dominate the site due to its scale and strong architectural treatment.

The exterior walls are constructed of red brick in flemish bond pattern sitting on a granite foundation base with granite steps leading up to the two entrances. The main entrance is reached by a pair of curved stairs on each side of the entrance, from the sidewalk up to an entrance platform, with wrought iron railings and light standards. A flagpole mounted at sidewalk level on a granite base is centered in front of the entrance platform. Free standing marble columns support a marble arched canopy which frames a tympanum panel of a sculptured marble eagle with outspread wings, over the entrance doors. (The original walnut panelled wood doors and leaded glass transom above have been replaced with a standard pair of glazed aluminum doors and transom). This handsome entrance frame sits in a brick wall with a wood double hung window on each side, topped with a marble block incised with the letters "United States Post Office" above which is a marble pediment, blending into the main building's marble cornice and brick parapet. This entrance wall is projected out from the main building wall with marble quoins at each side. On each side of the front entrance wall are two double hung windows in a brick wall panel ending in marble quoins. The walls again are set back before reaching the corner. All double hung windows (8/12) have marble keystone lintels, sills and a plain marble pediment block set between the top of the window and the cornice above. The marble cornice is topped by a brick parapet wall which sits in front of a hip slate roof, sloping up higher than the parapet to become a flat roof over the main portion of the building, formed by a series of steel roof trusses.

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The left side consists of three double hung windows, cornice, parapet and hip roof all as described above, plus a side entrance at the front corner. This entrance is reached by a straight flight of granite steps with wrought iron railings and wall mounted light standards. A marble surround of pilaster columns and entablature holds two marble eagles facing each other with a sculptured marble block in the brick wall above. (Here again, the original doors have been replaced by glazed aluminum doors and transom panel).

The main lobby appears to be preserved in its original state with a carved wood and glass entrance vestibule with glazed panelled wood doors. Marble is used for flooring, base, wainscot and column pilasters. Walls are plaster. Wood panelled window screens above the mail boxes separate the lobby from the workroom. A vaulted plaster ceiling springs from a projected cornice line. The side entrance vestibule is framed with carved wood trim and pediment, with glazed wood panel doors. The opposite end (Postmaster's Office) has three round plaster wall plaques depicting the three modes of mail transportation - ship, train and airplane.

The seven original chandeliers (of wrought iron and glass are hung with brass rope and feature star decoration and are surmounted with brass eagles,) constitute an important part of the interior space.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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 1932 John P. Thomas
1965: Addition XXXXXX BUILDER/ARCHITECT 537 Congress St., Portland, Maine
XXXXXX

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE -- 1965 Addition: Design & Construction Division
Boston, Massachusetts

The Town of Sanford, Maine is the site for large manufacturing facilities once devoted to the production of cloth, but now sparsely occupied by various companies of diverse enterprise. The general economy has deteriorated with attendant decline in the physical environment.

The Post Office was built on the site of the home of Thomas Goodall who was the owner and responsible for the development of the woolen mill industry in Sanford. The house on this site was later used as a hospital after Mr. Goodale had constructed the large victorian mansion directly across the Street.

In 1930, Congress authorized increased funding for public buildings in direct response to the depression. Design policy for small post offices continued to be standardization of plans, for economy and to speed the design and construction process in the interest of economic recovery. Where practicable individual treatment was given to exterior details, especially by private architects who received contracts after 1930, to alleviate unemployment in the architectural profession. The Sanford Post Office is an excellent example of a regional architect treating the facade of a standard plan creatively to produce a one of a kind building. The classical symmetry and ornament and creative use of materials and detailing has all come together in this fine example of Federal architecture which was meant to be symbolic of government strength and ideals as well as representing the government's efforts to restore economic health.

Essentially unchanged over the years, the Post Office continues to be one of the most important buildings in Sanford, both architecturally and historically, as well as continuing to maintain the Federal presence in the area.

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 .50

UTM REFERENCES

A	19	356065	481070	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northwest to Southeast 175'± along ^{Chesnut} Second Street
 Southwest to Northeast 155'± along side lot line
 Southeast to Northwest 175'± along rear lot line
 Northeast to Southwest 155'± along Mousam Street

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sylvan Limon, Architect

ORGANIZATION

SULLIVAN DESIGN GROUP, INC.

DATE

August 28, 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

Sally B. Sheehan, 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 O. Shull

DATE

5-2-85

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

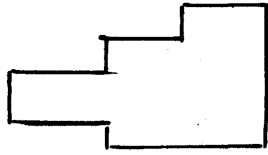
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Beth L. Savage

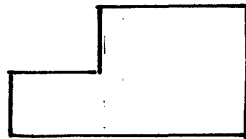
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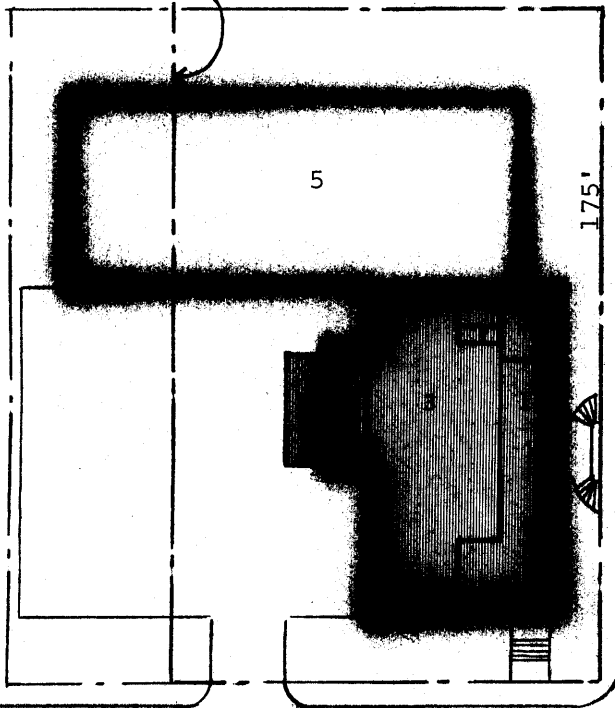


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original lot line

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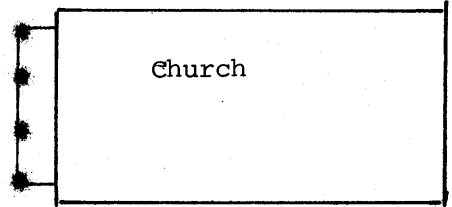
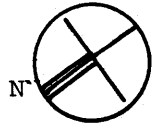
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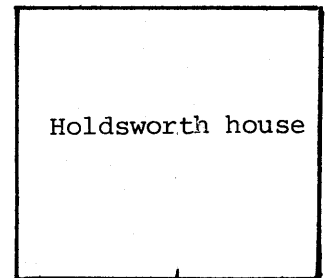
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Mousam Street

to business district

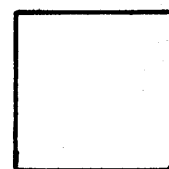


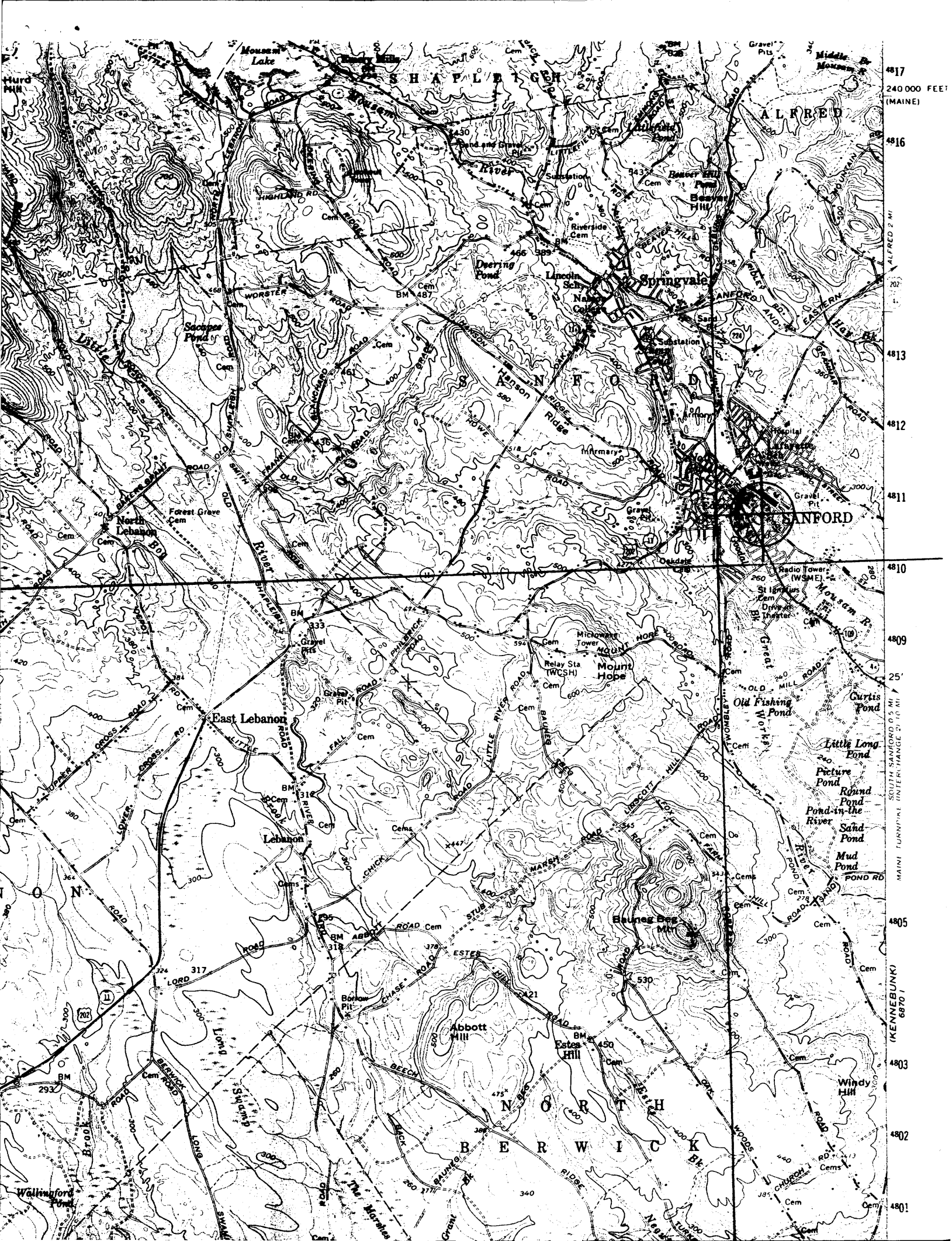
Church



Holdsworth house

1. public lobby
2. post master
3. work room
4. mail vestibule
5. Federal office addition





4817
240 000 FEET
(MAINE)
4816
ALFRED 2 MI
207
4813
4812
4811
4810
4809
25'
SOUTH SANFORD 0.5 MI
MAINE TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE 20 MI
4805
(KENNEBUNK)
6870.1
4803
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY US Post Office--Sanford Main
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MAINE, York

DATE RECEIVED: 12/08/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/23/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86000882

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1-24-11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 1-24-11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Name of Property US POST OFFICE - SANFORD MAIN

County and State YORK CO., MAINE

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COUNTY, Town	NAME	NR ID #	Correct UTM's
York, Sanford	US Post Office - Sanford Main	86000882	19/356509/4810739

The above UTM coordinates replace the incorrect coordinates provided in the original nomination/registration form for this property.

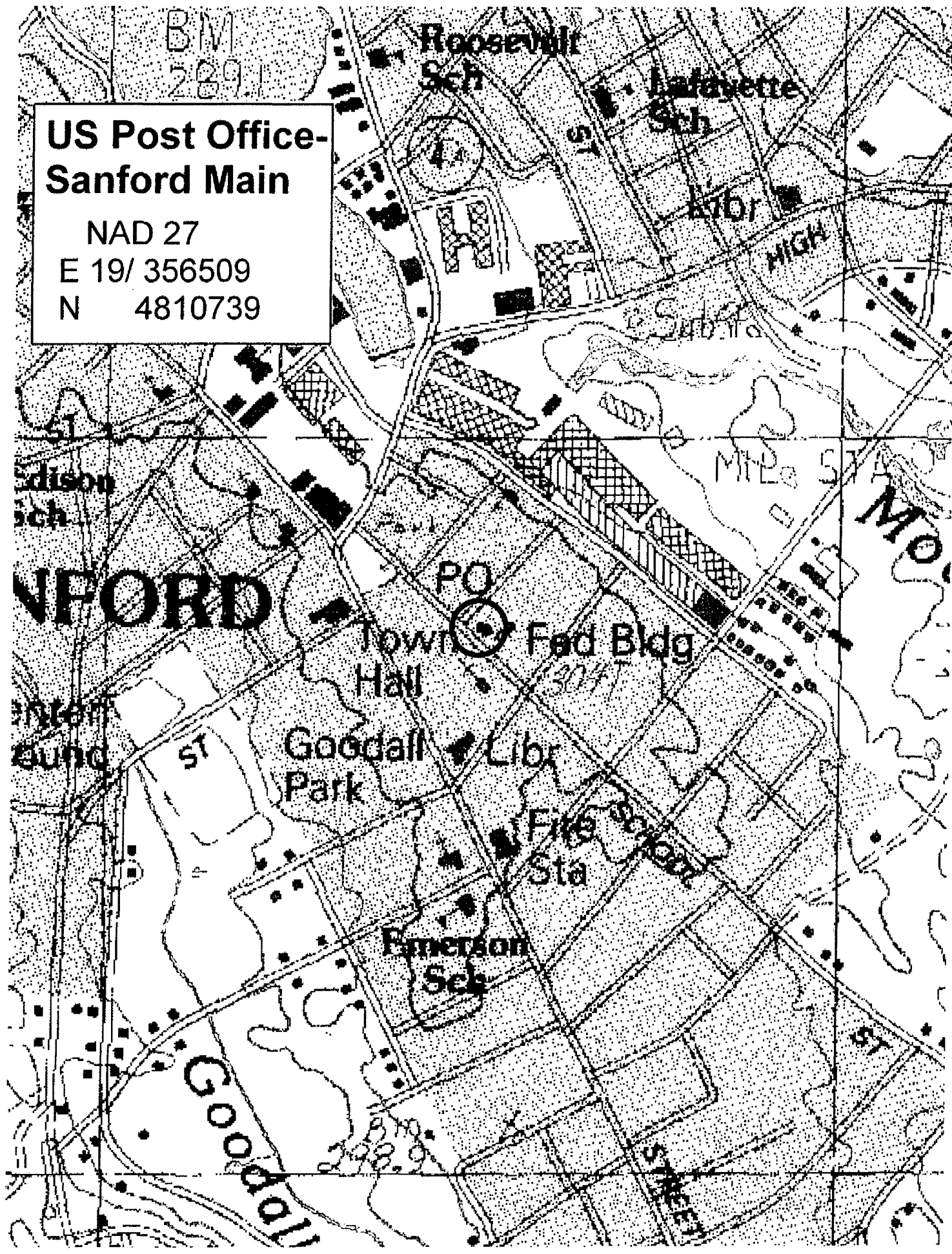
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US Post Office- Sanford Main

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Edison
Sch

Roosevelt
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Lafayette
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High

Sanford

PO

Town Hall
Fed Bldg

Goodall
Park
Libr

Fire
Sta

Emerson
Sch

Goodall

MO

Miles St

Sub