

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUN 13 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Clarksville Federal Building (Rep. William Anderson)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Clarksville Post Office Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Southwest corner of Commerce and ^{S. 2nd} South Second Sts.

CITY OR TOWN:
Clarksville

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 125
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Clarksville

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Clarksville

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Clarksville

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Public Building Service

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

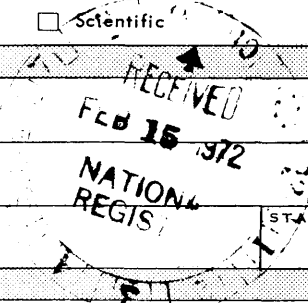
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Archives

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Federal Building in Clarksville has remained unchanged since its erection in 1897-98. It is of Victorian appearance, showing a mixture of architectural styles including Queen Anne and the Stick Style. The building is unusually flamboyant in style for its size. Its highly pitched roof with large eagles on the four corners, its steep gabled windows and elaborate terra cotta ornamentation combine to give importance to a relatively small building.

The building, measuring 62'2" x 62'2" overall, is one-story, built on a smooth stone foundation. The brick exterior has decorative terra cotta around all openings and on the corners. The terra cotta was manufactured by the Northwestern Terra Cotta Company of Chicago. The hipped roof with flared eaves is slate over long leaf pine, with the roof framing being of steel construction.

There are a total of 20 dormers on the building, five on each side. The central gable dormer on each side has a curvilinear opening, and is flanked by hip roof dormers. All dormers are surmounted by pinnacles, and there is a series of three stepped pinnacles on the angles of the roof line. Each corner is surmounted by an eagle on a pedestal. An ornate tower is located on the apex of the roof.

There is one brick chimney on the south side. The windows are double hung arched windows and the doors are aluminum with arched transoms. There is a small stoop on the east side.

The floor plan features an entrance on the Commerce Street side with a counter between the entry and the open office area on either end of the entry lobby. The offices beyond the open secretary area open onto a second level which was originally used to secretly view mail handlers. The floor is of marble, and the plastered walls feature extensive natural white oak trim. The ceilings are of elaborate coffered plaster.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1897-98

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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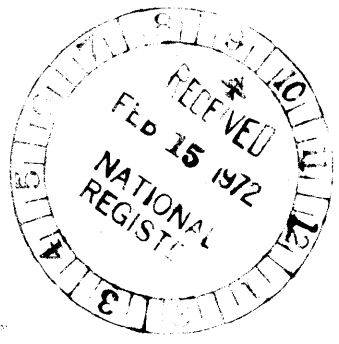
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The major significance of the Federal Building is its unusual and distinctive architecture. Great attention to structural and decorative detail is evidenced in this small but unusual structure. Designed by U. S. Treasury architect William Martin Aiken, the building was constructed by Charles A. Moses of Chicago. His bid of \$32,243 was the lowest of fourteen submitted. David A. Murphy, Superintendent of Construction of U. S. Public Buildings, supervised the construction. Ground was broken on September 1, 1897, and the building was completed the following year. Clarksville was able to obtain the building primarily because of the large volume of foreign mail occasioned by its tremendous tobacco business.

The building was used as a post office until the 1930's. Since that time, it has served as offices of the Clarksville Electrical Department.

The building is unique in Tennessee and should be preserved.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beach, Ursula S., Along the Warito (Nashville, 1964).

Beach, Ursula S., "First Federal Building in Clarksville," unpublished manuscript.

Interview with Ursula S. Beach, County Historian, Montgomery County, January 15, 1972.

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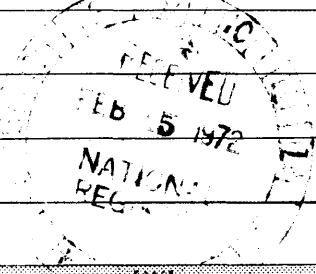
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 , "	0 , "				
SE	0 , "	0 , "				
SW	0 , "	0 , "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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 AND TITLE: Herbert L. Harper, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 2/8/72

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Herbert L. Harper</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Field Services</u> <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date <u>2/8/72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>6/13/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William H. Pruitt</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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