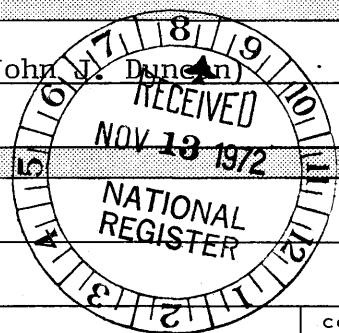


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Knox	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>MAR 20 1973</b>	DATE



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Post Office Building (Representative John J. Duncan)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner of Clinch and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Knoxville

STATE: Tennessee      CODE: 47      COUNTY: Knox      CODE: 93

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Tennessee Valley Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner of Clinch and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville      STATE: Tennessee      CODE: 47

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Knox County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville      STATE: Tennessee      CODE: 47

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Post Office Building at the corner of Clinch and Market Streets in downtown Knoxville is credited to architect Alfred B. Mullett. It was built circa 1869-73 of Tennessee marble in the Renaissance Revival style.

The building is three stories with fairly straight-fronted walls excepting the small projection defining the entrance areas. Rusticated quoins contrast with the smooth surface of the walls. First floor openings, which are arched with keystones, are joined by a string course. Second and third story windows in the projected or entrance areas are treated with a complete entablature above each; those windows on the recessed surfaces are framed only in architraves. The roof behind the heavy cornice is not visible from the street.

The west wing, although later in date, is compatible with the original building. Details such as the cornice are simpler.

With few exceptions, interior details have been altered or replaced.



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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1869-73

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the time of its construction in 1869-1873, the Post Office Building in Knoxville was considered one of the finest structures in east Tennessee. It is now one of the few early buildings of distinction preserved in the city.

A. B. Mullett served as supervising architect for the post office. Built of Tennessee marble, the building housed the post office on the first floor, with courtrooms and other federal offices on the second and third floors. The wing was added in the early twentieth century. In 1933, the post office moved to a new building, and presently, the old structure is used as offices for the Tennessee Valley Authority.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Rule, William, (ed.) Standard History of Knoxville, Tennessee (Chicago, 1900).

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Ellen Beasley**

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission**      DATE: **11-1-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**403 7th Avenue, North**

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville**      STATE: **Tennessee**      CODE: **047**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 Michael J. Smith  
Title Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
Date 11-8-72

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

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

Date 3/20/73

ATTEST: W. M. [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.14.73