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County Hamilton

Inventory # I-31-502

Temp. Field # 13

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Historic Name U.S. Post Office of Chattanooga Common Name Federal Building  
Owner Federal Government Address U.S. Postal Service  
Headquarters Southern Region  
Property Location Georgia Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38166

Map: Quad Name Chattanooga No. 105-SE Edition 1969

Historical Data: Date of Construction 1932-33 Source \_\_\_\_\_

Individually featured in the December 1934 issue of The Architectural Record (pp. 431-434) and selected in 1938 by the American Institute of Architects as one of the best 150 modern (since 1918) buildings in the U.S. and displayed in the AIA's exhibit in America & Europe

Informant \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Offices \_\_\_\_\_

Present Use Post Office & Federal Original Use SAME

Original Location Yes Moved? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Site Bldg.  Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_ Part of District Thematic

Areas of Significance Architectural

Eligible for NR? Yes Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Property endangered? No By what? \_\_\_\_\_

Photos: B&W: Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ Frame # \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded by: Martha Carver Date Recorded: February, 1979

Address: Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission

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Architectural Data: Construction: Frame  Log  Brick  Stone

No. of stories 5 Roof type Flat Material \_\_\_\_\_ Original?

Wall covering: weatherboard  B&B  Vertical board  None

Tongue and Grooved \_\_\_\_\_ Sawn \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

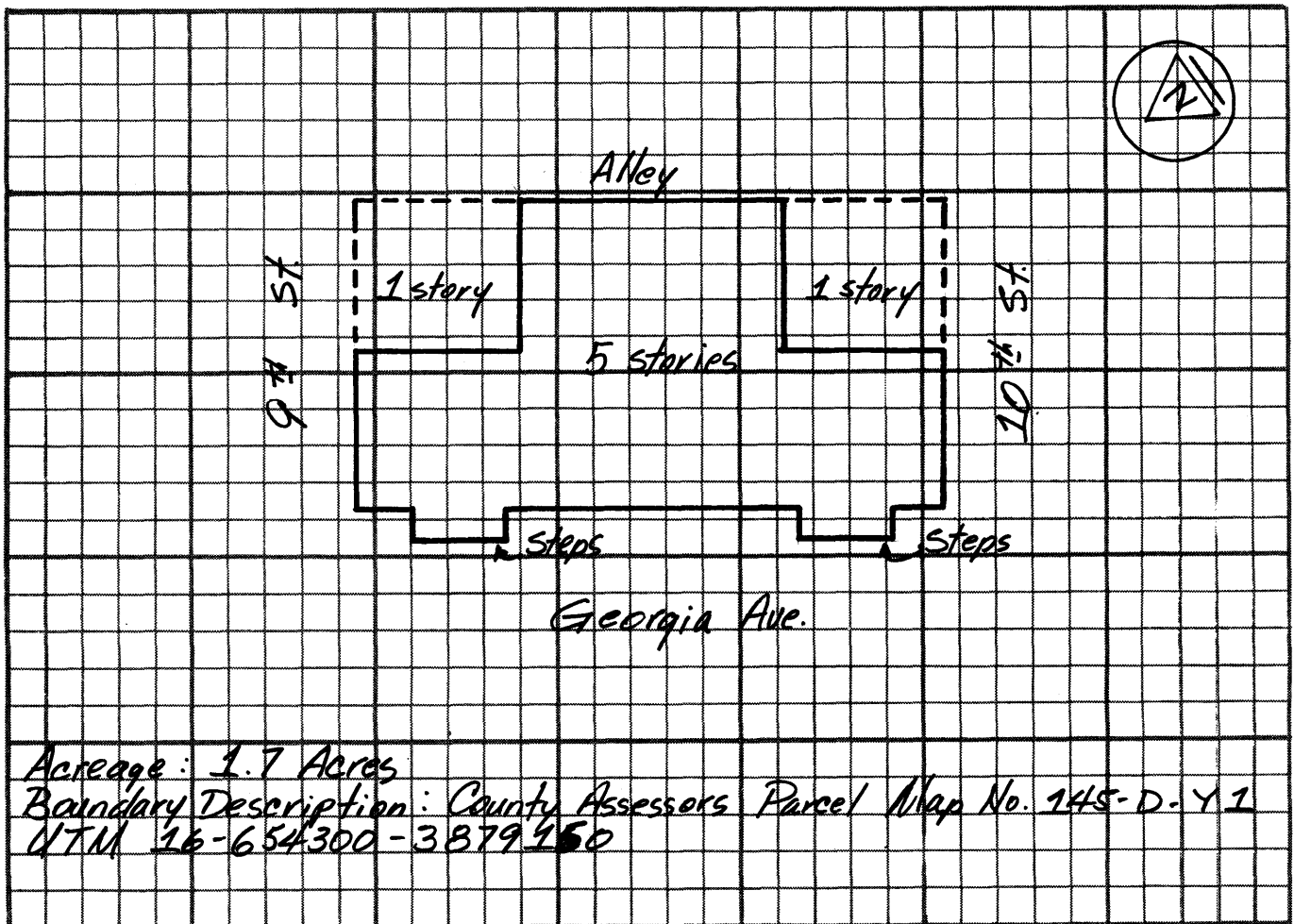
Chimney: No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Material \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation: Pier  Stone  Brick  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Plan Rectangular

Architectural Notes Attached

Sketch Plan Below (include North, door and window locations, etc.):



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Acreage: 1.7 Acres  
Boundary Description: County Assessors Parcel Map No. 145-D-Y1  
UTM 16-654300-3879450

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U.S. Post Office & Courthouse  
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Art Deco: Uneven roofline, lavish decorative motifs used such as eagles in a band across the facade and on rear wings with the shield of the United States; inset windows with grillwork; foliated and geometric motifs; interior retains much of its original appearance with Art Deco inspired furnishings including decorated elevators, grillwork, railings, and ceiling and floor treatments.

Although this building does not meet the fifty year minimum age requirement, it is important architecturally and is Hunt's most significant Art Deco design in Chattanooga. It is also Hunt's last major design in Chattanooga.

