

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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DATE ENTERED APR 1 - 1986SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

United States Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

Easthampton Main Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

19 Union Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Easthampton

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First Congressional District

STATE

Massachusetts 01027

CODE
0295COUNTY
HampshireCODE
015**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**N/A ☐ 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)

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 DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hampshire Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

33 King Street

CITY, TOWN

Northampton

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY 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

This post office, located on an attractively landscaped corner site, is situated in the downtown municipal district. The overall area is one of mixed development and high activity and this property is the principal attraction due to its architectural dignity, landscaping and maintenance.

A building of Neo-Classical design executed in brick with limestone trim that is mostly in its original condition with the exception of aluminum and glass entrance doors and the addition of new mailing dock. Brick walls are laid in Flemish bond with rustication at the corners, stone water table, stone window trim and lintels and feature panels above. The entrance portico has granite steps and quarry tile floor with wrought iron rails with brass finials; this railing detail being repeated at all areaways. Four limestone etruscan columns support an elaborate entablature and pediment. The architrave is carved limestone in a scroll and diamond pattern. The frieze contains the name of the facility and the denticulated cornice is elegant but simple. All small brick parapet supports a hipped asphalt shingle roof and the chimney is distinguished by its octagonal shape.

The lobby is essentially in its original condition, whereas so many post offices dating from the early 1930's have been extensively remodelled. The floor is quarry tile with a wide marble border and a black veined white marble wainscot is carried around all sides of the "L" shaped lobby. Walls are plastered and contain open metal grill work above the service windows and boxes which also appear to be original. The marble stair to the basement is intact and except for some minor alteration for additional new boxes, no changes are evident.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES	Constructed: 1933	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Louis A. Simon, Supervising Architect
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1933, 210 post offices were constructed, 180 of them government owned. This reflected the increased funding made available for public buildings to relieve unemployment and stabilize the economy. Building plans for post offices were largely developed within the office of the supervising architect where the work staff numbered nearly eight hundred people. Design policy was geared to the production of standardized plans for small post offices with the large facilities commissioned to private architectural firms. Individual treatment of exterior details was encouraged for the work executed within the office of the supervising architect and with the effort of staff architect, it was inevitable that the nation would be rewarded with properties of considerable architectural merit.

The Easthampton Post Office, with a facade of studied restraint, is a building of contributing architectural significance in a small town with few examples of architectural achievement.

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

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The site located at the Southeast corner of Union and High Streets is trapezohedron in form and contains approximately 21,060 square feet.

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

Ellsworth H. Kent, Architect

ORGANIZATION

SULLIVAN DESIGN GROUP, INC.

DATE

July 15, 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 X

Valerie A. Talmage 9/17/85

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 X Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

James T. Coe

Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE

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

Patrick W. Andrews

DATE

4/1/86

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

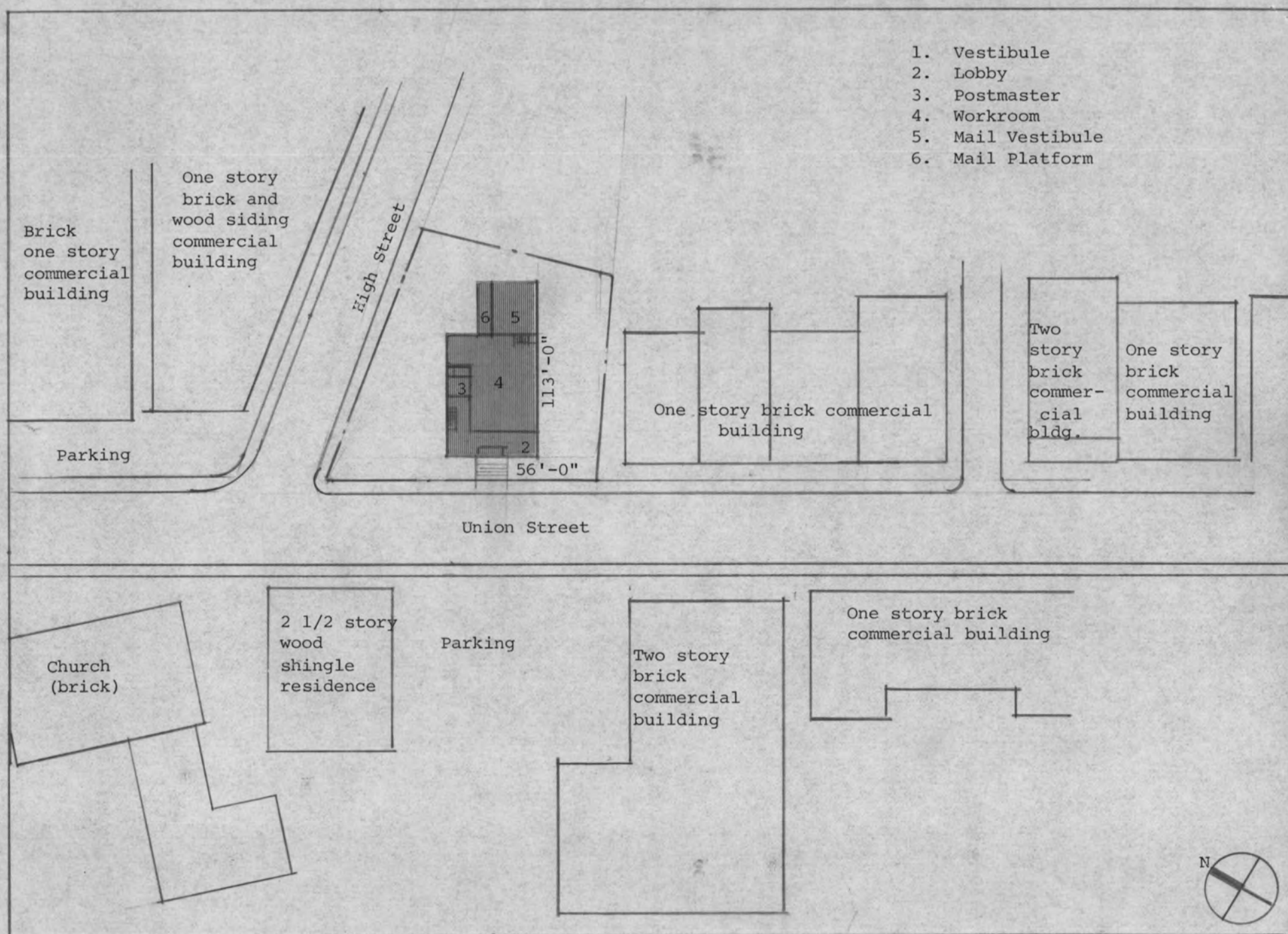
ATTEST:

Beth Savage

DATE

3-31-86

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

US Post Office--Easthampton Main
Hampshire County
MASSACHUSETTS

FEB 19 1986

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-3-87
Date Due: 3/20/86 — 4/5/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/1/86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: USPS

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Intact locally significant Neo-Classical
institutional/governmental building.
Finely detailed portico contributes to
the architectural distinction of this
building in Easthampton.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer Sevage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 3-31-86
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



MAIN POST OFFICE
EASTHAMPTON, MA

Easthampton Main Post Office
Easthampton, MA
Dennis Griggs
August 1983
Sullivan Design Group, Inc.
Front elevation. Right view



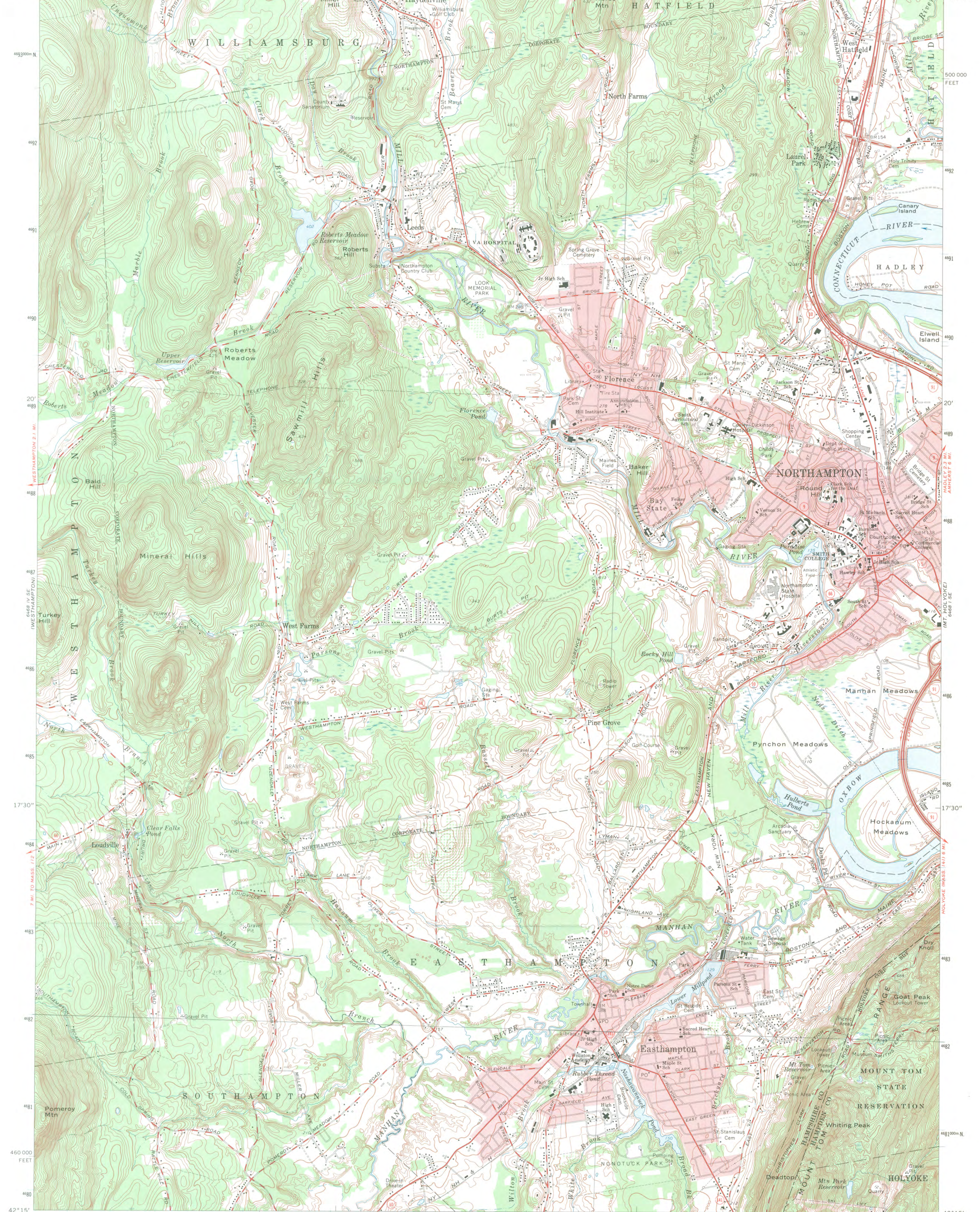
MAIN POST OFFICE
EASTHAMPTON, MA

Easthampton Main Post Office
Easthampton, MA
Dennis Griggs
Sullivan Design Group, Inc.
Front elevation. Left view



MAIN POST OFFICE
EASTHAMPTON, MA

Easthampton Main Post Office
Easthampton, MA
Dennis Griggs
Sullivan Design Group, Inc.
Front elevation





FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE
P.O. Box 324
Lexington, MA 02173-0324

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EASTHAMPTON, MASS
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

June 17, 1985

The Honorable Paul Parker
Chairman, Board of Selectman, Town of Easthampton
Town Hall
43 Main Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

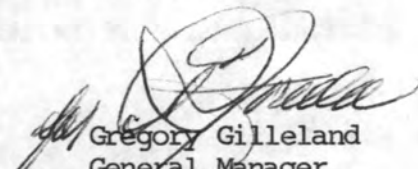
Dear Chairman Parker:

The U. S. Postal Service in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston has evaluated the Main Post Office in Easthampton and has determined it is significant from a historical viewpoint.

In view of the above evaluation, the U.S. Postal Service intends to nominate this building to the National Register of Historic Places. We would, prior to our taking formal action, appreciate receiving your concurrence.

If you concur with our proposed action, kindly return a signed copy of this letter in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

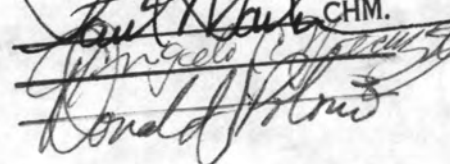

Gregory Gilleland
General Manager

Concur: _____

Enclosure

JPC/ljr

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JUN 20 1985
 CHM.


JUN 28 10 12 PM '85

NEW ENGLAND FIELD REAL
ESTATE & BLDG. OFFICE
LEXINGTON, MA 02173

APPROVED



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
Real Estate and Buildings Department
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260-6400

Rec'd
FEB 19 1986

February 13, 1986

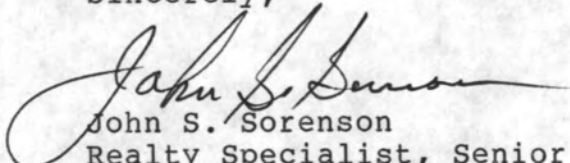
Ms. Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240-1002

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Postal Service hereby submits a nomination for the post office located at 19 Union Street, Hampshire County, Easthampton, Massachusetts.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please call me at 202/268-3107.

Sincerely,


John S. Sorenson
Realty Specialist, Senior
Office of Real Estate

Enclosure