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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States Post Office in Lumberton is located in the central busi-It is Colonial Revival in style. A brick basement level rises above grade to a limestone water table. The elevated main floor is made accessible by a long flight of granite steps in three runs which has cast iron railings. The exterior walls consist of one full story crowned by a limestone frieze with dentils and cornice which is continuous around all four facades. Above that a brick parapet with limestone coping partially hides a complete mezzanine level covered by a tile-covered mansard roof. The parapet is punctured in four areas by limestone balustrades corresponding to each bay on the main floor level. Fenestration in the mezzanine level consists of dormer windows on all facades. The roof over this intermediate area is of the flat. built-up type. Dormer windows are wooden, double hung six over six sash. The street facade consists of five bays reading window-window-door-window-window. The central doorway is articulated by a large, limestone portico utilizing class-These include four large modified Corinthian columns supporting a modillioned pediment. Two Corinthian pilasters support the portico on the main The doorway is highlighted by a pair of fluted pilasters, twelve-light transom window, and an architrave with dentils and cornice. Windows in this facade are wooden, double hung, twelve over twelve sash having limestone lintels and sills. The keystones are articulated in the lintels. Unadorned limestone panels set flush with the brick appear above each window. Brick quoins articulate the building's corners. The northeast and southwest facades consist of six bays of windows each, with five dormers on the former and four on the latter facade in the mezzanine level. A partial basement level exists under the rear half of the building. A mailing vestibule and platform project from the rear (northwest) facade. Brick masonry laid in the common bond is used throughout.

The interior plan (see attached plan drawings) consists of an L-shaped public lobby with the postmaster's office on the southwest side about midway back. The remaining area on the first floor is given over to a large work-room and the aforementioned vestibule and loading platform. The mezzanine level includes office space, a swing room, and a lookout located over the postmaster's office and vault area. The lobby contains a polychrome glazed tile floor, marble wainscoting, and the original wooden vestibule and its wainscoting.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES February, 1932 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Algernon Blair-Montgomery, AL Office of the Supervising Archi-

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Politics/Government

The first Public Buildings Act of 1913 and the second Public Building Act of 1926 were supplemented in 1933 by Congress, on the urging of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. Between 1933 and 1941 a tremendous amount of construction resulted in the United States, including four post offices in Mississippi constructed under the 1926 Act and thirty-two post offices in Mississippi constructed under 1933 PWA legislation.

The U.S. Post Office in Lumberton, Mississippi, built in 1932, is significant as one of four constructed in the state under the Public Buildings Act of 1926. It was designed by the Office of the Supervising Architect and built by Algernon Blair of Montgomery, Alabama. The Post Office was a part of a stepped up public works program designed by President Herbert Hoover to relieve unemployment during the early stages of the Great Depression. (See also "Federal Construction Work 1913-1941").

Architecture

This Post Office and the City Hall are the two most significant governmental buildings in Lumberton. An elaborate example of the Colonial Revival Style, the structure is distinguished by its projecting limestone portico, parapet with limestone balustrade section and dormer windows with segmental heads. The result is an edifice of unrivaled monumentality and architectural sophistication within the community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography attached to narrative entitled "The Treasury Department's Section of the Fine Arts Program" and "Federal Construction Work 1913-1941."

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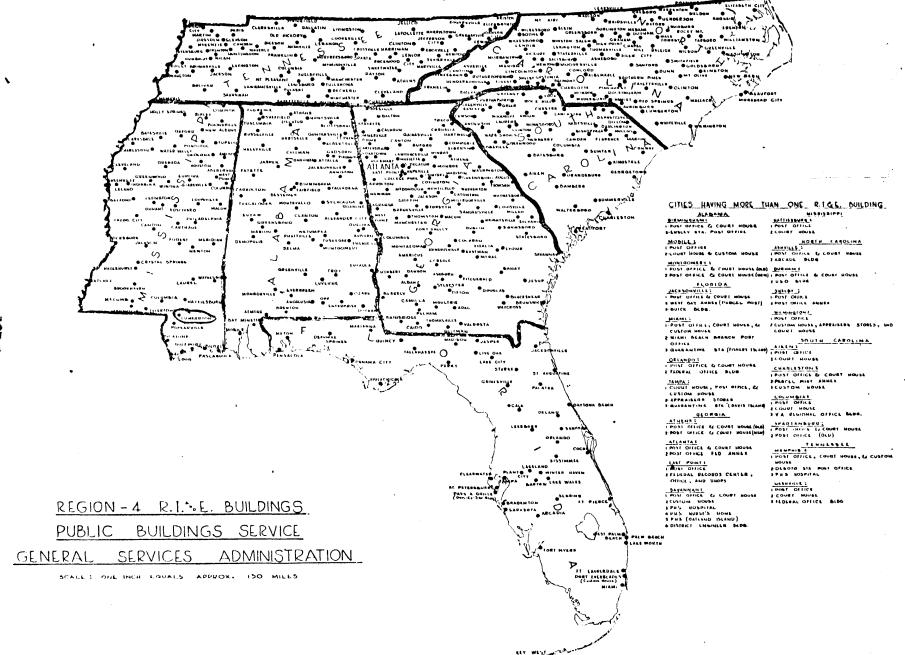
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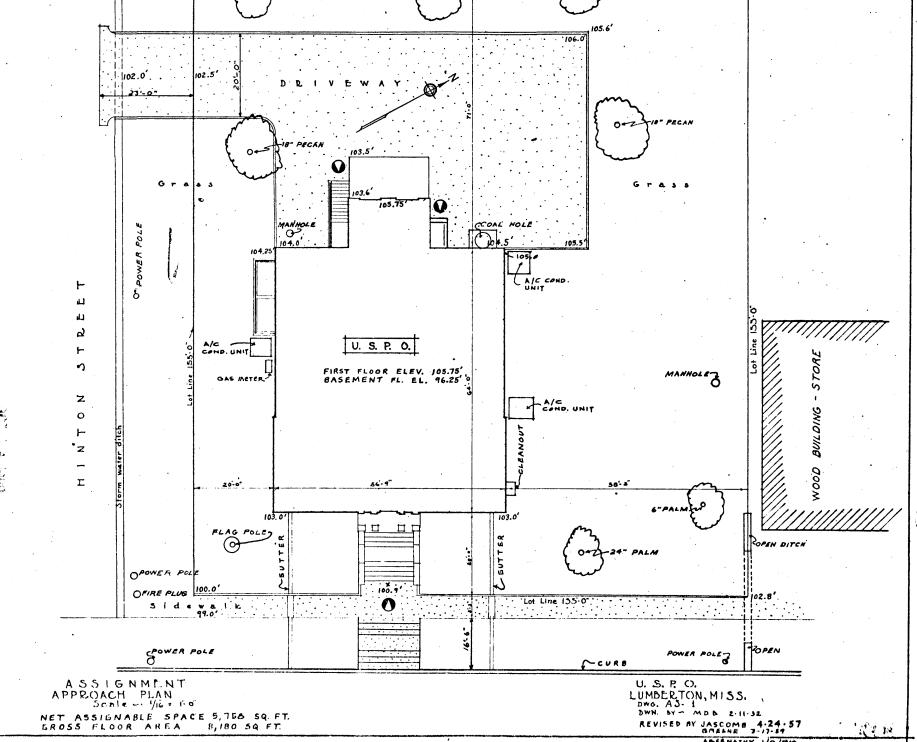
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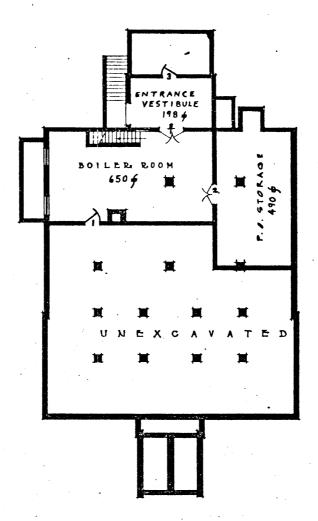






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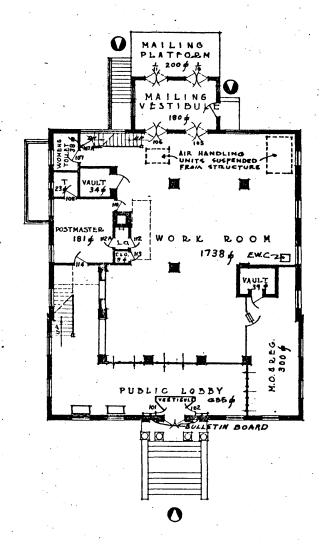
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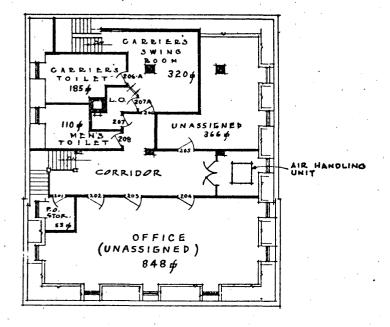


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