

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

Williamstown Main Post Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

63 Spring Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Williamstown

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First Congressional District

STATE

Massachusetts 02167

CODE  
1480

COUNTY

Berkshire

CODE

003

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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.

Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

65 Park Street

CITY, TOWN

Adams

STATE

Massachusetts 01220

**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 post office is located midway on Spring Street, a side street off the main street through town. Spring Street contains the commercial and business section of town and is composed of two and three story structures which date from the mid to late 19th century. This section of town is in direct contrast to Main Street which is tree lined and handsomely landscaped. The buildings historically and architecturally noteworthy are set back from the road way and form a serene village scene.

The post office is a brick structure of Flemish bond set on a granite base with a marble stringcourse. Broad granite steps with wrought iron railings lead to a pedimented portico of excellent detail. Columns supporting the pediment are formed from a single piece of veined marble; marble is also used for window trim and the richly detailed entrance surround, the panels over the windows with a band above, molded cornice and ballustered sections over the windows in a brick parapet with a marble rail. The pedimented portico has an architrave of classic design which endows the building with an architectural importance.

The lobby is in its original state except for the installation of a new glass and aluminum vestibule and entrance doors and fluorescent ceiling light fixtures. The floor is quarry tile laid in a pattern with marble feature strips and border. There is seven foot high grey veined marble wainscot with carved trim and flat entablature over the entrance to the postmaster's office. Plain plaster walls above the wainscot terminate in an ornamental plastered border; a boldly detailed classical cornice enriches the space. The marble staircase to the basement with wrought iron ballusters and brass railing is unaltered and the stained wood and glass transoms over the service window and boxes remain in their original condition.

# 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

Constructed: 1932

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

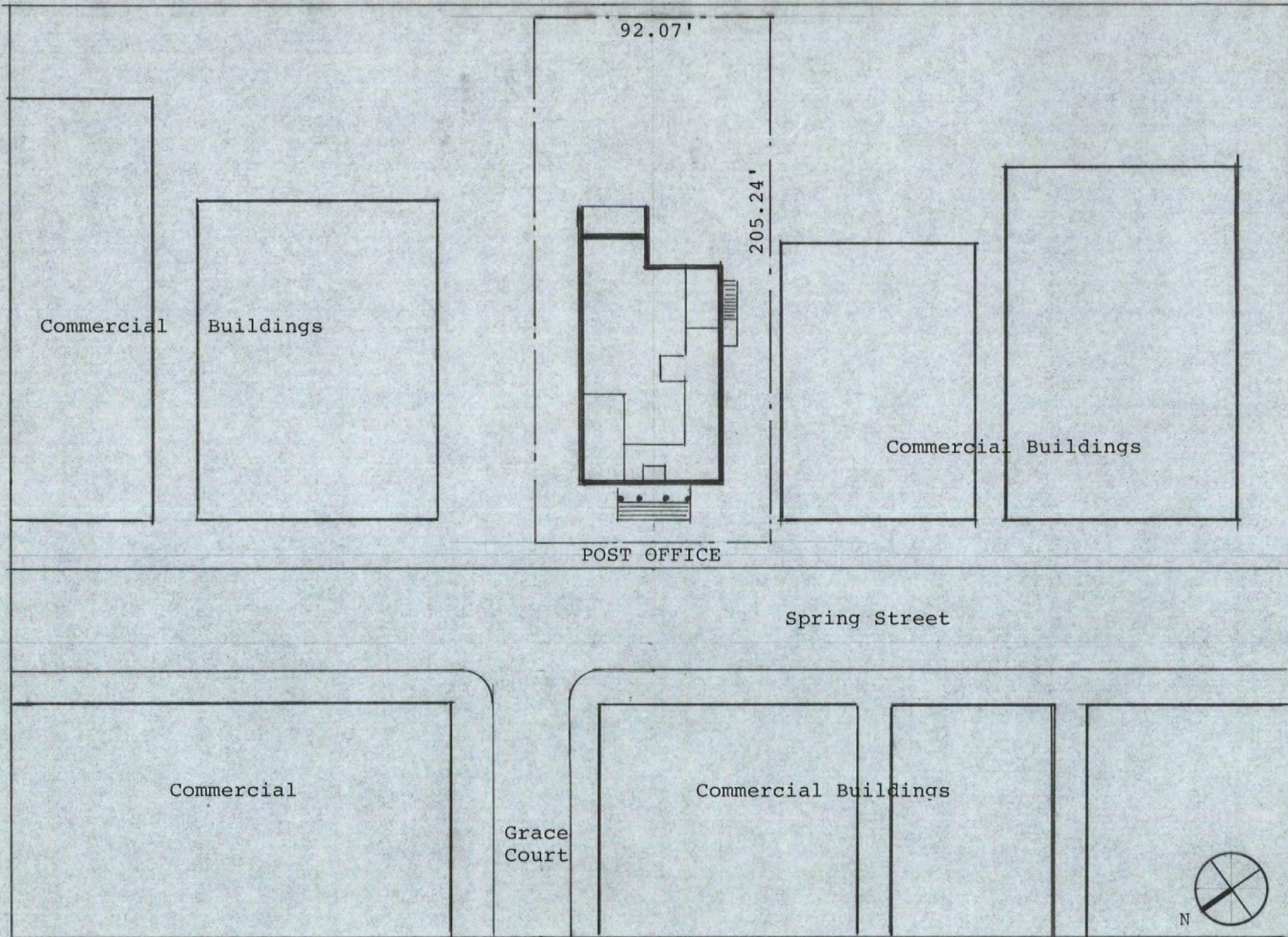
James A. Wetmore, Acting  
Supervising Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed during the early years of the depression when the building program of post offices was substantially increased, this building is unusual in the attention devoted to the treatment of the exterior. The abundance of architectural detail lavished on the facade of this facility which encompasses a standard plan elevates the building to a position of great importance in the community.

Serving a college society of great diversity and the town in general, the Post Office becomes a common place of business and interaction on a day to day basis. It is fitting that this meeting place in a federal building; however, brief, be an experience of some significance. In that the architectural quality of the entrance and potential worth of the lobby provide this need, this property is one of contributing importance.





United States Post Office - Williamstown, Massachusetts

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

US Post Office--Williamstown Main  
Berkshire County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

FEB 19 1986

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 3/20/86 — 4/5/86 *507*  
Action:  ACCEPT  
 RETURN 4-1-86  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: USPS

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Property appears eligible,  
please note corrections  
necessary below.*

Recom./Criteria Return  
Reviewer Salage  
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
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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 *Please show location on USGS map. (Please plot UTM directly onto USGS map).*
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Both Savage (202) 343-9550  
FTS

Signed Patrick Andrews Date 4/1/06 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

United States Post Office--  
Williamstown Main  
Berkshire County  
MASSACHUSETTS

*Substantive Review*

Working No. 2119.86  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 7/20/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 7-17-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: US PS

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*totally significant representative of  
Neo-Georgian style Federal  
architecture.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer Swasey  
Discipline Arch. History  
Date 7-15-86  
 see continuation sheet

*Technical corrections addressed.*

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UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



MAIN POST OFFICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA

*2/1/83*

Williamstown Main Post Office  
Williamstown, MA  
David R. Hooker  
May 6, 1983  
Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates  
Front Elevation



MAIN POST OFFICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA

2-11-83

Williamstown Main Post Office  
Williamstown, MA  
David R. Hooker  
May 6, 1983  
Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates  
Front elevation. Left view



Main Post Office  
Williamstown, MA

7/1/83

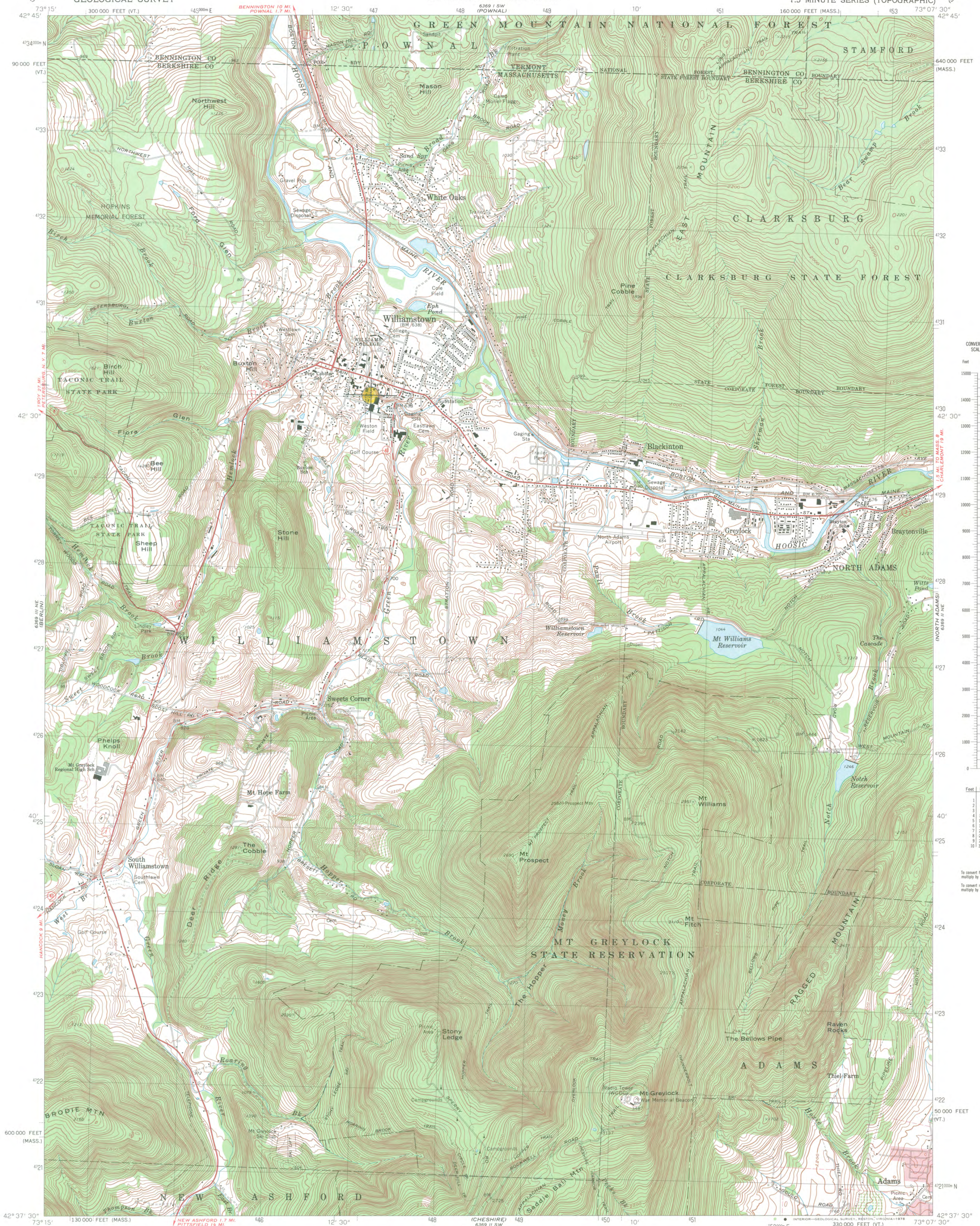
Williamstown Main Post Office  
Williamstown, MA  
David R. Hooker  
May 6, 1983  
Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates  
Front elevation. Right view



MAIN POST OFFICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA

Williamstown Main Post Office  
Williamstown, MA  
David R. Hooker  
May 6, 1983  
Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates  
Lobby

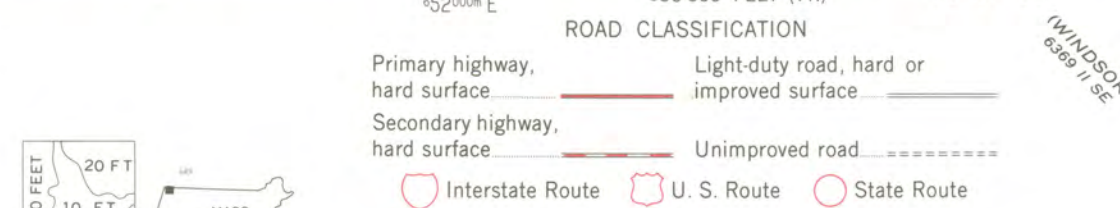
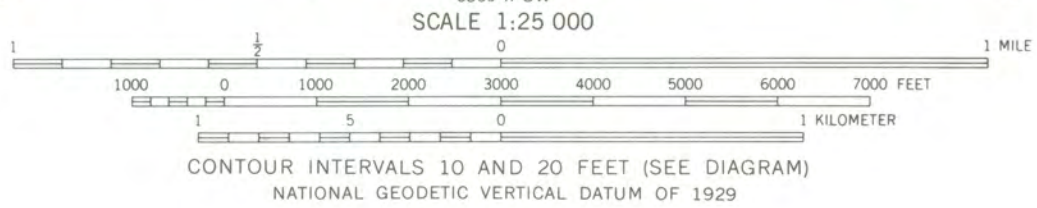
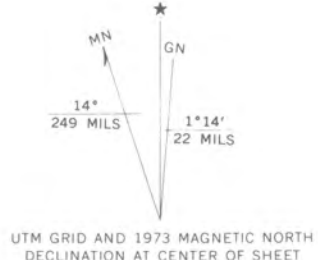
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1942. Field checked 1944. Revised from aerial  
photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone, and Vermont coordinate system  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,  
zone 18

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is uncheckd  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



U.S. POST OFFICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA  
UTM REFERENCE:  
18/647080/4730030

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

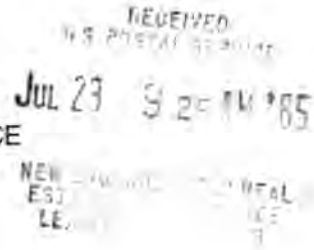
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.-VT.  
N4237.5—W7307.5/7.5

1973  
AMS 6369 II NW—SERIES V814



FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE

P.O. Box 324  
Lexington, MA 02173-0324



June 17, 1985

The Honorable Steven Ledoux  
Town Manager, Town of Williamstown  
Town Hall  
North Street  
Williamstown, MA 01267

Dear Chairman Ledoux:

The U. S. Postal Service in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston has evaluated the Main Post Office in Williamstown 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: I, Steven L. Ledoux, Town Manager, concur with this finding if the Post Office makes reasonable accommodation Barrier Free Access to Enclosureits building.

JPC/ljr

Signed:   
Steven L. Ledoux  
Town Manager

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TONY MANAGERS OFFICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN



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

Rec'd  
FEB 19 1986

February 14, 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 63 Spring Street, Berkshire County, Williamstown, 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



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
Facilities Department  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20260-6400

June 2, 1986

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Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
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Washington, D.C. 20240-1002

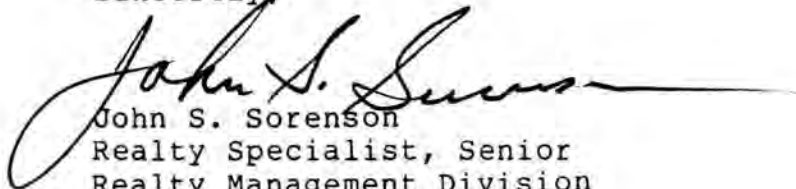
Dear Ms. Shull:

In response to your request for additional documentation, I have attached the following nominations for your further consideration:

- Main Post Office - Norwich, Connecticut
- Main Post Office - Williamstown, Massachusetts
- Main Post Office - Dover, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Laconia, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Lancaster, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Littleton, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Peterborough, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Somersworth, New Hampshire

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (202) 268-3107.

Sincerely,

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

Attachments

JUN 5 1986

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY US Post Office--Williamstown Main  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire

DATE RECEIVED: 2/14/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/31/02  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86002243

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 3/23/02 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM. / CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Deal

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 3/23/02

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



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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 10, 2002

Carol D. Shull,  
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20240

Re: Address change for U.S Post Office, Williamstown, (BERKSHIRE CO.),MA

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are writing to request a technical correction in the National Register records for the above referenced property. The address has been changed from 63 Spring Street to 56 Spring Street. The property was individually listed on the National Register on July 17, 1986.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission