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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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 Fort Collins Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
201 South College Circle

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN  
Fort Collins

VICINITY OF

4th

STATE  
Colorado

CODE  
08

COUNTY  
Larimer

CODE  
069

**CLASSIFICATION**

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

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Armory Realty Company

STREET & NUMBER  
1301 Arapahoe Street

CITY, TOWN  
Golden

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Colorado

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of deeds

STREET & NUMBER  
Larimer County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN  
Ft. Collins

STATE  
Colorado

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE  
ongoing

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
State Historical Society of Colorado 200 Fourteenth Ave.

CITY, TOWN  
Denver

STATE  
Colorado

# 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fort Collins Post Office, constructed in 1911, is a two story rectangular-shaped building with a red tile hipped roof and is located at the southwest corner of College and Oak Streets. The structure is built of reinforced concrete faced on the College and Oak Street facades with regular coursed limestone blocks. With its treatment of the window openings on the main floor and the panelled frieze on the second, coupled with the careful balance of visual elements and its simple, almost elegant lines, the building is a stylized example of Second Renaissance Revival architecture and is unique in Fort Collins.

The Oak Street facade is dominated by two pairs of large arched windows which flank the main entrance. The windows are composed of a large rectangular 1x1 double hung sash and two smaller 1x1 double hung sash windows. The entire group is topped by a transom which is defined by a semi-circular mullion with two members radiating from the arch. A similar transom is located over the doorway above a limestone pediment featuring volute supports. A large ornamental medallion with the letters "US" in the center flanked by two horns filled with fruit is centered above the words "Post Office" which appear in the pediment.

The overall design is brought to a satisfying conclusion by a large rectangular window which is located at each end of the facade, a balance to the central group. The window is topped by an entablature consisting of a limestone pediment with a volute design supporting the frieze. Directly above the windows is an ornamental medallion reminiscent of the large one over the entrance, that further reinforces the overall unity.

The College Street facade is similar to the north side except there is one less pair of arched and double casement windows. There is a secondary entrance to which, like the main entrance, access is gained by a plain concrete step.

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A horizontal ornament runs along the north and east facades of the building, dividing it into two parts. Above this is a series of windows that reinforce the rhythm established by those of the lower section. Double casement windows are located at both ends of the facade, directly above the rectangular windows. Over each of the large arched windows and door is located a group of three windows made up of a square sash flanked by narrow rectangular sashes, and defined by limestone mullions. The total impression is of a panelled frieze with decorative shields in bas relief located in the "panels" or spaces between the windows.

The south and west sides of the building, not a public area, lack the limestone blocks or any ornamentation. A large covered loading area is on the south side of the building.

With the exception of the doors, which have been modernized, the Fort Collins Post Office is unchanged. With its careful blend of architectural elements, it remains a fine example of an architectural style unique to the town.

# 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"/> 900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Cornerstone 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Knox Taylor

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fort Collins Post Office possesses architectural significance because it is an excellent stylized expression of Second Renaissance Revival architecture, a style unique in the town of Ft. Collins.

The Fort Collins Post Office was completed and occupied by October 5, 1912. The contractor was J.H. Weise and the supervising architect was James Knox Taylor. The first postmaster was Marshall Moore and John L. Nightingale was the Assistant Postmaster.

The Post Office, with its careful attention to scale and juxtaposition of architectural elements, is a stylized expression of Second Renaissance Revival Architecture, a style unique in Ft. Collins. The overall impression is one of grace and grandeur due to its treatment of arched windows, the facade of the building and careful attention to detail. It reminds one of a Washington monument transported to the plains and cow country of Colorado.

The building is currently empty, however, there are plans underway to remodel the interior into a comfortable and convenient office space while retaining its unique exterior. Upon completion the building will once again play an important role in the life of Ft. Collins.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Weekly Courier. April 21, 1911, September 8, 1911, October 11, 1912.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on parts of lots 12,13,14,15,16 on block 112 of the town of Fort Collins.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margo A. Neuhauser, Administrative Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Armory Realty Company

DATE

February 3, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

201 South College

TELEPHONE

279-5555

CITY OR TOWN

Ft. Collins

STATE

Colorado

# 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



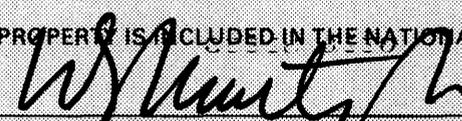
TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

7/19/77

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



DATE

1-30-78

ATTEST: Charles [Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER