

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Anoka Post Office

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 300 East Main Street not for publication

city, town Anoka vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county Anoka code 003

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Counselor Realty, Inc.

street & number 8729 Central Avenue N.E.

city, town Minneapolis vicinity of state Minnesota

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anoka County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Anoka state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978, 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered (ext.)  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

This large scale Georgian Revival building, constructed in 1916, is located within Anoka's central business district. It is a wood frame building with a brick veneer of light colored brick. It has a full basement, constructed of concrete and stone. The low pitched hipped roof is embellished on the front and rear by three dormers. A dormer also appears on the east slope of the roof. A tall brick chimney appears on the west slope.

The central portion of the building's front facade is the focal point of the building and consists of three semi-circular, keystone arched openings. The doorway, crowned with a pediment, is set in a "tabernacle frame." Other Georgian Revival features include the building's massive size, its rectangular plan, and its dentillated cornice.

The post office is currently being restored for commercial and office use.

## 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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1916 **Builder/Architect** James Knox Taylor

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Anoka Post Office, the oldest extant public building in Anoka, is the city's most architecturally significant non-residential building.

The post office was designed and constructed in 1916 under the supervision of the Minnesota born U.S. Government architect, James Knox Taylor. The building, which could serve as a textbook model of the Georgian Revival style, contains such Georgian Revival features as its rectangular plan, brick veneer, symmetrical facades, hipped roof, dentillated cornice, central pedimented doorway, and arched lintels with keystones.

The post office is currently privately owned. Its owners, Counselor Realty, are rehabilitating the building for office and commercial use.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

# 10. Geographical Data

**DTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Anoka

Quadrangle scale 7.5

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Anoka Plat  
 Lots 4, 5  
 Block 14

**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/title Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth

organization Minnesota Historical Society date May 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House contact Dennis Gimmetad  
 telephone (612) 296-9545

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/1/79

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

Carol O Skul date 12-31-79  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 12/26/79

Chief of Registration