

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name (Old) U. S. Post Office

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 515 Fillmore Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Corinth

n/a vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Alcorn

code 003

zip code 38834

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Pool
Signature of certifying official Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
State or Federal agency and bureau

DEC. 18, 1991
Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Entered in the
National Register

Helmut Egan

1/29/92

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: Post Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stonewalls brick

roof metalother stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The former U. S. Post Office of Corinth, Mississippi, is located at the southwest corner of Foote and Fillmore Streets, facing north. The original building was completed in 1913 but was badly damaged by fire on December 28, 1924. It was repaired, remodeled, and enlarged following the fire and was reoccupied in 1929. The exterior is essentially unchanged from the 1929 remodeling. Constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond and trimmed in limestone, the building has two stories over a full basement, with a one-story rear addition on the south. The building has a low hipped roof enclosed by a brick parapet adorned with a modillion cornice.

The main façade, which faces Foote Street, is a symmetrical, five-bay composition with a central entrance. A full-height engaged tetrastyle portico in the Roman Doric order frames the three central bays. The four unfluted half-columns of the portico support an entablature embellished with the triglyph-and-metope motif and a modillion cornice. Between the columns are three round-arched openings. The center bay contains a set of paneled doors surmounted by a transom grille. Each of the other two arched bays contains a tripartite wood-framed window. The outermost bays of the façade contain a twelve-over-twelve double hung window with a limestone sill and lintel, above which is a small casement window. The corners of the building are trimmed with stone quoins.

The eastern side of the building (facing Fillmore Street) has a centrally-placed, one-story engaged entrance portico. The original east entrance was in the northern bay but openings were changed during the remodeling of the 1920s. On either side of the entrance is a twelve-over-twelve double-hung window. Over both windows and the portico are three second-story casement windows.

Interior walls are brick finished with plaster. The floors are concrete with asphalt tile except in the lobby, which has a terrazzo floor. The lobby, decorated with panelled wainscoting, is L-shaped in plan and contains entry vestibules on both the Foote and Fillmore Street sides. The mail boxes were removed when the Postal Service vacated the facility, but otherwise the lobby retains much of the appearance it had in 1929.

See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1913; 1924-29

Significant Dates

1913; 1924-29

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Archit: Taylor, James Knox (1913); J. A. Welmont (1924-29)
Bldr: Rogers & Kaiser of Chicago (1913); Charles Weitz
Sons (1924-29)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The former Corinth Post Office is locally significant under Criterion C for its architectural character. Incorporating elements of early twentieth century Neoclassicism and Georgian Revival civic architecture, it is a good example of the governmental buildings designed by the Office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury during the 1910s and 20s. It was originally built in 1913 during the tenure of James Knox Taylor as Supervising Architect. Taylor preferred styles derived from classical or Early American traditions, and believed that federal government buildings should be well designed and built of high-quality materials. The Post Office was severely damaged by fire on December 28, 1924. The subsequent repairs, remodeling, and enlargement were executed during the tenure of J. A. Welmont as Acting Supervising Architect. The remodeled building retains much of the character of the original design but many of the smaller elements, such as door and window details, are more characteristic of the post offices of the 1920s. The building retains a high degree of integrity from its 1929 remodeling, and is one of the two notable examples of early twentieth century public architecture in Corinth and Alcorn County (the other being the nearby Alcorn County Courthouse, built in 1918).

The relocation of postal operations into a new facility in October 1987 rendered this building vacant. It was purchased by a private owner in 1989. In 1991 the building was acquired by a banking corporation which intends to undertake a certified rehabilitation to convert it for use as a bank.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Weekly Corinthian, October 9, 1913; October 31, 1929

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .43

UTM References

A 16 361135 866750
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This boundary describes the city lot on which the building has stood since its construction.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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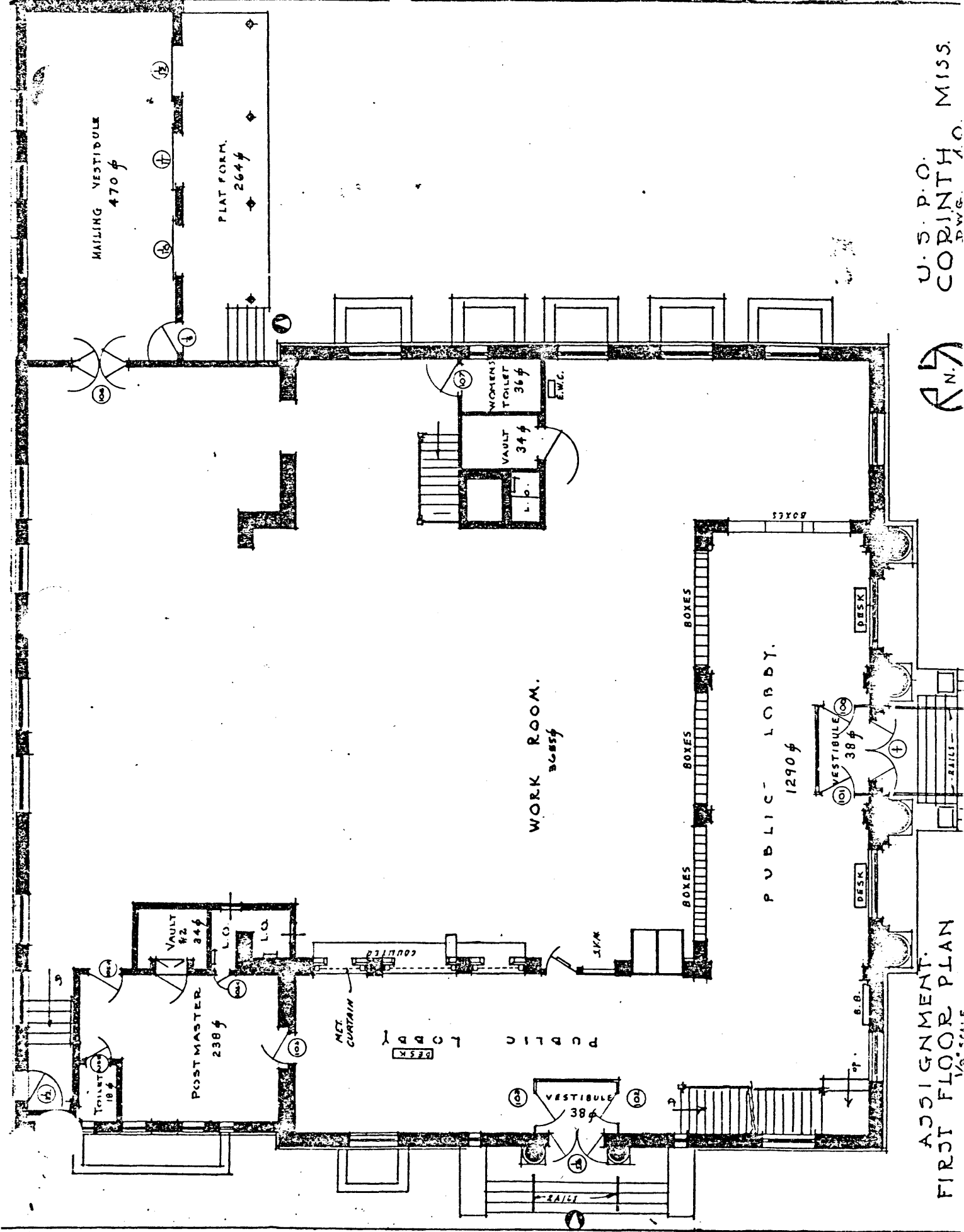
**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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Old U. S. Post Office
Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 26 of the Mitchell and Mask Survey to the City of Corinth in Alcorn County, Mississippi; thence run North 72 degrees 38 minutes West 200.0 feet along the North boundary of said block and the South right-of-way line of Foote Street; thence run South 17 degrees 22 minutes West 93.0 feet along the West boundary of said block and the East right-of-way line of Jackson Street to the North boundary of a 14-foot alley; thence run South 72 degrees 38 minutes East 200.0 feet along the North boundary of said alley to the West right-of-way line of Fillmore Street; thence run North 17 degrees 22 minutes East 93.0 feet along the East boundary of said block and the West right-of-way line of Fillmore Street to the point of beginning, containing 0.427 acres, more or less.



MAILING VESTIBULE
470 ϕ

PLAT FORM.
264 ϕ

POST MASTER
238 ϕ

VAULT #2
34 ϕ

WORK ROOM.
Bussy

PUBLIC LOBBY.
1290 ϕ

VESTIBULE
38 ϕ

VAULT
34 ϕ

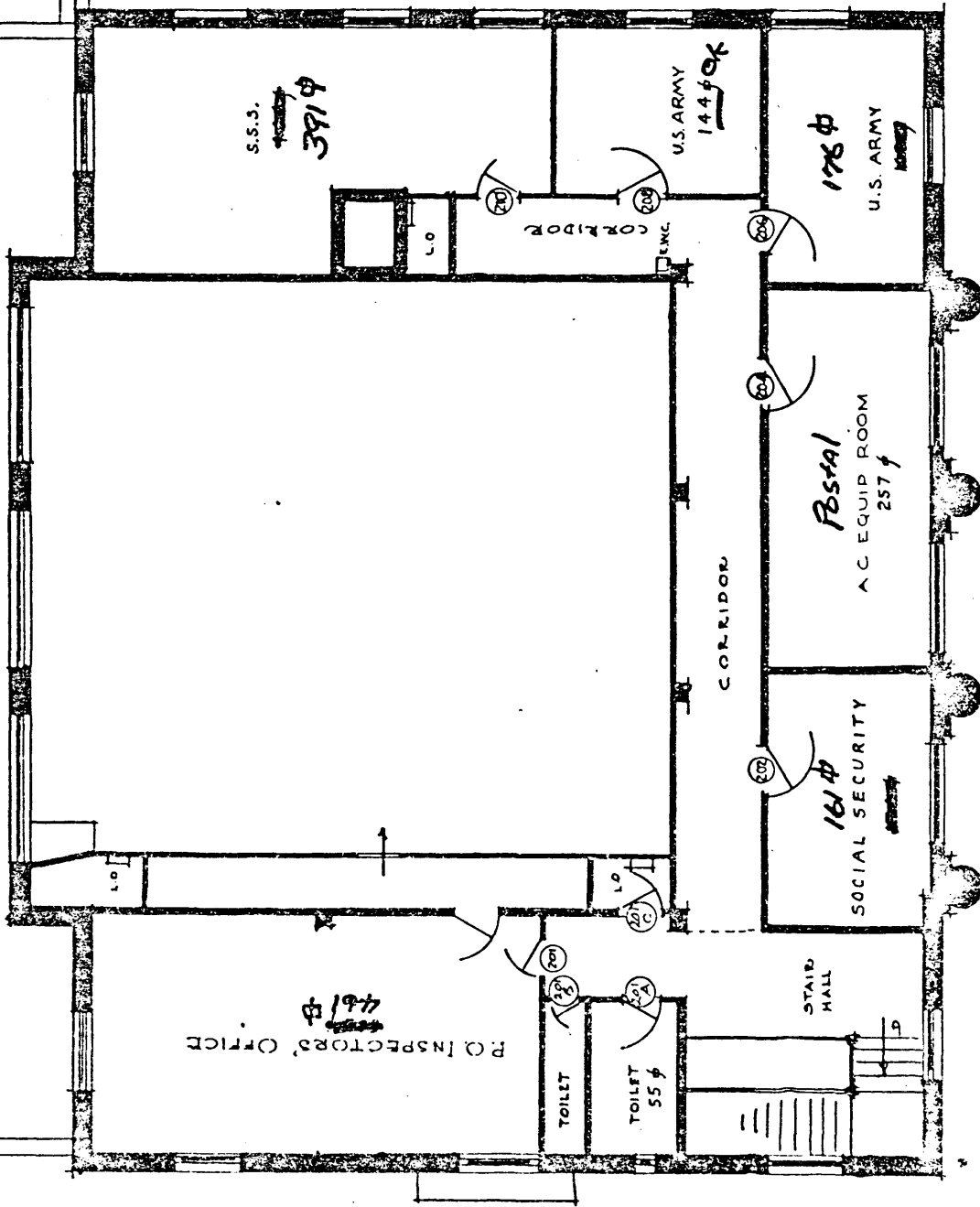
WOMEN'S
TOILET
36 ϕ

TOILETT
18 ϕ

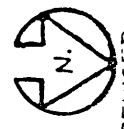
ASSIGNMENT.
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1' SCALE

U. S. P. O.
CORINTH, MISS.
DWG. NO. 10

R. N. 7



ASSIGNMENT
SECOND FLOOR PLAN.
1/8" SCALE



REVISED
11-15-68
KRAMPTON
DOOLEY

JAN 17 1969

REVISED
GODWIN 12-17-68
E. BAIRDEN 12-18-68

U.S. P.O.
CORINTH, MISS.
DWO 41
JDN BY 7/4/5-2-29
REVISED BY JASCOMB 4-25-57
RETURN TO ROOM