

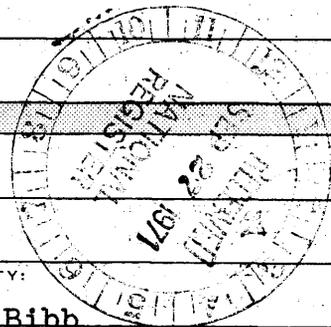
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John J. Flynt, Jr.  
6th Congressional District

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>GEORGIA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>BIBB</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER:	DATE
	<b>JAN 20 1972</b>



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Old U. S. Post Office & Federal Building**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Old U. S. Post Office & Federal Building**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**475 Mulberry Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Macon**

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13** COUNTY: **Bibb** CODE: **021**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**U. S. Post Office**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**475 Mulberry Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Bibb County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Approximately 1 acre**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright**

\* DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Middle Georgia Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Macon Coliseum**

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

\* **2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society**  
**1970 Local**

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A three-story plus basement Georgia marble building was built from 1905 to 1908 to house the Post Office and Federal offices. The original structure was built on a one-quarter of a block tract of land in downtown Macon. The marble exterior is Roman-Ionic in style. The rusticated base extends up to a band course at the second floor level. Above the main entrance on Mulberry Street is a triangular pediment supported by four pairs of double Ionic columns. Recessed between these columns are three tall arched windows that open into the second floor Federal Court Room. The other second floor windows are capped with marble pediments. Above the heavy cornice at the roof, a marble balustrade extends around three sides of the building.

Across the rear of the building a wing was added in 1917 to house more Federal Offices. This addition repeated the exterior wall treatment of the original building on the front and sides but dropped most of the ornamentation on the rear.

The interior public space of the main floor level Post Office area has terrazzo floors, marble base, wainscot and pilasters.

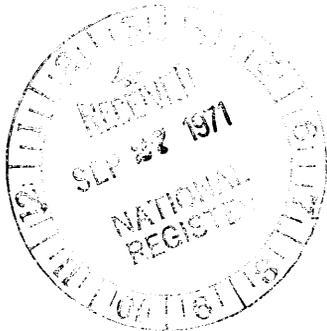
The building is set back from both streets with grass and foliage on both sides, creating a nice setting for a dignified and handsome building.

Office of the Postmaster General advises that James Knox Taylor was the supervisory architect.

The Mankin Construction Company of Richmond, Virginia, which had been awarded the contract broke ground on September 16, 1905.

On Friday, August 7, 1908, postal operations began in the new building.

Previous Courthouse and Post Office was erected on the same site in 1886 and was demolished to make way for the new building described above.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1908**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- losophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>History</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This substantial looking old Post Office and Federal Building has been a Macon Landmark since 1908, indicative of the solidity and majesty of our great nation.

This Roman-Ionic building was constructed of Georgia marble and served its dual purpose admirably as Macon's growth and importance expanded. A new Federal Building was erected in 1964 on College Hill, on the site and of similar architecture as the original Wesleyan Female College, the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women, and it is now the quarters for the main Post Office operation.

The building was well designed to provide excellent working conditions for federal employees, and it was a structure whose appearance added to the dignity of the rapidly developing business section of the city. As it was originally planned, the post office occupied the first floor. On the second were offices of the Judge of the United States Circuit Court and a court room. Offices of the United States marshal occupied one end of the third floor with a room for the weather bureau at the opposite end. This building still houses Federal Courts and other activities.

Harry Stillwell Edwards, famous Macon writer, was postmaster here during the building's construction. Some of his well known works are "Eneas Africamus," "Sons and Fathers," "Marbeau Cousins," and "Isam's Spectacles."

This beautiful marble building is of exceptional architectural merit and adds greatly to the unique character of Macon's Mulberry Street.

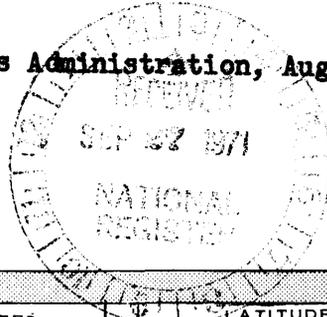
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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Young, Gholson & Hargrove. This History of Macon, Georgia 1823-1949. Macon, Georgia, 1950.

Letter from General Services Administration, August 6, 1971.



**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mr. John J. McKay, Jr., President**

ORGANIZATION: **Middle Georgia Historical Society, Inc.** DATE: **March 22, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**c/o Macon Coliseum**

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name May G. Quirt

Title State Liaison Officer

Date September 20, 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernie A. Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**JAN 20 1972**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
W. Bradford  
Keeper of The National Register

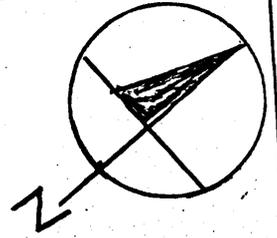
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NEW STREET

CHERRY

MULBERRY



WAL

FIRST

STREET

GRAND OPERA HOUSE  
ALREADY ON N.T.P.

AVENUE

STREET

SECOND

STREET

83°-37'-40"

MACON, GEORGIA  
ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY  
Prepared for The Middle Georgia  
Historical Society  
By Carl Feiss, FAIA, AIP  
And Russell Wright, AIP  
SEPTEMBER, 1970

Scale: 1" = 200'

OLD POST OFFICE  
32°-50'-16"  
88°-37'-33"

THIRD

STREET

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Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE: **Macon, Georgia Architectural Inventory by Carl Feiss, FAIA, AIP and Russell Wright, AIP**

SCALE: **1" = 200'**

DATE: **September, 1970**

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

