

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

U. S. Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

Henry Street Station (formerly Main Post Office)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

134 North Henry Street

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Morristown

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#1

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Hamblen

CODE

063

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Memphis Field Real Estate and Buildings Office, U. S. Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

1 North Front Street, P. O. Box 3744

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee 38173-0744

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chancery Clerk's Office - Hamblen County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West First Street

CITY, TOWN

Morristown

STATE

Tennessee 37814

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Hamblen County

DATE

1979

__ FEDERAL STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

701 Broadway Nashville, Tennessee

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 United States Post Office in Morristown, Tennessee is located one block north of the central business district and one block south of the Morristown Historical District. It is a two story building with basement and the exterior is of beautiful cut bedford limestone. It was constructed in 1915 under the auspices of the Department of the Treasury. This building is now referred to as Henry Street Station as a new Main Post Office was erected in 1960.

The elevated main floor is made accessible by a flight of granite steps with castiron railings. The street facade is divided into five bays reading window-window-door-window-window. Above the three central bays are curved stone window heads with a limestone key. Four columns are planted on the face of the building enclosing the three central bays and supporting a plant architreve bearing the title of the building.

The lobby has a terrazzo floor, marble waincostting and the stairway off north end of lobby is marble. The window frames and trim in lock box and service areas are of natural oak trim. The lobby has the original brass desks.

The loading dock in rear of the building was renovated in approximately 1950 whereby the original single door was replaced by two doors. The building has not been expanded and this change was accomplished in keeping with the original architectural integrity of the building and enhances its usability as a functioning historic structure. The interior was modernized also at approximately this same time by updating heating and cooling systems and adding suspended acoustic ceilings to the office space. The office space generally has plaster walls and vinyl tile floors. The first floor is used for a Post Office and the second floor has been occupied by various nonpostal tenants over the years. It is presently vacant. The basement is basically used for the mechanical operation of the building.

William G. McAdoo was Secretary of the Treasury when the building was constructed and Oscar Wenderoth, who was a Department of Treasury staff architect, was Supervising Architect. No record of the name of the contractor and/or builder could be located.

Floorplans of the building are included as part of this nomination form.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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
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<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 1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Office of Supervising Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, as were most of the buildings during this period, was designed within the office of Oscar Wenderoth who was Supervising Architect at this time. He succeeded James Knox Taylor and continued the design approach which was exhibited by Taylor. This is the Classical Style Architecture as characterized by the balance and formal appearance of the front facade. The building also exhibits characteristics of the Renaissance Revival Stylistic details in the planted columns and architreve. The starkness of the exterior walls is indicative of the Beaux Arts movement which was brought to this small town through this building. The above combination represents Federal Style Architecture and this building is a worthwhile example of the design principles of institutional architecture of this particular period.

Congress authorized construction of the building for post office and government offices June 25, 1910. Construction was completed in 1915 and this was the first Federal Building in the town. Nonpostal occupancy over the years has been varied. Some of the major tenants have been a U. S. Congressman, the Selective Service System, the Civil Service Commission, the F.B.I., Armed Forces Recruiters and various branches of the Department of Agriculture.

There is no known specific historically significant event that took place in or around the building but the historical significance of this building is not to be found in extraneous events which happened to the building. Rather, its meaning is inherent in its having been, for over sixty years, locally perceived as a visual, social and government focus - its impact originating in but extending beyond its official function.

It is not in an historic district but is located only one block south of the Morristown Historic District.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

U. S. Post Office Files
 Blue Prints of Building
 History of Post Office Construction 1900-1940

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .3788 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 29,317,50 4,010,988,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the west corner of the intersection of North Henry and West First Streets. Thence northeast along the right of way of West First Street 110 feet to a point. Thence southeast parallel to North Henry Street 118.5 feet to a point. Thence southwest parallel to West First Street 110 feet to a point on the right of way of North Henry Street. Thence northwest along the right of way of North Henry Street 118.5 feet to the point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ila Ree Odom, Realty Management & Acquisition Analyst February 15, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Memphis Field Real Estate & Buildings Office, U. S. Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1 North Front Street, P. O. Box 3744

901/521-3131

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Memphis

Tennessee 38173-0744

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Herbert E. Styer
 Deputy STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

James W. Dorgan

TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE 3/16/83

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

Louise McClelland

DATE 4/25/83

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Patrick Andrus

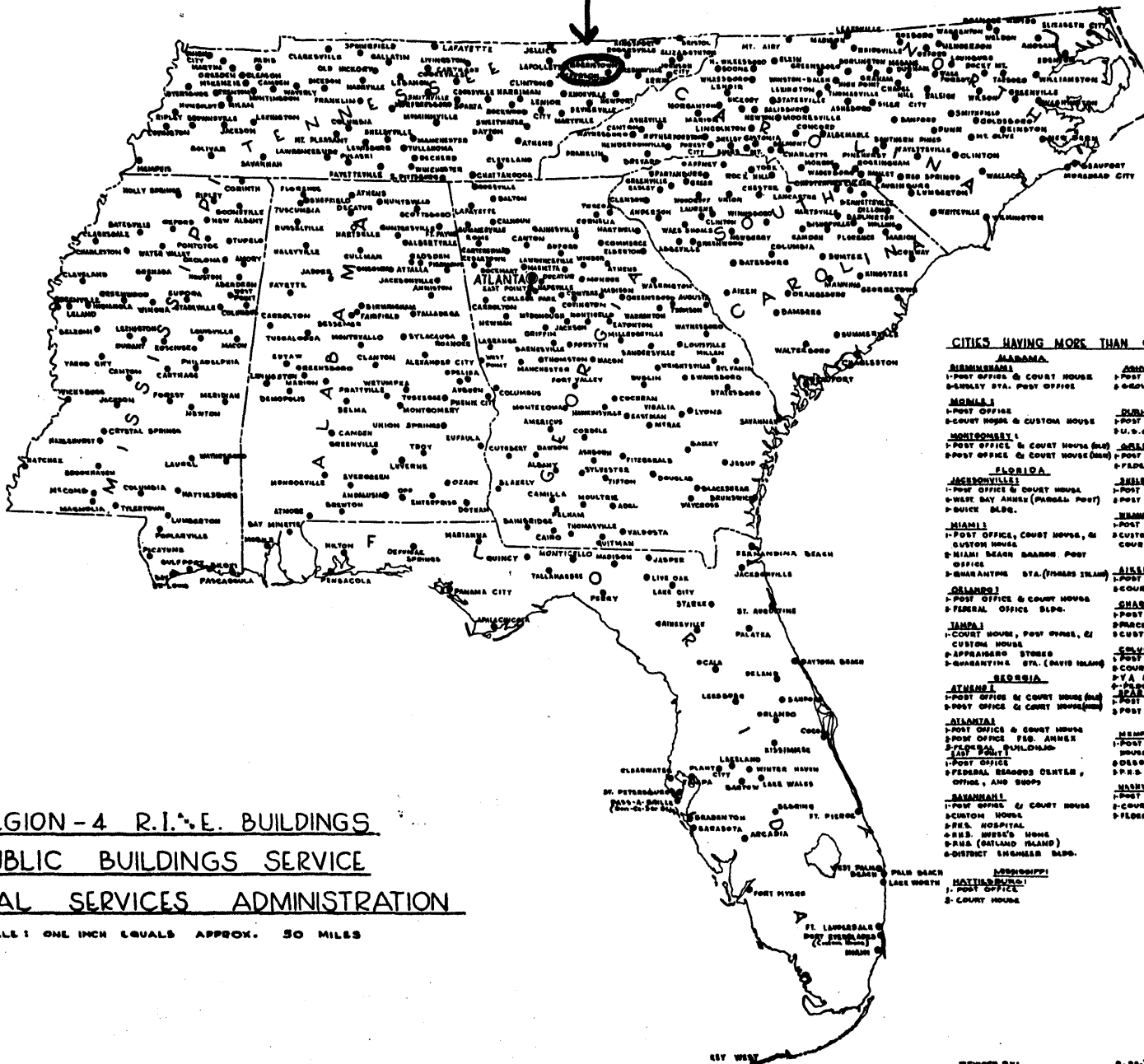
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

for

REGION - 4 R.I.E. BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROX. 50 MILES



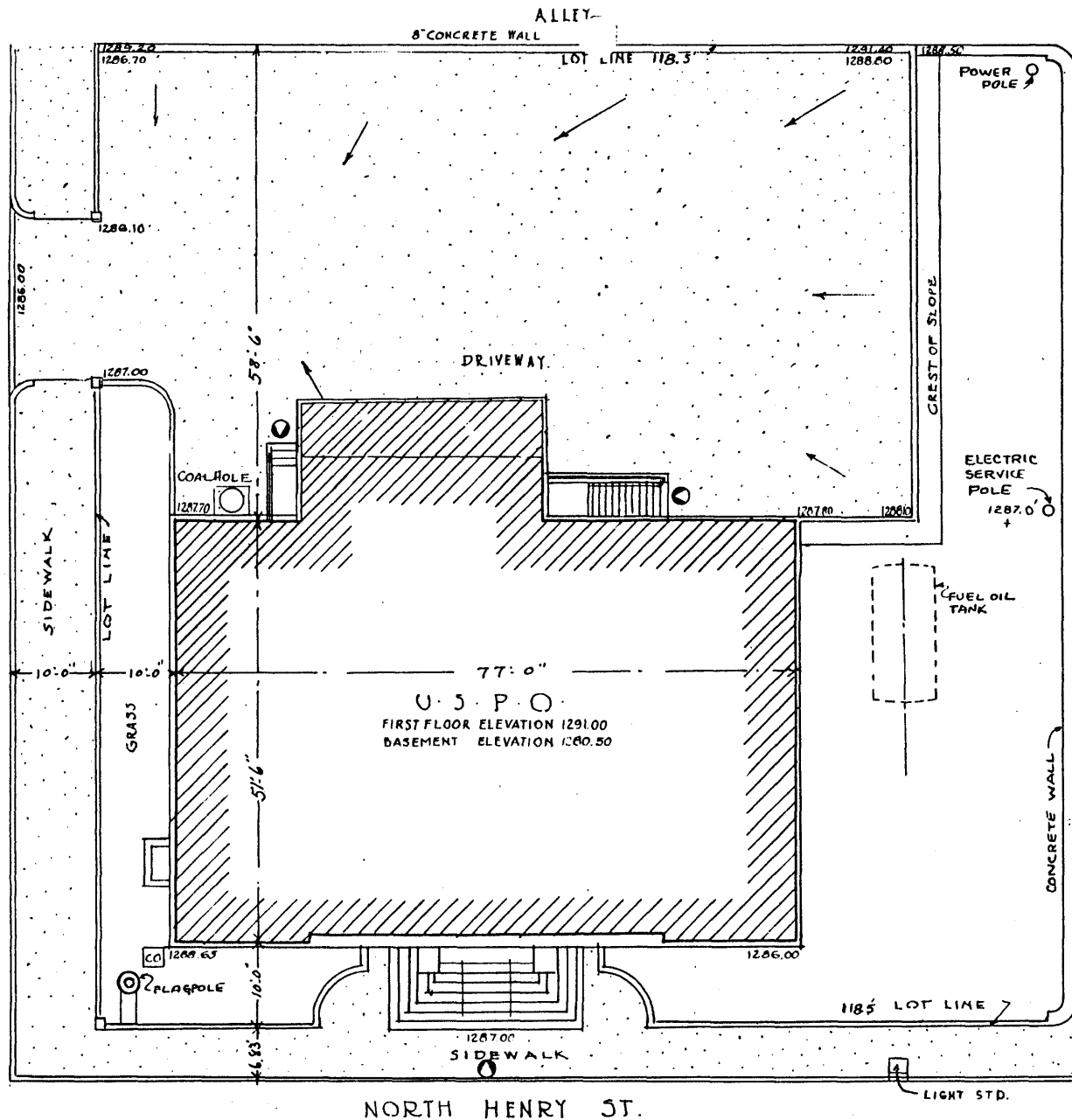
CITIES HAVING MORE THAN ONE R.I.E. BUILDING

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|--|---|
| ALABAMA | NORTH CAROLINA |
| BIRMINGHAM
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-ENCLY STA. POST OFFICE | ASHEVILLE
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-ENCLY ARCADE BUILDING |
| MOBILE
1-POST OFFICE
2-COURT HOUSE & CUSTOM HOUSE | DURHAM
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-U.S.C. BUILDING |
| MONTGOMERY
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE (OLD)
2-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE (NEW) | GREENSBORO
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING |
| FLORIDA | |
| JACKSONVILLE
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-WEST BAY ANNEX (PARCEL POST)
3-DISTRICT BLDG. | JACKSONVILLE
1-ENCLY J
2-POST OFFICE ANNEX |
| MIAMI
1-POST OFFICE, COURT HOUSE, & CUSTOM HOUSE
2-MIAMI BEACH BARND. POST OFFICE
3-SEASANTHME STA. (FISHERS ISLAND) | MEMPHIS
1-POST OFFICE
2-CUSTOM HOUSE, APPRAISERS STORES, & COURT HOUSE (OLD) |
| ORLANDO
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-FEDERAL OFFICE BLDG. | SOUTH CAROLINA |
| TAMPA
1-COURT HOUSE, POST OFFICE, & CUSTOM HOUSE
2-APPRAISERS STORES
3-QUARTERING STA. (DAVIS ISLAND) | ALEXANDRIA
1-POST OFFICE
2-COURT HOUSE |
| GEORGIA | CHARLESTON
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-PRCAL POST ANNEX
3-CUSTOM HOUSE |
| ATLANTA
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE (NEW)
2-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE (OLD) | COLUMBIA
1-POST OFFICE
2-COURT HOUSE
3-V.A. REGIONAL OFFICE BLDG.
4-PARCEL POST OFFICE |
| ATLANTA
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-POST OFFICE FIG. ANNEX
3-ENCLY STA. (MILITARY)
4-POST OFFICE | TENNESSEE |
| ATLANTA
1-POST OFFICE
2-FEDERAL RESEARCH CENTER, OFFICE, AND SHOP | MEMPHIS
1-POST OFFICE, COURT HOUSE, & CUSTOM HOUSE
2-ENCLY STA. POST OFFICE
3-P.S. HOSPITAL |
| SAVANNAH
1-POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
2-CUSTOM HOUSE
3-P.S. HOSPITAL
4-P.S. WIFE'S HOME
5-P.S. (ISLAND ISLAND)
6-DISTRICT ENGINEER BLDG. | NASHVILLE
1-POST OFFICE
2-COURT HOUSE
3-FEDERAL OFFICE BLDG. |
| MISSISSIPPI | |
| MOBILE
1-POST OFFICE
2-COURT HOUSE | |

REVISED BY: 2-21-59

DATE: AUGUST 1956 DRAWN BY: HARVELL

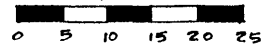
WEST FIRST NORTH ST.



GROSS AREA OF LOT	16500 #
NET AREA OF LOT	11930 #
GROUND AREA OF BLDG.	4350 #
NET AGENCY AREA (NON PO)	1470 #
NET AGENCY AREA (PO)	4780 #
VACANT ASSIGNABLE AREA	600 #
TOTAL NET ASSIGNABLE AREA	6850 #
CONST. MECH. & CIRC. AREA	4335 #
GROSS FLOOR AREA	11195 #

ASSIGNMENT
APPROACH PLAN

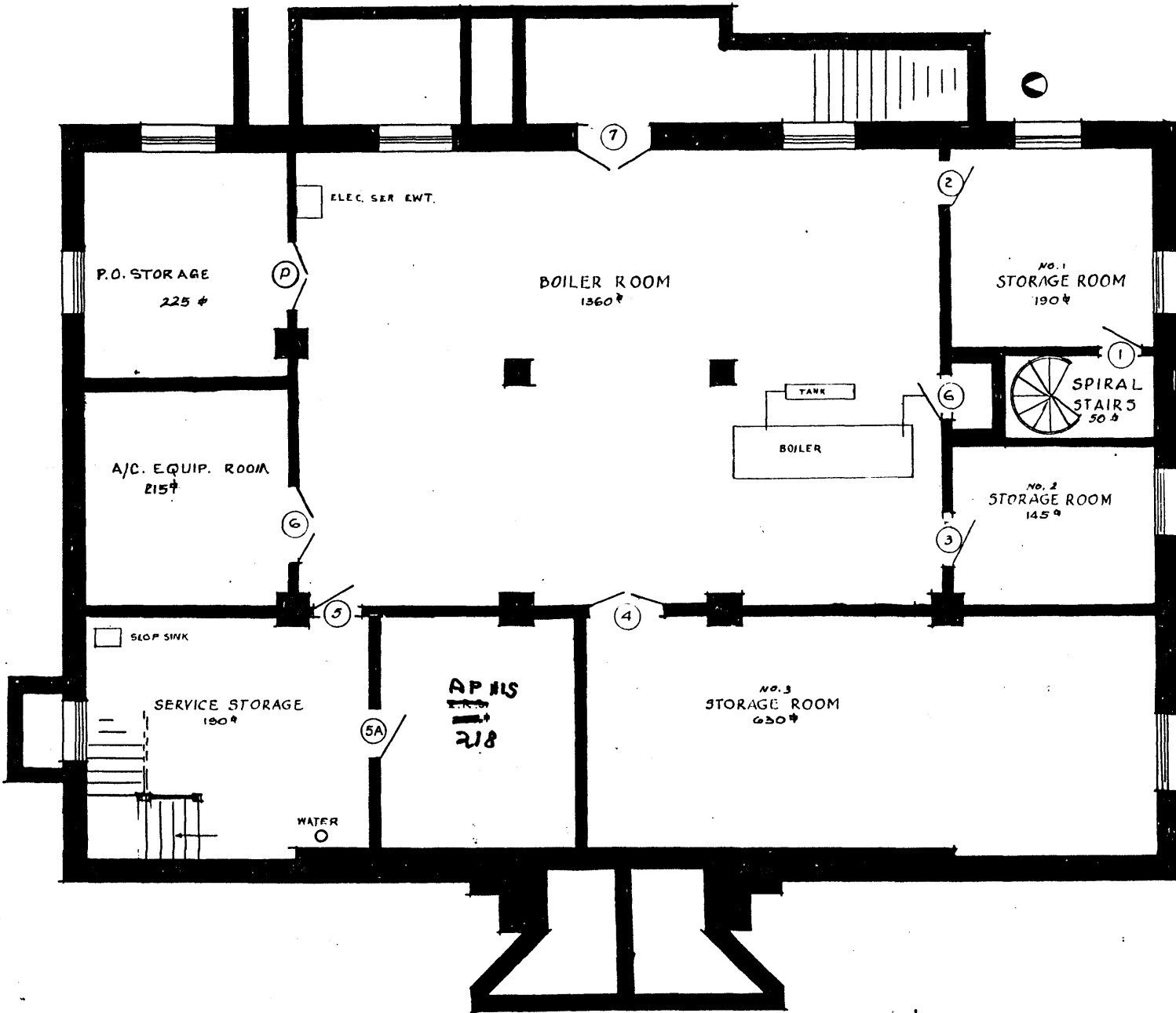
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MORRISTOWN, TENN.

DWG AS. I.
DWN BY T. E. J. 7-15-26
WELCH C-C-65 KAUFMANN 4-22-27
BALE 3-13-28
TRIEDEN 10-28-26

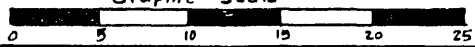




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BASEMENT PLAN

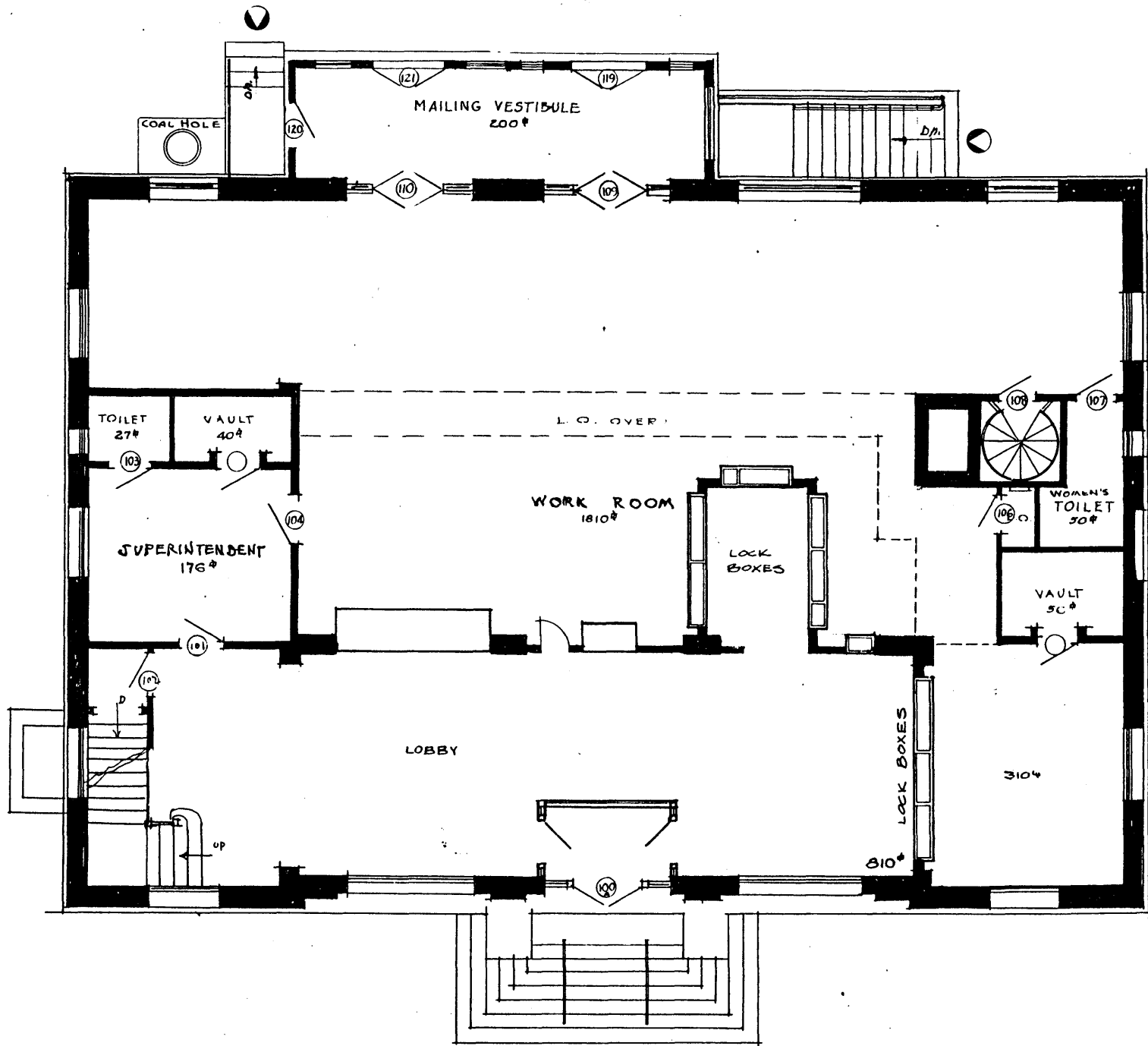
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MORRISTOWN, TENN.
DWG AS.2.
DWN BY M. J. J.
REVISED KALLMANN 4-24-57
GODWIN 2-13-58
WELCH 2-2-58
BARDEN 10-25-58





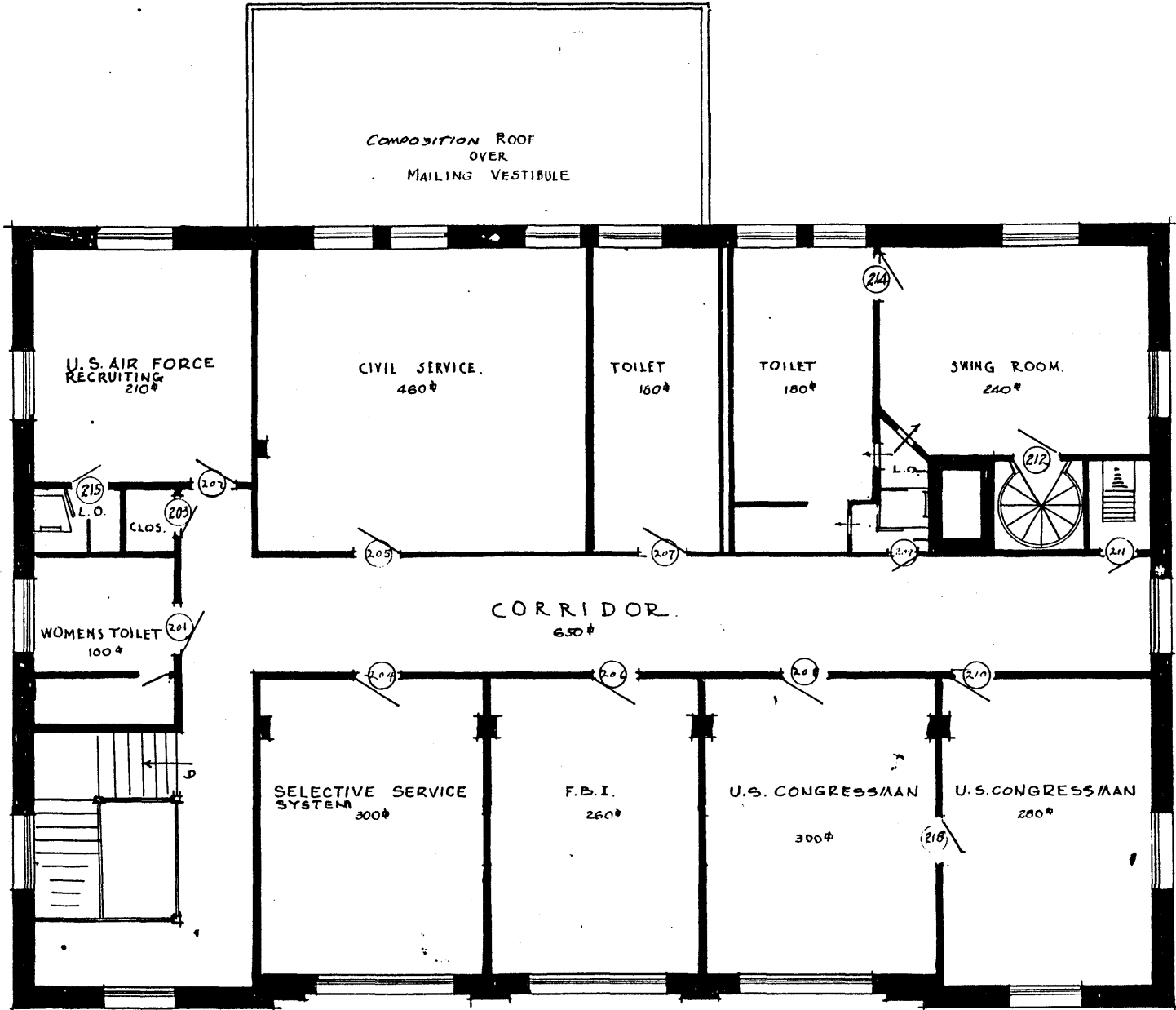
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

1/8" SCALE
Graphic Scale



U. S. P. O.
MORRISTOWN, TENN.

DWG AS. 3.
DWG BY W. G. J. 7-13-26.
REVISED BY LAUFMANN 3-24-37
CORWIN 3-13-38
DRESE 11-1-32



• ASSIGNMENT.
 SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1/8" SCALE.

Graphic Scale



U. S. P. O.
 MORRISTOWN, TENN.

DWG AS.4

DWN BY *W. G. J.* 7-14-26
 REVISED BY WASHINGTON 4-25-37
 GODWIN 3-13-37
 WELCH 6-6-39
 DUNN 11-17-39
 BAIRDEN 10-30-42