

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

U.S. Post Office -- Cleveland, Mississippi

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

301 South Sharpe Avenue

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Mississippi

CODE
28

COUNTY
Bolivar

CODE
11

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Memphis Field Real Estate and Buildings Office United States Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

1 North Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

TN 38103

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chancery Clerk's Office - Bolivar County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 789

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

-None-

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 United States Post Office in Cleveland is located in the central business district. The building is Colonial Revival in style. A brick basement level rises above grade to a double-course limestone water table. The elevated main floor is made accessible by a flight of granite steps with cast iron railings. The exterior walls consist of one full story crowned by a limestone frieze and low brick parapet with limestone cornice wall which is continuous around the building. A hipped tile-covered roof exists over the lobby space with a flat, built-up roof over the rear work area. The street facade is divided into five bays reading window-window-door-window-window. The three central bays have semicircular fan lights (which have been painted over) with brick header surrounds and limestone keystones. The central doorway is flanked by a pair of wooden Corinthian colonnettes and an architrave with modified dentil molding. Two large lanterns are located to either side and are bracketed to the main facade. Additionally, two small limestone panels with low relief carvings adorn the facade above the lanterns. The outer two bays have unadorned limestone panels positioned above the windows. All windows are wooden, double-hung sash with limestone sills. The two windows flanking the central doorway are six over six with additional two over two side-lights producing a palladian window effect. The outermost windows are eight over eight with an additional four lights above as a transom. Limestone quoins articulate the building's corners and additional quoins are located on the sidewalls at the rear edge of the main block. The north facade consists of six bays of windows, the rear three having fanlights. The south facade consists of seven window bays with the rear three also having fanlights. A mailing vestibule and platform project from the rear (east) facade flanked by two additional bays on each side. A partial basement level exists to the rear. Brick masonry laid in the common bond is used throughout.

The interior plan (see attached plan drawings) consists of an L-shaped lobby with the postmaster's office on the southwest corner. The remaining area is given over to a large workroom and the aforementioned vestibule and loading dock. A small mezzanine level containing a lookout is located over the vault and swing area. The public lobby is highlighted by a polychrome, glazed tile floor and marble wainscoting. The screenline has been altered but the original wooden vestibule remains intact.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES March 1, 1934 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Office of the Supervising Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Politics/Government

The first Public Buildings Act of 1913 and the second Public Building Act of 1926 were supplemented in 1933 by Congress, on the urging of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. Between 1933 and 1941 a tremendous amount of construction resulted in the United States, including four post offices in Mississippi constructed under the 1926 Act and thirty-two post offices in Mississippi constructed under 1933 PWA legislation.

The U.S. Post Office in Cleveland, Mississippi, built in 1934, is significant as one of thirty-two constructed in the state with Public Works Administration funds during the Great Depression. It was designed by the Office of the Supervising Architect. The building holds the distinction of being the first federal building constructed in Bolivar County. (See also "Federal Construction Work, 1913-1941").

Architecture

The Post Office, the City Hall, and the Courthouse represent the three most important governmental public buildings within the community. While the structure is not individually outstanding in terms of architectural style, it does exhibit numerous Colonial Revival details including the stone quoins and the modified Palladian window motif of the openings flanking the main entry doorway; these tendencies place it in the stylistic mainstream of the body of the thirty-six nominated buildings collected here.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography attached to narrative entitled "The Treasury Department's Section of the Fine Arts Program" and "Federal Construction Work 1913-1941."

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	7,1,10,7,0	3,7,3,5,7,3,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is indicated by the crossed ink lines on the accompanying U.S.G.S. map entitled Cleveland Quadrangle.

See Continuation Sheet for Verbal Boundary Description.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael W. Fazio, William E. Parrish,

ORGANIZATION

Tomas Blackwell, Curtis Franks

DATE

October 1, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

40 Eutaw Street

TELEPHONE

(601) 323-3451

CITY OR TOWN

Starkville

STATE

Mississippi

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

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

TITLE

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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CLEVELAND, MS

The tract of land being the west one hundred forty feet (140') of lots one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) of block four (4) and the north twenty five feet (25') of the west one hundred forty feet (140') of lot nine (9) of block four (4), all in the Original Town (now City) of Cleveland, Mississippi, and being located in and a part of the east half of the northwest quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty one (21), township twenty two (22) north, range five (5) west.

Recorded Chancery Court 23 July 1932 in Book M24, Page 536 - State of Mississippi, County of Bolivar.

BUILDING EVALUATION REPORT

U. S. Post Office
BUILDING: Cleveland, Mississippi

DATE OF REPORT:

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BUILDING R&I WORK ITEMS AWARDED/COMPLETED

BUILDING OCCUPANCY RECORD

BUILDING EQUIPMENT DATA RECORD

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III 91 DATE INSPECTED --- APR 66

BUILDING DESCRI
AS OF DATE

03 U S POST OFFICE
04 SHARPE AVE AND SOUTH ST
05 CLEVELAND MISSISSIPPI

01 CITY CODE 480
02 FACILITY CODE
06 CONGRESSIONAL DI:
07 COUNTY CODE 111

BLOCK DESCRIPTION

12	LAND AREA -SQ FEET.....	24,500
III 13	LAND COST.....	\$10,000
14	INITIAL ACQUISITION -YEAR.....	1932
15	LAST ACQUISITION -YEAR.....	
16	BUILDING ACQUIRED BY GSA -YEAR.....	
17	BUILDING COMPLETED -YEAR.....	1934
18	FLOORS, MAXIMUM -NUMBER.....	2
19	BUILDING COST.....	\$53,000
20	BUILDING REPLACEMENT COST.....	\$176,000
21	RETENTION LIFE -YEARS.....	15
22	FAIR MARKET VALUE.....	\$
23	GROSS BUILDING AREA -SQ FEET.....	6,956
24	CIRCULATION AREA -SQ FEET.....	320
25	MECHANICAL AREA -SQ FEET.....	425
26	NET AREA ASSIGNABLE BY GSA -SQ FEET.....	
27	NET AREA ASSIGNABLE BY OTHER -SQ FEET.....	5,019
28	BUILDING -TYPE.....	PERMANENT - POST OFFICE
29	STRUCTURE -TYPE.....	WALL BEARING
30	FLOOR CONST. -TYPE.....	CONCRETE BEAMS - RIBBED SLABS
31	FOUNDATION -TYPE.....	SPREAD FOOTINGS
32	EXTERIOR SURFACE -TYPE.....	BRICK
33	EXTERIOR SURFACE INSTALLED -YEAR.....	1934
34	EXTERIOR SURFACE -PERCENT COVERED.....	90%
III 35	LIGHT COURTS OPEN -NUMBER.....	
36	LIGHT COURTS CLOSED -NUMBER.....	
37	SKYLIGHTS -NUMBER.....	1
38	EMERGENCY EGRESS -STATUS.....	ADEQUATE
39	HIST PRESERVE -..... IS NOT POTENTIAL FOR NATIONAL REGISTER	
40	LANDSCAPING -STATUS.....	ADEQUATE
41	PARKING SPACES -NUMBER.....	16
42	BLDG OCCUPANTS PER PARKING SPACE -NUMBER.....	2
43	FLAGPOLES -NUMBER.....	1
44	ROOF AREA -SQ FEET.....	5,300
45	ROOF -TYPE.....	COMPOSITION, TILE
III 46	BIRDPROOFING -STATUS.....	NOT REQUIRED
47	TYPE OF FUEL.....	
48	PLUMBING SYSTEM -STATUS.....	ADEQUATE
49	RESTROOMS, MALE -NUMBER.....	2
50	RESTROOMS, FEMALE -NUMBER.....	1
51	WATERHEATER -TYPE.....	GAS
52	INCINERATOR.....	NO

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ITION REPORT
17 APR 71

REGION 04
BUILDING 230013
90 AREA CODE 1

ICT 1
IAN CENTER

08 BUILDING CLASS 400
09 OPERATING AGENCY P O D
10 INSPECTION CYCLE 4 YEARS
11 FLOOD CONTROL

BLOCK DESCRIPTION

53	KW POWER.....	83	WATTS PER NET SQ FT.....	16.54
54	SERVICE MAINS -NUMBER.....			1
55	UNDERFLOOR DUCTS.....			NO
56	TYPE SERVICE.....	3 PHASE	3 WIRE	240 VOLT
57	EMERGENCY POWER.....			NO
58	FIRE ALARM -STATUS.....			NOT REQUIRED
59	FIRE SPRINKLER -STATUS.....			NOT REQUIRED
60	FALLOUT SHELTER.....			NO
61	ELEVATORS -NUMBER.....			
62	ESCALATORS -NUMBER.....			
63	DUMBWAITERS -NUMBER.....			
64	SIDEWALK LIFTS -NUMBER.....			
65	CAFETERIAS -NUMBER.....			
66	TOTAL SEATING CAPACITY -NUMBER.....			
67	TOTAL VENDING STANDS -NUMBER.....			
68	VENDING STANDS BLIND OPERATED -NUMBER.....			
69	CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING.....			NO
70	WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS -TOTAL TONNAGE.....			1
71	PACKAGE AIR CONDITIONING -TOTAL TONNAGE.....			
72	EVAPORATIVE COOLERS -NUMBER.....			
73	AIR CONDITIONING ZONE.....			A
74	SPACE NOW AIR CONDITIONED -SQ FEET.....			229
75	SPACE TO BE AIR CONDITIONED BY GSA -SQ FEET.....			
76	SPACE TO BE AIR CONDITIONED BY OTHERS -SQ FEET.....			4,033
77	SPACE NOT TO BE AIR CONDITIONED -SQ FEET.....			1,502
78	SPACE TO BE RE-AIR CONDITIONED -SQ FEET.....			229
79	AIR RAID SYSTEM.....			NO
80	WATCHMAN SYSTEM -STATUS.....			NOT REQUIRED
81	R&I FUNDING PERCENT.....			100
82	FIRST BLDG EXTENSION.....	(83)	SQ FT.....	
84	SECOND BLDG EXTENSION.....	(85)	SQ FT.....	
86	THIRD BLDG EXTENSION.....	(87)	SQ FT.....	
88	FOURTH BLDG EXTENSION.....	(89)	SQ FT.....	

U S POST OFFICE
SHARPE AVE AND SOUTH ST
CLEVELAND MISSISSIPPI

R & I WORK LOAD
AS OF DATE 21 MAY

* * * * * WORK ITEM INVENTOR

W I PROJ CAT APPR AAS WORK ITEM TITLE----- CAP ESTIMATED COST

0038 057 430 456 74132 GAS-FIRED UNIT HEATER, NO \$800

REIMB # AGENCY P O D

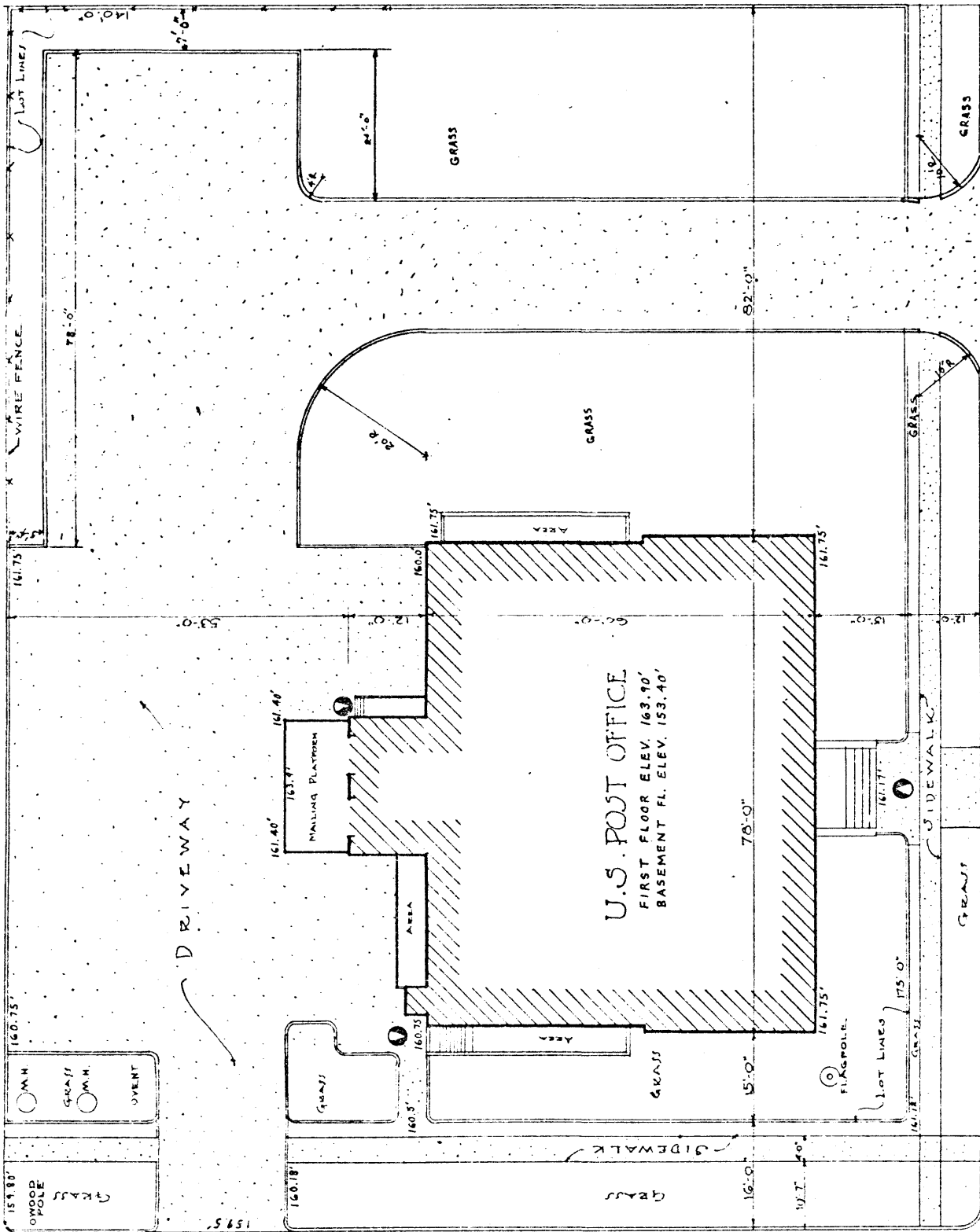
INSTALL A 50,000 BTU SUSPENDED GAS-FIRED UNIT HEATER IN THE
NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ENCLOSED MAILING PLATFORM. HEATER
TO BE EQUIPPED WITH 24-VOLT GAS VALVE WHICH INCLUDES MANUAL
SHUT-OFF VALVE, PILOT SAFETY VALVE AND PRESSURE REGULATOR.
HEATER TO BE CONTROLLED BY WALLMOUNTED THERMOSTAT. HEATER
TO BE VENTED THROUGH ROOF. POD PROJECT PMF 70-36 PER POD
LETTER DATED 2-70. JASCOMB 7002.

***NEW**

OVERDUE -----70----- *****71***** -----72----- *****73**

REIMB # 1
\$ 800

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SOUTH STREET

**ASSIGNMENT
APPROACH PLAN**

SCALE: 1" = 10'
DATE: 10-11-57

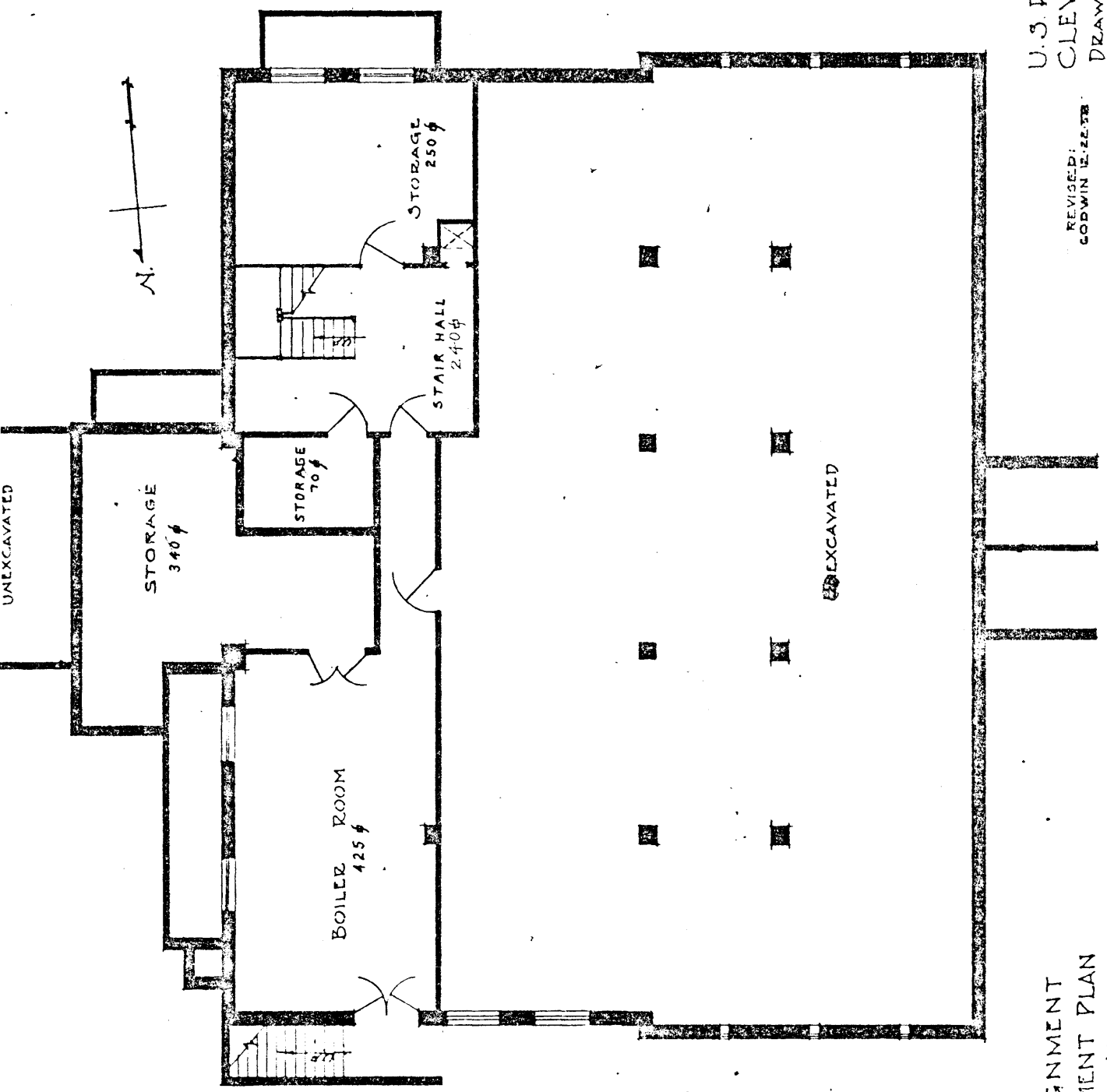
SHARPE AVENUE

NET ASSIGNABLE SPACE 5,019 SQ. FT.
GROSS FLOOR AREA 6,956 SQ. FT.



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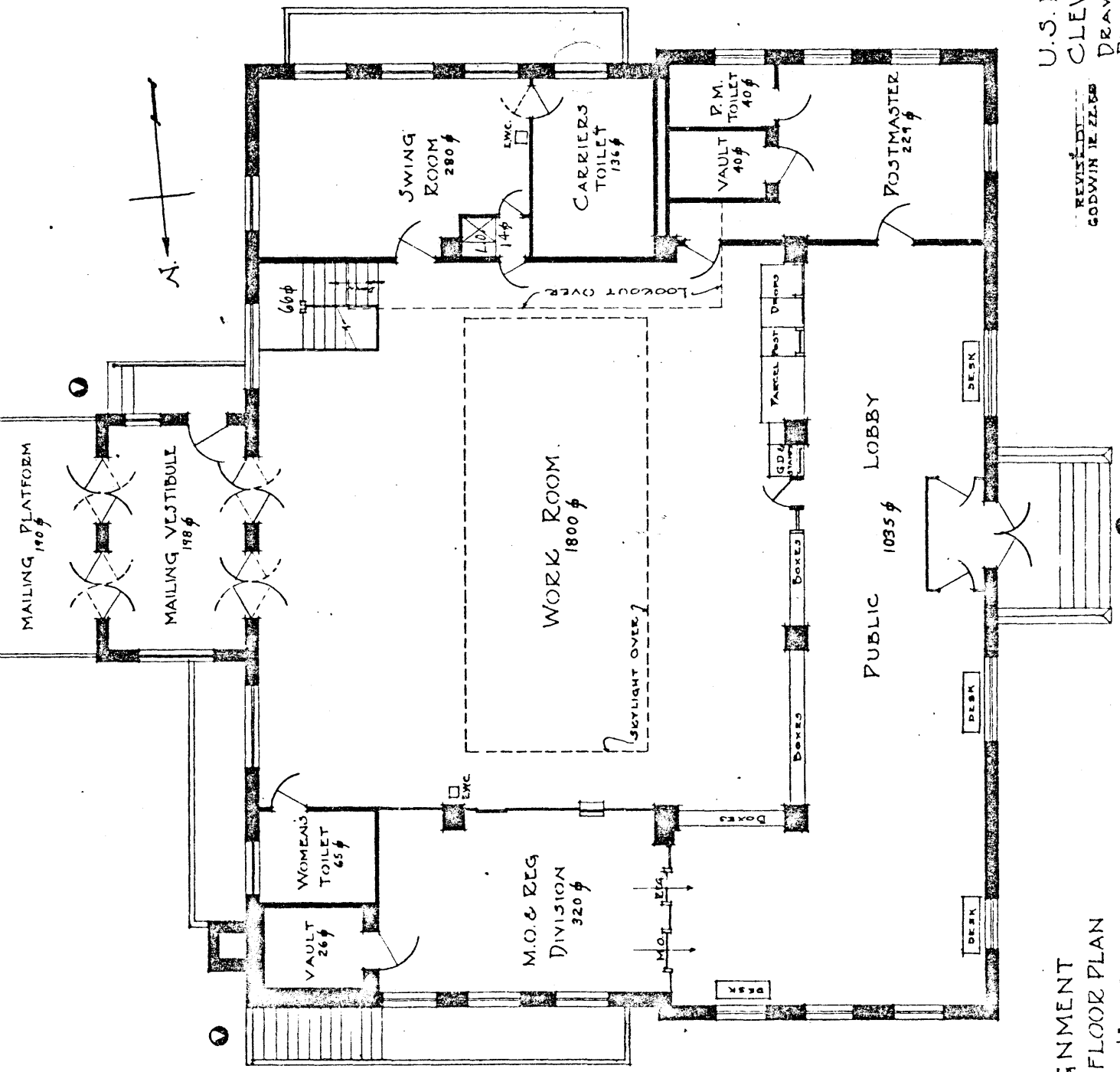
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CLEVELAND, MISS.
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REVISED BY JASCOMB 3-11-57



ASSIGNMENT
 BASEMENT PLAN
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

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 CLEVELAND, MISS.
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 REVISED BY JAS. COMB 3-11-57



U.S. POST OFFICE
 CLEVELAND, MISS.
 DRAWING NO. A3-3
 DRAWN BY GEE H.W./M
 REVISED BY JASCOMB 9-11-57

REVISIONS BY
 GODWIN 12-22-58

ASSIGNMENT
 FIRST FLOOR PLAN
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

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