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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Using the Greek Revival's inherent rational geometry and grace the Waterville Post Office was conceived as a basic combination of a large, jointed rectangular block, fronted by a circular curve. walls of the primary curve are screened behind a raised circular Corinthian colonnade of refined proportions and handsome detail. Similarly designed pilasters appear at the front corners of the block structure, symbolically unifying the block to the curve. Major access to the building is gained through two large double-leaf doors, surmounted by elaborate These two doors puncture the building through its primary curve. The centrality of the colonade is emphazised by the placement on either side of a single window. Four similarly dimensioned windows appear on the structure's side facades, creating a horizontal motion, while keeping the wall surfaces simple. Below this first tier of windows is another tier of smaller windows placed in the foundation. Daylight is thereby supplied to a half story below ground. Executed entirely in cut stone, the building is capped by a setback and monumental, flat roof. Above the roof towers a tall Corinthian cylindrical lantern, based in shape and character on the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates in Athens.

Taylor has taken liberties with the proportion, scale and details of his Corinthian capitals, but this was not unusual even in the precedent work of Strickland's Philadelphia Exchange. Such modifications were needed to incorporate an otherwise obtrusive structure on the site of a major urban intersection. The building clearly makes the most of its location with avenues which open up at the corner on which it stands.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Greek Revival" period of 1820 to 1860 has mistakenly been thought to be an era of derivative architecture. Contrarily, while domestic architecture of this type did represent an idealization of the classic worldof Greece and Rome, it also represented the colonial attitude of independence and freedom. During this era the country became architecturally free and architecturally classic. There was a conscious separation from Europe and a fierce desire to be American. It is in the aftermath of this tradition that the Main Post Office in Waterville, Maine was designed.

Designed in 1911 by the turn-of-the-century U.S. Treasury Department Architect James Knox Taylor, the building is based largely on William Strickland's Philadelphia Exchange built between 1832 and 1834. Like Strickland, Taylor shared an enthusiasm for the Grecian style. Perhaps less idealistic in his designs, Taylor was nonetheless sensitive to the refinements of this type of architecture. Where others used bold planes, Taylor utilized this style's swelling curves and rich decoration, especially as found in the Corinthian order.

The Greek Revival was the first pervasive and self-conscious nationalistic movement in American architecture. Its initial impetus came at the professional level where it was used for government buildings. The Post Office in Waterville represents Greek Revival architecture at this level in its latter day phase and survives as perhaps the best of only a few such examples in Maine.

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