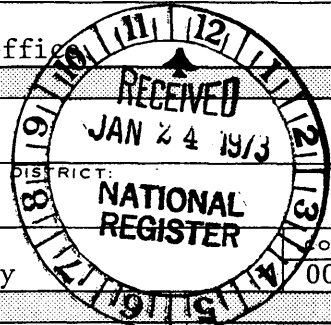


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Allegany
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ENTRY DATE	APR 19 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Public Safety Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Post Office; U. S. Courthouse and Post Office

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Southwest corner of Frederick and Liberty Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

COUNTY:
Allegany

CODE:
001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) City Police Station and Jail

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, North Centre Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE:
Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Post Office in Cumberland (1902-1904) is an excellent example of Georgian Revival as designed by a "creative eclectic," James K. Taylor, Supervising Architect of the United States Treasury from 1897 to 1912. Rather than the Georgian, or more correctly, Colonial Revival, as practiced by other architects relying on American examples, the Old Post Office is perhaps closer to the original eighteenth-century English models (City Hall in York, for example). An American version of an English neo-Palladian building, the source for the Old Post Office could probably be easily found in the same architectural pattern books--those by British architects like James Gibbs and Colon Campbell--which inspired eighteenth-century American houses like Mount Airy (Richmond County, Virginia, c. 1765, and innumerable other Maryland and Virginia examples), as well as public buildings like those by Peter Harrison (the Market House, Newport, Rhode Island, c. 1761).

Similar to the central block of a five-part "country house" (Tryon Palace in New Bern, North Carolina, a reconstruction, is a good example of this), the Old Post Office is a simple, three-story rectangular block. The upper two stories are brick raised from a monumental stone base. The three center bays of the symmetrical, five-part facade are defined by four engaged Ionic (Roman) columns, on the second and third levels, and form a pavilion which is topped by a full entablature and a pediment complete with bull's-eye window. This pavilion is quined as are the corners of the main block. There are rusticated surrounds on each main doorway; splayed lintels, or full entablature (on the pavilion windows); window balustrades (on second level windows); and a roof balustrade.

Somewhat similar in style, materials, etc., to the post office by the same architect in Annapolis, the Old Post Office is indicative of a period when the Federal Government took some care and expense in the design and construction of its buildings. The Old Post Office's exterior integrity should be maintained (and perhaps cleaned) for its attractive and dignified appearance make a stabilizing focal point in this part of downtown Cumberland.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

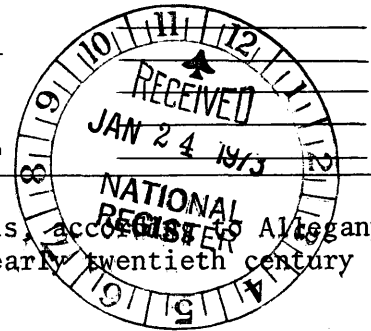
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1902-1904

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Public Safety Building, or Old Post Office, is, according to Allegany Countians, the sole example of late nineteenth, early twentieth century Georgian Revival architecture in the county.

The building, originally the United States Courthouse and Post Office, was built during the tenure of James Knox Taylor (1859-c. 1929) as Supervising Architect of the United States Department of the Treasury, the department responsible for the construction of federal buildings. From 1897 to 1912 while Taylor was Supervising Architect, his office designed approximately three hundred structures. Taylor's buildings, as a rule, are neo-classical or neo-Georgian which echoes the eclectic tone of American architecture of the turn of the twentieth century. Although, perhaps not as well known as his contemporaries, Daniel Burnham or Stanford White, his architectural career merits more attention than it has received. Taylor's appointment as Supervising Architect, the sheer volume of his work for the federal government, his tenure at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as Chairman of the Architecture Department, testify to his rank among the architects of his time. The post office on Church Circle in Annapolis, included within the National Historic Landmark district, another of Taylor's works, reflects the same architectural style as his Cumberland Post Office built in 1902-1904.

An Act of Congress--approved on February 20, 1895--provided for the erection of a federal courthouse and post office in Cumberland. Four years later the federal government, through the office of the Supervising Architect, purchased a site from John H. Holzshu, a Cumberland real estate dealer and Republican politico, for \$20,000. Holzshu's name, along with that of one of his close associates, U. S. Senator George L. Wellington (a Maryland republican), figures prominently in the official correspondence about the purchase of suitable Cumberland property for the post office. Not incidentally, Holzshu was the postmaster for Cumberland under President William McKinley.

Construction began in 1902 after the Maryland legislature had permitted the United States to purchase land in Cumberland and after Congress raised the maximum cost limit from \$75,000 to \$125,000. Opened in mid-1904 the building was the sixth location of the Cumberland post office department since the first one which was opened in a log building in 1795.

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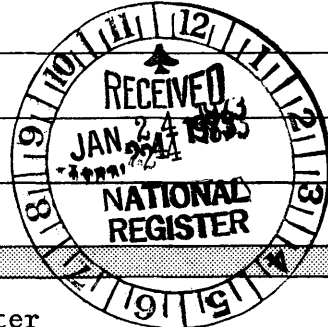
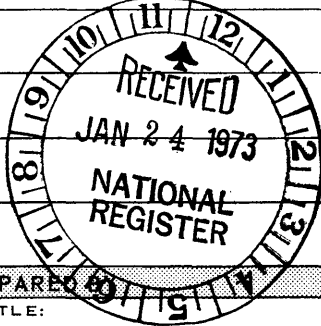
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-half acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: May 12, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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 Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer
for Maryland

Date May 12, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 13 1973

Date _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 4/10/73

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

By 1926 Taylor's structure was no longer adequate for federal needs. Within seven years a new federal building replaced the 1902-1904 edifice. In December of 1934, the City of Cumberland bought the earlier, vacant structure which became the Public Safety Building, the headquarters of the Cumberland police.

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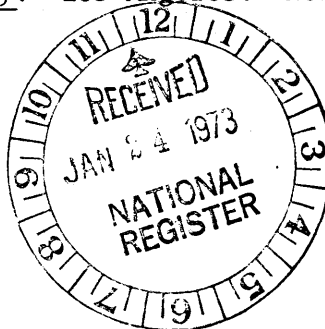
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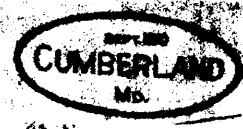
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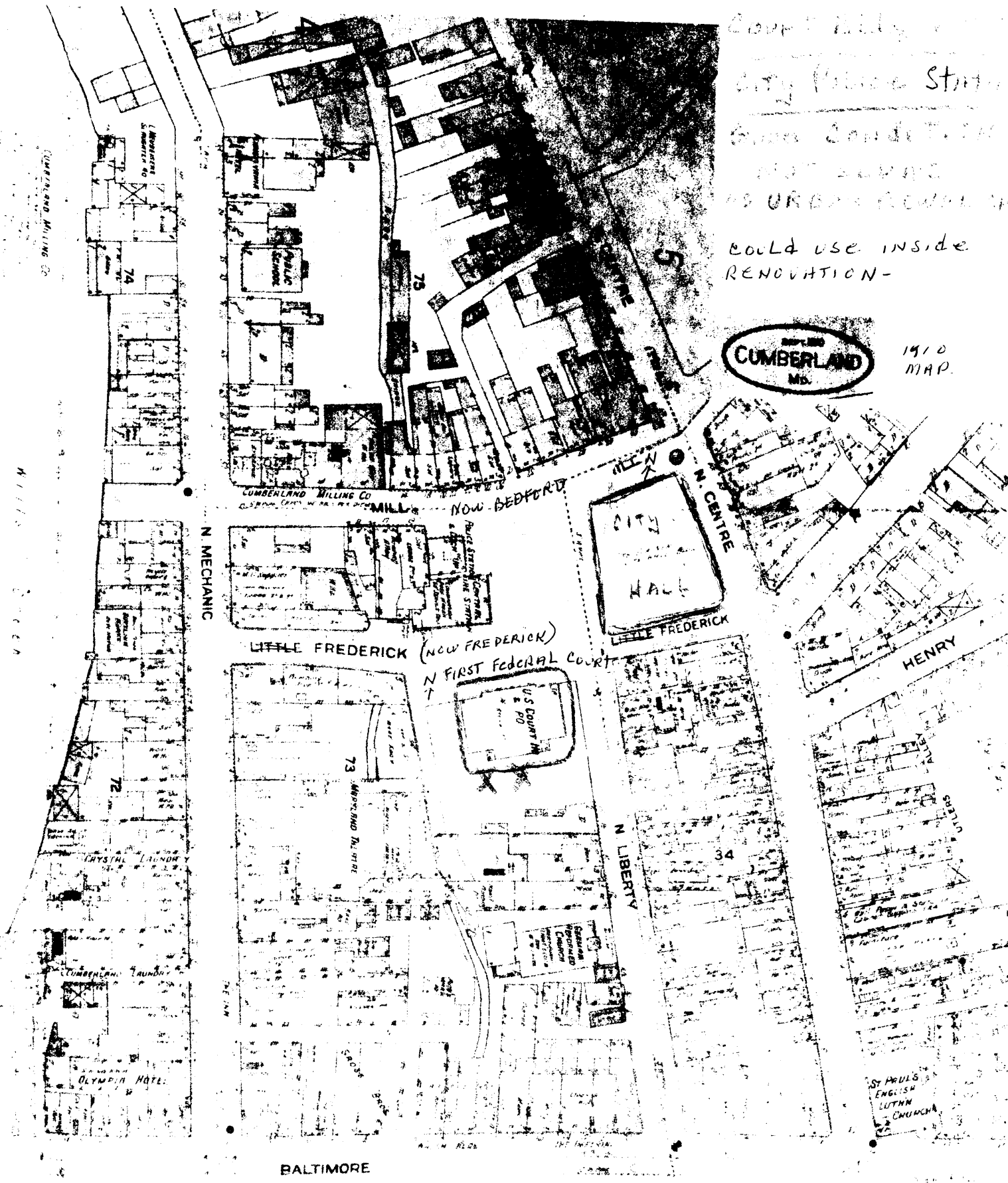
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Court Building
 City Police Station
 from conditions
 not sound
 as urban renewal
 could use inside
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1970 MAP



BALTIMORE

ST. PAUL'S
ENGLISH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CUMBERLAND QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale: 1:24,000
1949

Lat. 39° 39' 09"
Long. 78° 45' 48"



TOMAC PARK 1.2 MI.
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78° 47' 30"

1710 000 FEET (P.A.)

661

92° 00' 0" E. 2 210 000 FEET (W. VA.)

78° 48'

SHORT GAP 6.2 MI
FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U.S. Route
- State Route

