

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

Greenfield Main Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

442 Main Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Greenfield N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First Congressional District

STATE

Massachusetts 01301

CODE

0450

COUNTY

Franklin and Hampshire 011

CODE

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.

Franklin County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

425 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Greenfield

STATE

Massachusetts 01301

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

<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

Main Street in Greenfield serves the principal business and commercial districts and continues on as a wide thoroughfare, tree lined with several municipal, religious and public buildings grouped in an area within which the Post Office is centered. Important neighboring buildings include the Greenfield Public Library which is housed in a fine residence known as the Leavitt Hovey House, built in 1797 and designed by the noted architect, Asher Benjamin. This structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and together with the Franklin County Court House, the First Church of Christian Science and the Post Office establishes an area of architectural and historical importance.

The Post Office has a two story center portion which is the original building built in 1915; one story addition added in 1939 to both sides blend harmoniously and continue the architectural theme and construction of the original structure. A granite base supports brick walls laid in English bond with recessed arched panels containing the first floor windows across the front. Broad granite steps with wrought iron rails lead to the front entrance which is the dominant architectural feature. The arched entranceway is executed in stone and is highly sculptured, centered between two pairs of fluted pilasters which extend to the top of the second floor windows and support a pediment with a denticulated cornice which is continued around the building and is surmounted by a brick parapet. A stone belt course at the second floor window sill line continues as a coping for the later one story wings. The entrance also features free standing cast iron lighting standards with round globes; these mounted on granite piers on each side of the entrance steps. The building is set back from the street and is attractively landscaped.

The lobby was completely changed and renovated in 1939 to accommodate the increase in post office activity. Nevertheless, it reflects the architectural dignity and intent of the exterior. There is a terrazzo floor, polished granite wainscot, stained woodwork and the original vestibule with curved marble panelling, original light fixture and the marble interior entrance surround was retained.

Featured in the lobby is a work of sculpture created in 1941 by Helen Sardeau. The work consists of three figures, separately mounted, executed in bas-relief and made of bronze.

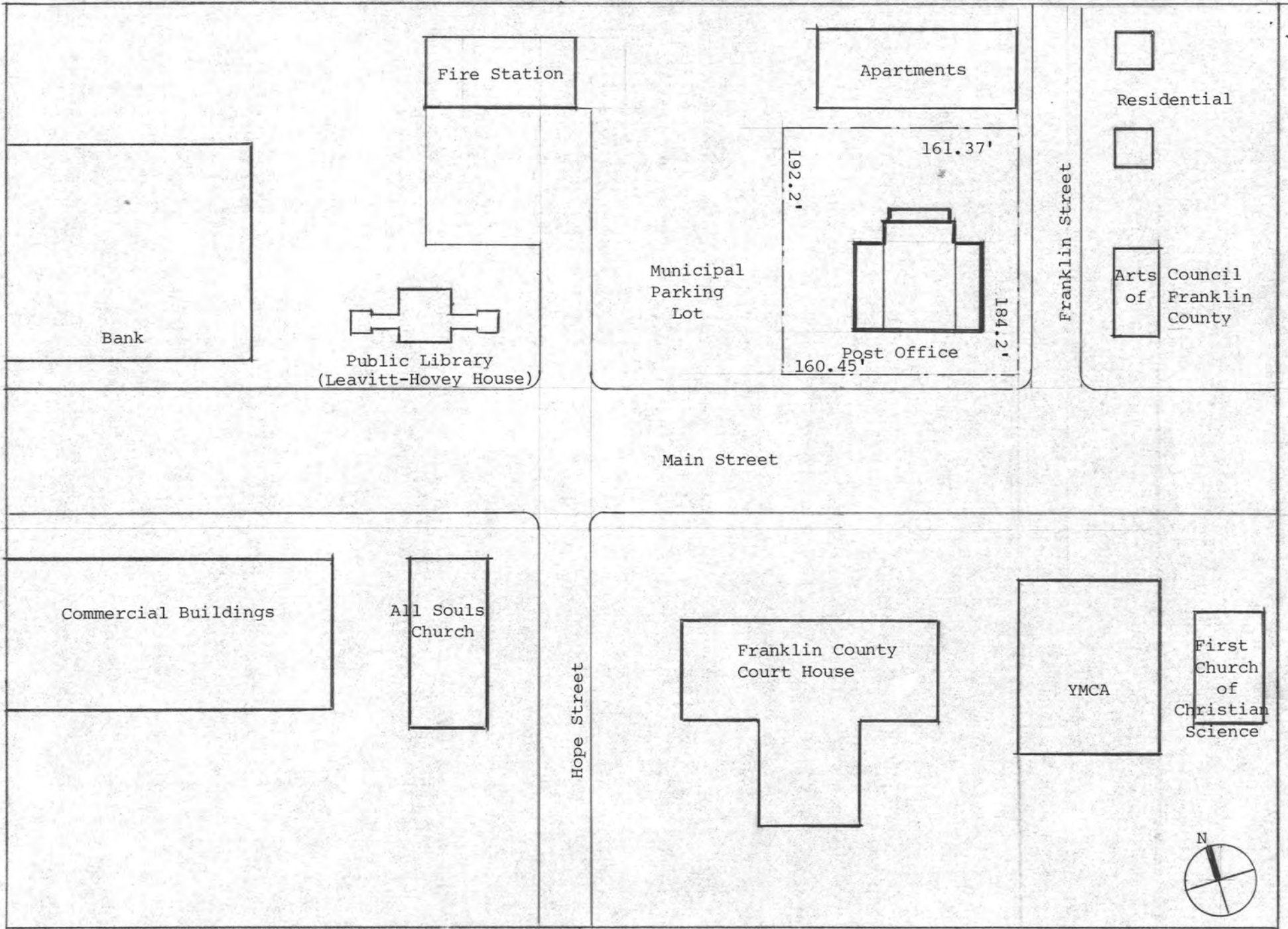
8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<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	Built: 1915	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Oscar Wenderoth, Sup. Architect
	Enlarged: 1939		Louis A. Simon, Sup. Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, designed in 1914 under the administration of Supervising Architect Oscar Wenderoth, reflects the architectural goals of the previous administration which favored stylistic elements from the French Beaux-Arts and Neo-Classical traditions. The trend was to create small post office buildings which would become the most architecturally important structure within the community. This property preserved through the years and enhanced by later additions achieves a dignified presence through the use of ornament, symmetry, and fine materials. Significant to the city as a contributing building, it also characteristically registers federal policy concerning post office construction in small towns.



United States Post Office - Greenfield, Massachusetts

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

United States Post Office--Greenfield Main Post
Office
Franklin County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. NOV 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 12/5/85 - 12/21/85
Action: ACCEPT 12-20-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: USPS

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Eligible as a locally significant example
of early twentieth-century Academic
Eclecticism manifested in the Neo-Classical
mode in a prominent institutional bldg.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer Sarge
Discipline Architectural History
Date 12-20-85
____ 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Please provide acreage although it is not given, the acreage is approximately .7 derived from exact square footage of lot which is given.

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
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Main Post Office
Greenfield, MA

Greenfield Main Post Office
Greenfield, MA
David R. Hooker
Sept. 15, 1982
Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates
Front elevation



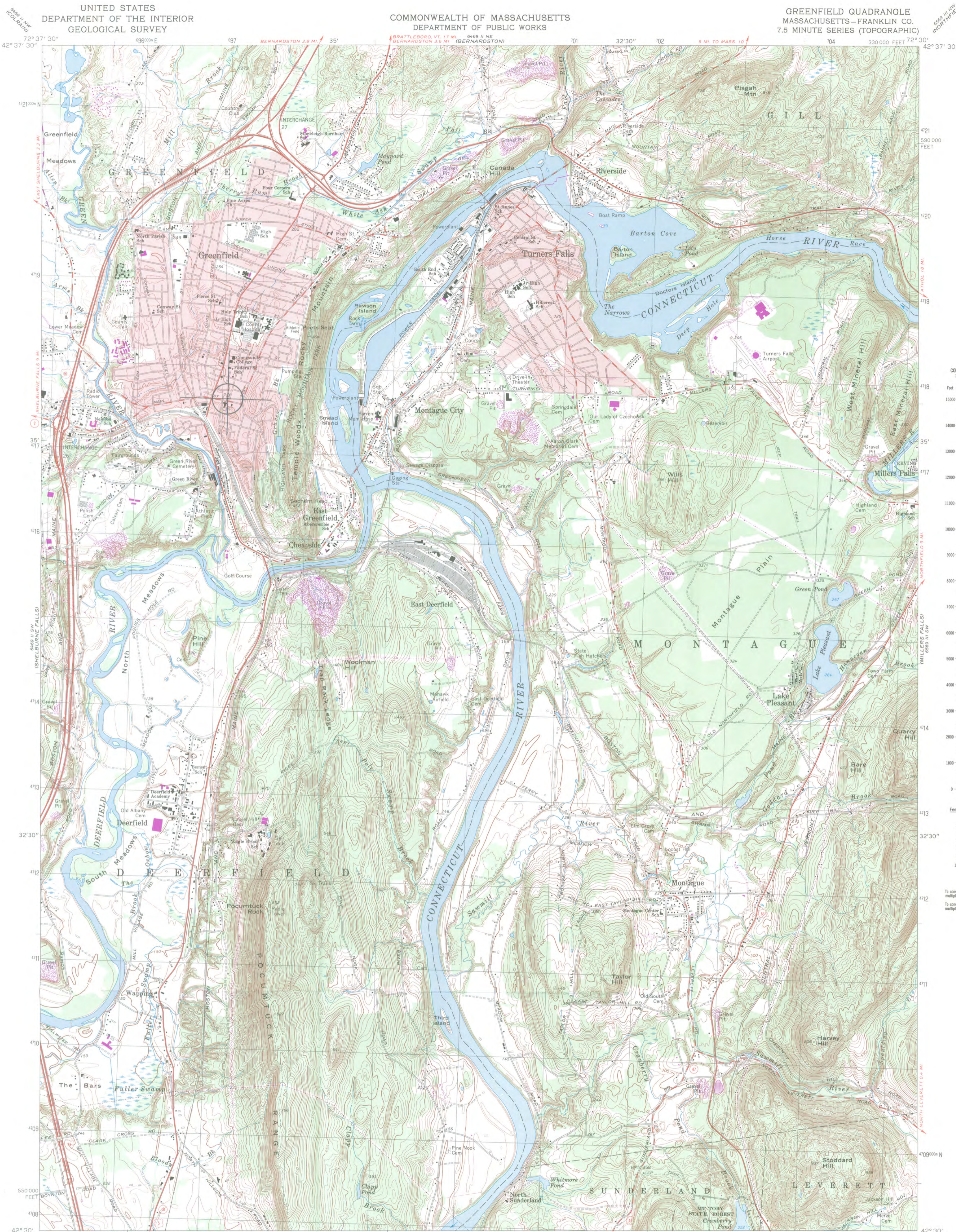
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Front elevation. Right view



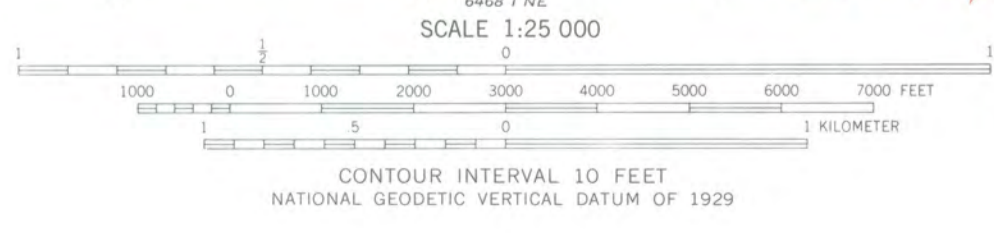
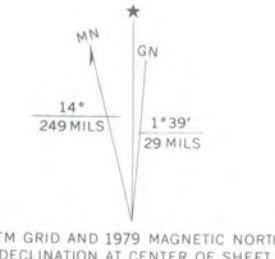
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Front elevation. Left view



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To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808

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photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1968
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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 18
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ Interstate Route □ U. S. Route ○ State Route

U.S. POST OFFICE
GREENFIELD, MA
UTM REFERENCE:
18/597030/4717310

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

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Massachusetts agencies from aerial photographs taken 1975 and other
source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979

GREENFIELD, MASS.
N4230—W7230/7.5
1968
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 6469 II SE—SERIES V814



FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE
P.O. Box 324
Lexington, MA 02173-0324

June 17, 1985

The Honorable Norman Thedeman
Town Manager, Town of Greenfield
Town Hall
14 Court Square
Greenfield, MA 01301

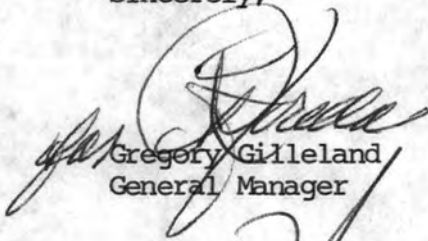
Dear Town Manager Thedeman:

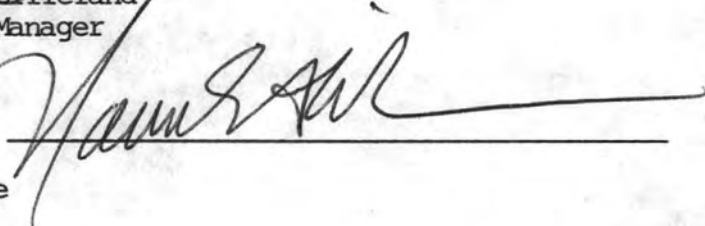
The U. S. Postal Service in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston has evaluated the Main Post Office in Greenfield and has determined it is significant from a historical viewpoint.

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: 

Enclosure

JPC/ljr

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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
JUL 1 9 51 AM '85
NEW ENGLAND FIELD REAL
ESTATE & BLDG. OFFICE
LEXINGTON, MA 02173





UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

October 30, 1985

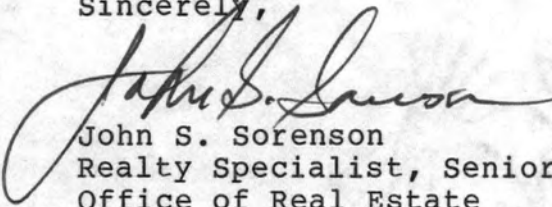
Ms. Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240-1002

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Postal Service hereby submits a nomination for the post office located at 442 Main Street, Franklin/Hampshire County, Greenfield, 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

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