

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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RECEIVED **MAR 31 1980**
DATE ENTERED **AUG 28 1980**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Oconto Main Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

RECEIVED

MAR 10 1980

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

141 Congress Street

CITY, TOWN

Oconto

STATE

Wisconsin

VICINITY OF

CODE
55

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

COUNTY

Oconto

CODE

083

FIELD REAL ESTATE &
BLDG. OFC. - ST. PAUL, MN

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED
N/A

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED (Semi)
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

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

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

USPS Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Oconto

STATE

Wisconsin 54153

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE 1. Historical Significance Survey - determined to be eligible 8-30-79
2. Wisconsin Inventory Of Historic Places

DATE

USPS 6-6-79 Main Post Office, Oconto XX FEDERAL XX STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

USPS Area Real Estate and Buildings Office
St. Paul, Box 69069 Minnesota 55169

CITY, TOWN

Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

The building is a two-story brick structure constructed in 1922. The structure is of typical Federal design for post offices during that era. An energy savings project has been undertaken and is approximately 70% complete. The project consists of the removal of the old windows on three sides, leaving the front as originally constructed, replacing them with an insulated reflective glass. This change has been coordinated and concurred with by the SHPO. Two lampposts located on the front steps were removed at an earlier date, which is not available. The Post Office building is located on its original site.

This property has already been determined to be eligible for nomination to the National Historic Register by the Keeper of the National Register on 8-30-79.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ANTHROPOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 1922

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Acting Supervising Architect
 James A. Wetmore
 Treasury Dept.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure portrays the typical government architecture for a post office of this size, constructed in the early part of the twentieth century. The symmetrical design of the post office building contains fine arched windows reminiscent of the Georgian Colonial era. The windows contain the small paned sash typical of Colonial architecture. Molding under the cornice is that of the Dentil design, suggestive of the Corinthians entablature. There are features found in the building which are suggestive of the Adams Style or sometimes known as the Federal Style. This style is found in the semielliptical fanlite displayed above the door and also in the design of the windows. Window moldings demonstrate the delicate fluted, low relief effect of Adams. Also, the configuration of the structure with rectilinear and boxlike appearance suggests the "Federal Style". Therefore, two types of architecture are distinctive in the building, the Georgian Revival (1885-1924) and the Adams Style.

The post office building, the only Federal Building in Oconto, plays a significant part in the history of the growth of the city. It clearly stands out among other buildings as having the distinct typical Government architecture of the early part of the twentieth century. The building's significance in Oconto's history, is partially displayed by the interest taken by the Historical Society and the citizens of Oconto. This interest surfaced when a project was proposed to change the type of windows in the post office.

The post office depicts a political era in Oconto's history. Congressman David G. Classen took the initial action to have a Federal post office building constructed in Oconto. It is said that the project became a reality due to the influence Congressman Classen had with Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

N/A

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Quadrangle Name: Oconto East, Wis.
Scale: 1:24000

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .425 acres

UTM REFERENCES

(16/431460/4970700)

A	16	4314610	4970700
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is located on the Northwest corner of Congress Street and Ellis Avenue. The site is rectangular measuring 132 feet on Congress Street and 140 feet on Ellis Avenue.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

JACK TRAGIAT, Real Estate Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Field Real Estate and Buildings Office

STREET & NUMBER

180 E. Kellogg Blvd.

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul

DATE

February 27, 1980

TELEPHONE

725-7385

STATE

Minnesota 55169

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Munnery

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 D. L. Warner

TITLE

Director, Office of Real Estate
Real Estate and Buildings Dept.

DATE

February 27, 1980

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

Carol O'Shull

DATE

8-28-80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Kristen O'Connell

DATE

5/20/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

OCONTO, WISCONSIN.

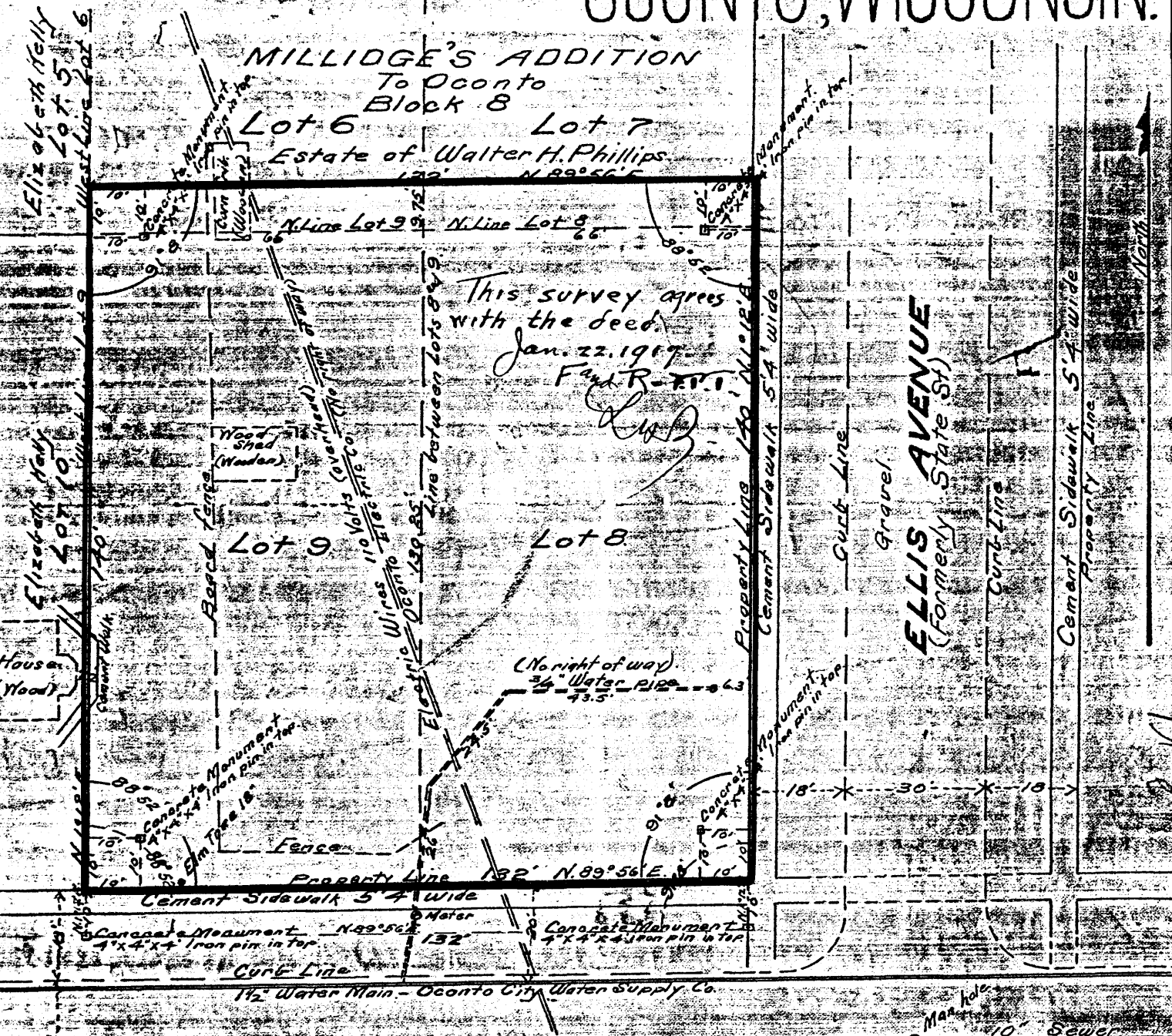
MILLIDGE'S ADDITION
To Oconto
Block 8

Lot 6 Lot 7
Estate of Walter H. Phillips

132' N. 89° 56' E

This survey agrees
with the deed
Jan. 22, 1917
Fair - III.

W.B.

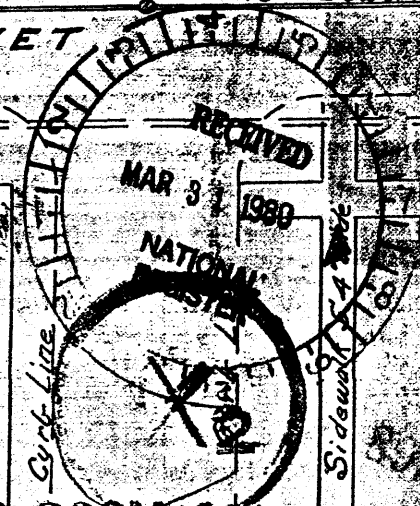


CONGRESS STREET
(Formerly Oconto St.)

I, W. B. Hall, City Engineer, of the City of Oconto, do hereby certify that I have made the survey and the annexed plat and that the same is a true representation of the property and that the true street and lot lines are as shown on the plat.

W. B. Hall
City Engineer

No officially established building lines in City



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