

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

Bar Harbor Main Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cottage Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bar Harbor

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second Congressional District

STATE

Maine 04609

CODE
0300

COUNTY
Hancock

CODE
009

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.

Hancock County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

60 State Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellsworth

STATE

Maine 04605

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Post Office building is located in an area off the main business district which consists of a mixture of residential and commercial use. The area abutting the Post Office site has been deteriorating in recent years and is only stabilized by the well maintained Post Office building. The Post Office itself is a fine granite building, very well detailed, heavily rusticated with a granite base and granite walls with pilasters all around the building. The pilasters have circular medallions at the top with a garland wreath at the top of the medallion. The windows are wood double hung with transom above and a heavy projecting granite cornice with dentil moulding. New aluminum storm windows have been added to the exterior of the existing wood windows. The building is topped with a bold projecting stone cornice surmounted with a parapet of open balustrated sections.

The roof is hipped and features interesting circular vaulted dormers. The original slate roof was replaced with asphalt shingles; however, a new slate roof will be added to restore the roof to its original condition. The original doors were replaced with modern glass and aluminum doors.

The public lobby has terrazzo floors with marble borders and feature strips, marble wainscoting, impressive pedimented oak door casings, lobby screens and transoms. The ceiling of ornamental plaster contains bold projecting brackets. The oak window casings and trim is original throughout.

The building is in excellent condition although there are continuous problems with roof drainage which will be corrected with the new slate roof. The site is well maintained and provides the only landscaping in the immediate areas. A makeshift canopy was added over the existing loading dock which greatly detracts from the building's rear elevation.

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: 1908	1909	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	James Knox Taylor, U.S. Treasury Supervising Architect
	Constructed:			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Post Office was designed in 1908 and built in 1909, one of only twelve (12) total post offices built throughout the United States that year. The building was built under provisions of the Tarsney Act (1893-1912) and the first Omnibus Building Act of 1902. James Knox Taylor, the Supervising Architect for the U.S. Treasury (1897 to 1912), was the building architect of record. Taylor's buildings were always individually designed, firmly resisting standardization of design, and constructed of fine high quality, durable materials and much ornament. Government buildings of this period were designed to reflect a return to the "Classic Style of Architecture" conforming to the spirit of the American Renaissance movement of the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Government buildings were designed to express classical and democratic ideals and to symbolize power, organization, and institutionalization.

Bar Harbor, at the turn of the century, became one of the favorite resorts of the rich, and, as a result, the area became a center of architectural activity. A diversity of eclecticism was expressed in the erection of residential and support facilities of the areas. Much of this work was destroyed in the fire of 1947 but there still remains a great variation of architectural achievement and this Post Office is representative of the best of this work. This small building of modern construction is probably the finest example of classical eclecticism expressed in the design of public buildings at that time. It is well preserved and endowed with significant architectural enrichment and the local officials and citizens are very careful in their alterations and maintenance of this beautiful example of architecture.

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 .37 (16,336 square feet)

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 9	5 6 2 0 8 0	4 9 1 5 0 2 5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Post Office is located in an area off the main business district which consists of a mixture of residential and commercial use. The Post Office site is located on Cottage Street with a frontage of 125 feet and on the corner of Federal Street with a frontage of 130 feet. The size of the site is 125 feet wide x 130 feet deep.

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

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. Sheddworth 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. Con

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

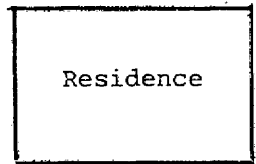
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Beth S. Savage

DATE 5-30-86

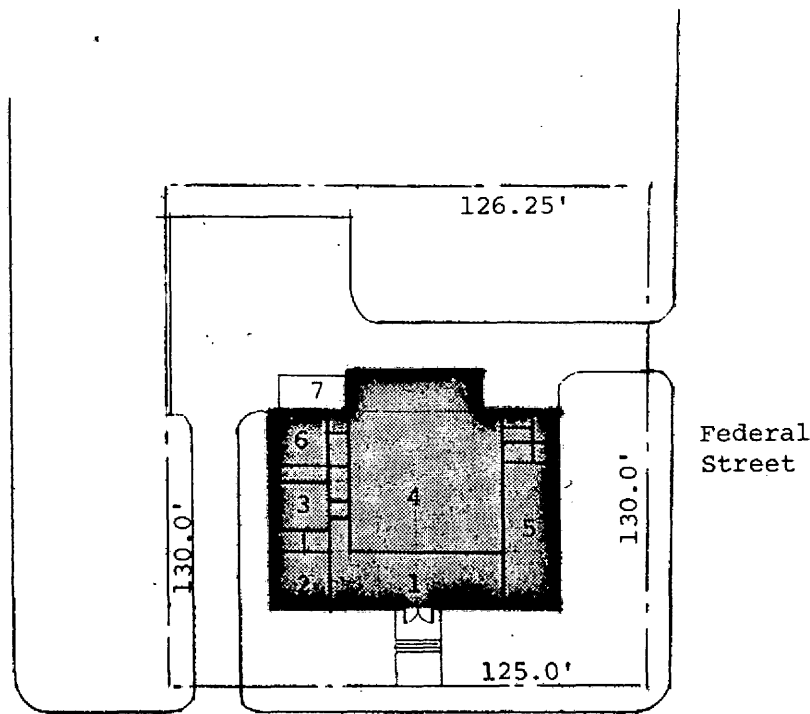
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1. public lobby
2. postmaster
3. assistant postmaster
4. work room
5. money orders
6. mail vestibule
7. mail platform

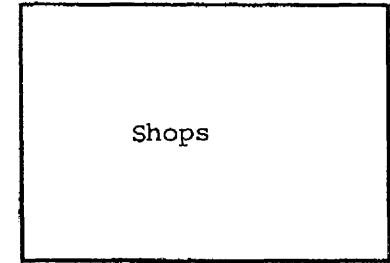


Residence

Federal Street

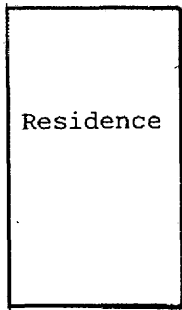


Federal Street



Shops

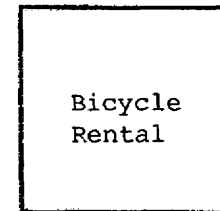
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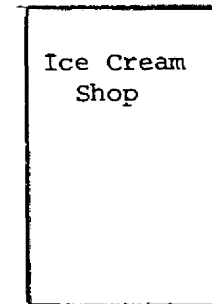
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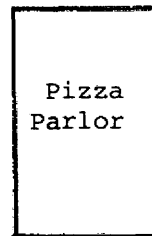
Service Station



Bicycle Rental



Ice Cream Shop



Pizza Parlor

