

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 -- Demopolis, AL 36732

AND/OR COMMON

Same as above

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 West Capitol Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Demopolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

07

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

CODE

01

COUNTY

Marengo

CODE

091

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*
U. S. Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

DC 20260

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Coast Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Linden, AL 36748

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Demopolis Post Office is a one-story brick building with full basement, containing 7,084 interior square feet. It is located on a 20,700 square foot rectangular shaped site fronting on West Capitol Street and running northerly on Walnut Street.

The exterior of the building is red brick laid in a Flemish Bond style. The front part of the roof is hipped and covered with galvanized metal. The back part is flat and built up. The roof is trimmed with a wood balustrade that sits atop a wooden cornice with dentils, a brick rectangular stack with a concrete cap, stone coping and galvanized metal louvers are on top of the roof at the back.

The front consists of a recessed double glass front entrance door with a tripart window on each side. The door is wood trimmed with multiple transom panels -- directly over the door trim is a four-light transom and above that a fanlight transom. A brick hoodmold in a soldier course with stone keys at the spring lines and crown is arched over the recessed fanlight. The tripart windows on each side of the front entrance are recessed in an arched opening with 12/12 wood sash lights with a fanlight transom. They have the same hoodmold trim surrounding them. Directly above the keystone, a single soldier course adds distinction to the design of the building as it contrasts with the Flemish Bond.

The other windows in arched openings, two front and back and three on each side, are 9/9 lights double hung wood sash. These windows have segmental brick arches laid in alternating rowlock and soldier courses with keystone at the crown. All the windows mentioned have decorated stone lug sills which flow into the stone water table. There are three other windows in the back -- two over the back platform are single hung, wood sash with 12 lights and the other is a tripart with 6/18/6 wood sash lights with a transom of 8 lights and blind panel.

The concrete steps at the front entrance are flanked by wrought iron lamp posts on each side where the iron hand railings begin upward toward the front entrance.

The lobby area has terrazzo flooring with marble base and border, wood wainscot, and plaster walls, ceiling and cornice.

The Postmaster's office has wood flooring base, chair rail and picture mold trim with plaster walls and ceilings.

The workroom area has a plank tile floor, wood wainscot and plaster walls and ceiling.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1910-1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT A. Anderson & Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first official post office to serve any part of the present city of Demopolis was designated Aigleville (Eagleville), the village of French emigrants. It was located on the southeastern edge of Demopolis. The office was extremely short lived, existing only from December 22, 1817 to January 16, 1818. The Postmaster was William Tabele. The post office reopened December 24, 1819, and has been operational since.

The construction of the present post office building was awarded to A. Anderson & Company of St. Louis, MO in 1910 and was completed in 1912. During this time, the design and construction of the post offices were the responsibility of the Treasury Department. The designs for large projects were produced by private architects, but most smaller buildings were designed within the Supervising Architect's office. Demopolis' post office fell into this last category of smaller buildings. Franklin MacVeagh was the Secretary of the Treasury and James Knox Taylor, the Supervising Architect.

As far as design was concerned, Taylor's policy was that the design of government buildings should express classical and democratic ideals and symbolize power, organization and institutionalization. His stylistic elements of design were drawn from the French Beaux-Arts, Neoclassical and Colonial Revival. Taylor also believed that federal buildings must be built to last and so must be of high quality materials and construction. His feelings were that these small post office buildings, which were generally the most important local building, provided the local citizens an opportunity to feel the influence of the great architectural works.

The Demopolis post office building is 70 years old and is still in very good condition. Its architectural features and age warrant preservation. The City of Demopolis itself is historical. It presently contains various sites listed on the National Register. In fact, the City Hall (Confederate Square) which one time served as the post office and the Old Presbyterian Church are directly across the street from the post office and are listed on the National Register.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Postal records
 Local Historical Society
 Chamber of Commerce
 "History of Post Office Construction 1900-1940"
 Professor Winston Smith

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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| A | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | B | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | D | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

20,700 square feet in Lots 123 and 124, Block 33, Section 24, Township 13 North, and Range 2 East in Marengo County.

87° 51' 46"
 32° 31' 05"

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gloria C. Byers, Realty Mgmt. & Acquisition Analyst

ORGANIZATION

U. S. Postal Service

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

2245 Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 17

TELEPHONE FTS 242-5243

404/221-5243

CITY OR TOWN

Atlanta,

STATE

GA 30341

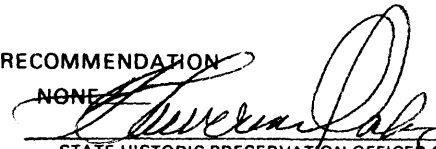
12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

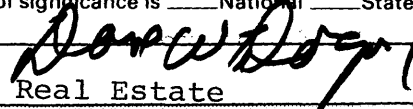
NONE



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



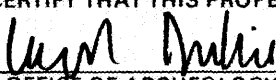
TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE

1/23/84

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



DATE

7/28/1984

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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7. Description (continued).

The women's toilet has a terrazzo floor with marble base, wainscot border and plaster walls and ceilings.

The men's toilet has a tile floor with marble border and wainscot and plaster walls and ceilings.

The swingroom has a cement floor with wood base and chair rail, plaster walls and ceiling.

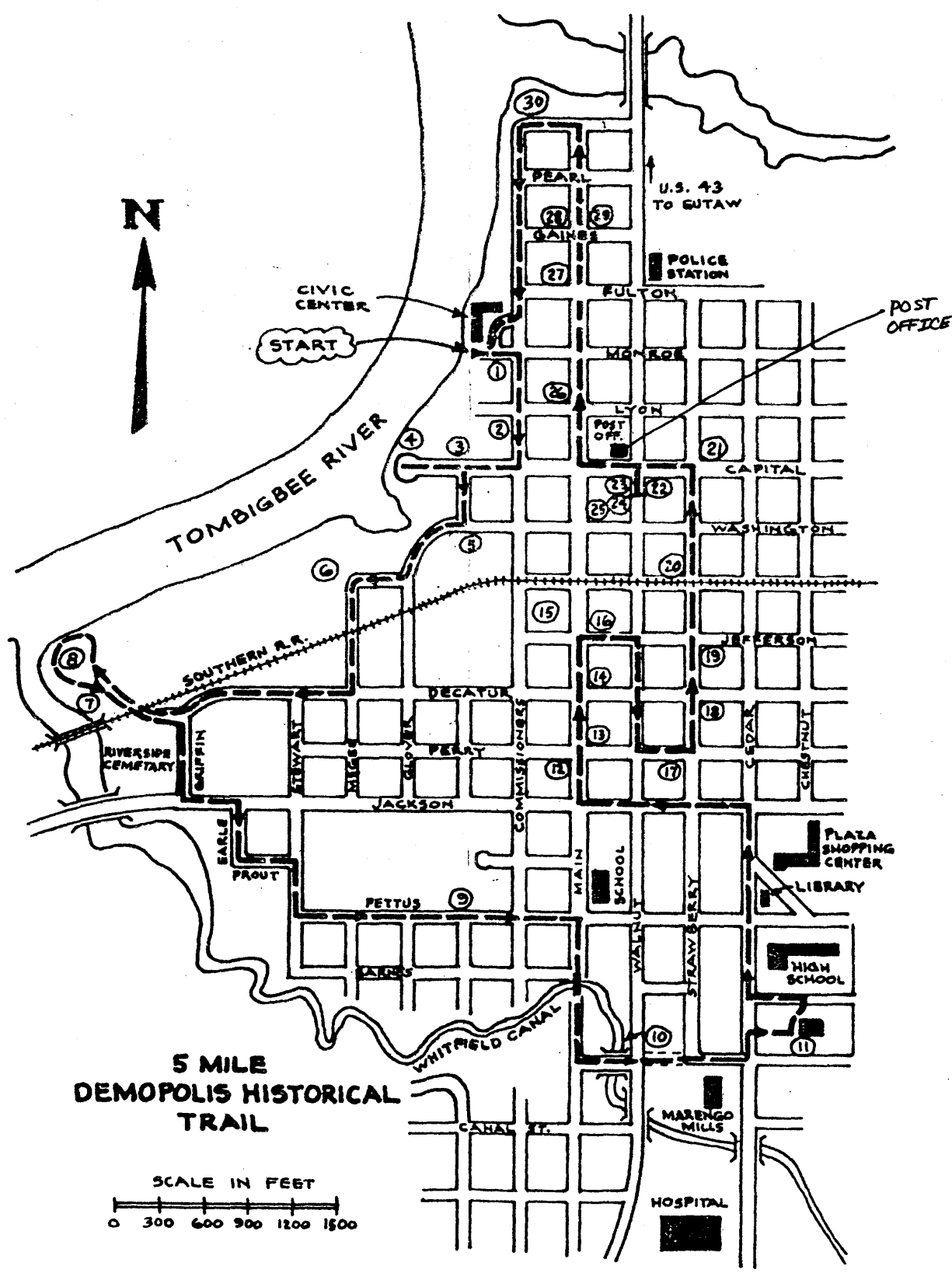
The basement area has a mixture of tile and concrete blooring, drop tile and concrete ceiling and brick walls.

Recessed flourescent lighting is in the lobby area and stem-mounted flourescent lighting on the workroom floor.

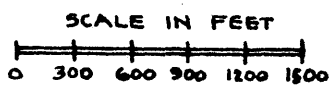
Since construction of this facility, the following alterations and repairs have been made:

- 1956 - Workroom floor covered with plank tile.
- 1961 - Driveway extension and repairs.
- 1962 - Heating changed from coal to gas.
- 1964 - New mailing platform and building modification.
- 1974 - Roof repairs.
- 1975 - New front doors and frames.
- 1976 - Enclosure of platform
- 1982 - Building repairs.

The attached photographs which were taken in 1982 represent the present appearance of the Demopolis Post Office.



**5 MILE
DEMOPOLIS HISTORICAL
TRAIL**



ATTACHMENT