

DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Post Office (former Main Post Office)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

28 South Linn Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Iowa City

VICINITY OF
CODE

Johnson

COUNTY

CODE

Iowa

3 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
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER:**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

United States Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S. W.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Wash., D. C. 20260

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Court House - Iowa City, IA

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 present building is an exterior wall bearing structure with steel columns and beams, fire proofed with concrete. All interior floors are wood walls plaster ceiling-plaster, except the public lobby has terrazzo floor, marble base, oak wainscot with a special door and carved pedament over treatment for the door to the Postmaster's office. The exterior is modern beau art with Buff Indiana Limestone. The original building constructed in 1904 measured 50' x 90'. The building was expanded in 1931 to measure 109' x 90' by extending the north wall.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☒ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☒ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1904, 1931

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old post office represents an example which is not common today of putting on an addition to an existing structure and to do so in such a manner that the addition actually was undistinguishable from the original. The sensitivity of one architect's work to another architect's design is nonexistent today. The conservation of materials including the reuse of stone, door and windows is evidenced by the two 1931 photos.

I STRONGLY DISAGREE.

ALick

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Consultant Report Prepared by Wagner, Marquart, Wetherell Architects
1106 High Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .723 *LESS THAN ONE. 43.*

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>15</u> ZONE	<u>622300</u> EASTING	<u>4612905</u> NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Property is located at 28 South Linn Street, Iowa City, IA.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Iowa	19	Johnson	103
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert M. O'Brien, Realty Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Realty Management Div., Office of Real Estate, Real Estate & Bldgs. Dept., USPS

STREET & NUMBER

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN

Wash., D. C. 20260

DATE

TELEPHONE

(202) 245-4461

STATE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ☒

NO ☐

NONE ☐

William H. Brannan
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

12.16.77

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

Charles A. Harris
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *William H. Brannan* 4.16.79

DATE

4.17.79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Date June 16, 1977

National Register Nomination Questionnaire

Please answer all relevant questions. Leave blank those questions that do not apply to the property which you are nominating to the National Register of Historic Places. Write clearly or type.

A. General Information:

1. Name of the property being nominated. (Name by which the property is commonly known today.) The Old Post Office (former Main Post Office)
2. Address or location. (If rural, give township, range and section number.)
Number, street 28 South Linn Street
City, county Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa
3. Is the property (check one)
☒ publicly owned? ☐ privately owned?
4. If the property is privately owned now, is public acquisition in process or being considered? (check one)
☐ yes ☐ no
5. Is the property (check one)
☐ occupied? ☒ unoccupied?
6. Is the property accessible to the public? (check one)
☐ always ☐ sometimes ☒ no (only by appointment with Postmaster)
7. What was the original use of the property?
Main Post Office with some office areas on Second Floor - used by Federal Personnel
8. What is the present use of the property?
Empty - except City Police are using basement for storage of recovered bikes
9. What is the future use of the property?
Undetermined at time of writing this report - there are several interested parties.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section A (General Information Continued)

10. Who presently owns the property?

Name G.S.A. - United States Postal Service

Address Area Real Estate and Buildings Office

5700 Broadmoor - Room 920 - Mission, Kansas 66202

11. Where can the legal description of the property be found? (Usually on file at the county courthouse. Do not list chain of title, book or page references here.)

County Court House - Iowa City. There is a set of working
drawings in storage in vault of new Federal Building and Post Office -

with a description of the lots acquired by the Federal Government

and surveyed by J. C. Walkins- G.E.: Date of Survey - December

30, 1931 - 1929.

Also, an insurance map of Iowa City prepared by Sanborn Map Co.,
P. 11 of the 1906 - Book No. 15 - a copy is enclosed.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section B (Description)

B. Description of property being nominated.

This section relates to the particular area of land and structure(s) being nominated to the National Register. In order to evaluate the property's potential for preservation, the description of the property's original appearance and setting as it compares with the present appearance and setting is a very important part of this nomination.

1. General description of property and its setting.

(a) How many structures are to be included in this nomination?

One

If more than one, list the structures in their order of importance:

(b) How large an area of land is being nominated? Answer in footage or acreage. Area should have some historical or visual justification for being included in the nomination.

The lot size is N & S - 150'-6"

E & W - 210'-4"

(c) Describe the general type of area in which the property being nominated is set (rural, urban) briefly mentioning landscaping, street pattern, hills, flatness, types of land use to be found in the area.

The old post office is located at the edge of the original business district. The business district has expanded to surround the Post Office. Urban renewal touches the Post Office on the South and West - the land is flat. The First floor is up approximately 5' above sidewalk on the West.

2. Description of the major structure being nominated.

This section deals only with the most prominent structure being nominated. In most cases, questions refer to the present appearance of the structure.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section B (Description Continued)

2. (a) What is the general condition of the property? (check one)
- ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair
- ☐ Deteriorated
- The roof leaks at parapets.

- (b) What is the exterior appearance of the structure?

i. Size (general dimensions) Main Bldg N&S - 109'-8"
E&W - 90' - 6"
Plus Mailing Vestibule and Dock 50 x 20

ii. Shape or plan (draw a sketch of the structure as seen from above including the main block of the structure, wings, porch projections, etc., and arranging nearby structures also to be included in the nomination):

Plan First Floor Included

Does this plan differ from the original or historic plan of the structure? If so, in what way?

Original building was the south one half of present building measuring N&S approximately 50'-0" and East and West 90'-6". This was dedicated January 1, 1905 and in 1931 the present building was completed. The 1904 structure was gutted - leaving all of the south wall and most of East and West. Most of the North wall was moved to form most of the present wall

- iii. What is the structure made of?

Roof (check one):

_____ wood shingle
_____ composition shingle
_____ tin or other metal
_____ tile
_____ slate
Other _____ Built Up Roof _____

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section B (Description Continued)

2. (b) iii. Walls (check one):

_____ clapboard or weatherboarding
(horizontal boards)

_____ board and batten (vertical boards
with narrow vertical battens
over joints)

_____ log (if log give type, shape and
sketch of method of notching
or linking logs at corners;
also describe chinking)

 X stone (if stone give color, type
pattern in which it is laid and
origin)

Buff Indiana Limestone - there is a noticable
difference between 1st floor and 2nd floor -
stone is all cut to dimension and honed smooth.

_____ brick (if brick give color, size,
pattern in which it is laid and
origin)

Other _____

If the exterior appearance of the walls
of the structure differ from what they
were originally, describe differences here.

Depends which is original 1904-1931. The 1931 alterations reused all stone
that was possible from the 1904. New stone for the First floor up to the cornice
that was required matched perfectly the stone of the 1904. The additional floor
above the cornice is slightly different in texture. See two enclosed photographs.
dating April 1, 1931.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section B (Description Continued)

2. (b) iii. Foundation (check one):

_____ brick
_____ stone
 X other

Chimneys (give number, material and placement):

Originally located NE corner of building - exterior of building is
cut stone - this continues with the chimney - see photographs.

Ornamentation and features of special interest. (Describe here all interesting features that appear on the exterior of the structure: cupola or widow's walk, porches, bay windows, decorative clapboarding, tin cornice, window sills and lintels, etc.) Give material of each and describe.

The exterior in my opinion is modern beau art. This for the 1904.
The 1931 structure was enlarged using the original 1904 drawings
for extending the elevations and for details for same. For new
area and remodeled areas such as windows and doors.

(c) What does the interior of the structure look like?

i. Describe the interior room arrangement and approximate sizes of rooms. Does this room arrangement differ from the original? If so, how? Draw sketch if helpful.

See enclosed floor plans for First Floor, Basement
and Second Floor

ii. Describe previous and present appearance of interior features such as floor materials, wall materials (plaster, wainscoting), presence of original furnishings.

The floor plan for the 1904 building is not known. If this is of importance, the drawings
should be stored in the Post Office Archives in Washington, D. C. The present building
is an exterior wall bearing with steel columns and beams, fire proofed with concrete
wood joist and floor and roof const. Basement is concrete. All interior floors are wood
walls plaster ceiling-plaster, except the public lobby has terrazzo floor, marble base,
oak wainscot with a special door and carved pedament over treatment for the door to the
Post Masters office - North end of public lobby. See Photo. All oak appears to have
been specially selected - one other detail of interest is the stairway and its wrought
iron detail to 2nd Floor.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section B (Description Continued)

3. Building history of the structure being nominated.

- (a) When was the structure the 1904 design date is unknown
Designed The 1931 building has Supt. of Arch. Div. G. W. Stone 7-19-30
Constructed 1904 and 1931 ?
Restored or renovated (if ever) -- ?
Moved to another site (if ever) -- ?

- (b) Who was the owner, builder of the structure? Give name and any other information about him which may have had an effect on the appearance of the structure.

U.S. Post Office Department - Owner

Builder of 1904 - not researched

Builder of 1931 - Henry B. Ryan Company, 500 No. Dearborn St.

- (c) If the structure was designed or constructed by a known architect, designer, contractor or masterbuilder, give their names and any known biographical data about them.

Designed in house - Washington, D. C. Post Office Dept.

J. A. Wehmode - Act. Supervising Architect - Treas. Dept.

G. W. Stone - Supt. of Architectural Div. 7-19-30

Are there available drawings (plans) of the original appearance of the structure? If, so where may they be obtained?

There are construction photos and set of working drawings (1931)
in vault at New Federal Building - Post Office Vault at Iowa City.

A few pictures of 1904 - also photos of 1904 building - State Historical Society.. collection of photos and documents - Iowa City - copy enclosed

- (d) If the structure has undergone renovation or restoration by a known architect or designer, give names and addresses.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section B (Description Continued)

3. (e) If the structure has been moved from its original location, describe how the new setting differs from or is similar to the original setting and state the reasons for the relocation.

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- (f) Are there plans for future restoration of the property planned or in progress? If so, explain.

No - whoever acquires the structure will no doubt need to

rehabilitate the interior - the structure needs to be sprinklered
another stairway and made accessible

- (g) Are there any threats to the property you are nominating?

☐ yes ☒ no Not unless purchaser can not be found.

If yes, check the appropriate box and explain below.

☐ Deterioration

☐ Destruction

☐ Vandalism

☐ Changes in setting

☐ Changes to the structure

☐ Other

Explain:

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section C (Significance)

C. Significance and history of the property being nominated

1. If the building or site is important because of its association with an individual, answer the following:

a. Identify the person(s) and write a short description of the individual's life and accomplishments.

The Post Office stands on site of Iowa City's Mayor Moses

Bloom (who moved to Des Moines and became a business man).

All Post masters were important as far as Iowa City was
concerned. A list of Post Masters are on file in Post Master
Coen's office in the New Federal Building - Post office.

b. During what span of years was the person(s) associated with the structure?

c. What relationship did the building or site have to the above individual(s) and what important events happened while he/she was associated with it?

d. Are there any other existing structures associated with the person(s)? If so, please identify them.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section C (Significance Continued)

2. If the building or site is important because of a specific event or series of events that took place there, answer the following:

a. Provide a short description of the event or events and the date or dates of the occurrence.

NONE KNOWN

b. Identify what portions of the event took place in this building or site being nominated.

c. Explain the significance of this event. Did it change the course of development for example in the community, state or country?

d. Explain how it is known that this was the building or site on which the event took place.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section C (Significance Continued)

3. If the building or site is historically important because it is an example or reminder of an important theme of long-term development of the community region or state or nation, answer the following questions. Here we ask that you fit the specific story of the importance of this property into the particular overall historical pattern of which it is a part. Historical theme is defined as significant human activity that shaped or reflected the changing character of the area's particular course of development.

- a. Check each area of the property's major historical significance that can be supported in statements to the questions that follow.

☐ Agriculture	☐ Law/Crime
☒ Architecture	☐ Literature
☐ Art	☐ Military
☐ Commerce	☐ Music
☐ Communications	☐ Philosophy
☐ Community Planning	☐ Politics/Government
☒ Conservation	☐ Recreation
☐ Economics	☐ Religion
☐ Education	☐ Science
☒ Engineering	☐ Sculpture
☐ Exploration	☐ Settlement
☐ Immigration	☐ Social & Humanitarian
☐ Industry	☐ Theater Movements
☐ Invention	☐ Transportation
☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Other (specify)

- b. Describe how the property fits into the main theme and other secondary historical theme (checked above) of which it is a part. Discuss each in their order of priority to the overall historical importance of the property.

Architecturally the exterior is very good. Its loss would form a missing link in development of different styles of architecture.

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section C (Significance Continued)

3. c. During what period of years did this property play an important role in the scheme of community, county, region, state or national development identified above?

1904 - 1974

- d. Discuss briefly any other historical facets of the property unrelated to the main themes identified above that deserve attention.

The old post office represents to the writer of this report an example which is not common today or for many years in the past ... that of putting on an addition to an existing structure and to do so in such a manner that the addition actually was undistinguishable from the original. It was a surprise to the writer that the building as it exists today was part old and part new. From the two 1931 photos one can see that every reusable stone was used. The writer feels the Architect did a beautiful job in designing the additional floor. The structural system for the additional building to the North and the additional floor is unique in that there is almost no evidence of different settlement. The writer has not seen the specifications for the 1931 structure. The Contractor probably had an option to to tear down or to reuse usable stone and other details. This provided another surprise, which would not happen today, that someone would take time and effort to remove the face stone by hand and reset in the addition. This is an early example of conservation.

---- see attached sheet for continuation of this item ---

- e. Are there any similar such properties in the city, town, county or state? If so, give an idea of how many exist, if known.

None in specific detail as this - other beau arts or

Renissance styles are earlier and have not the contemporary
(1904) feeling that this structure has.

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Item (d) Continued.....

To recap the good points in this building - they are as follows:

The design of the building for 1904 was good. It is design in the opinion of the writer ahead of its time..... more like one would expect in 1931. The Classical was modernized in a pleasing manner.

The sensitivity of one Architect's work to another Architect's design is non-existent today. The 1931 Addition to the 1904 was beautifully done as evidenced by included photographs.

Conservation of materials - the reuse of stone, door and window is evidenced by the two 1931 photos. This shows up in the North elevation which was almost entirely reused and here and there other stone was reused evidenced by them being stained darker than the new. The building was gutter-leaving only the south wall and about 2/3 of the East and West walls. The South door was moved and relocated on the North end of the new front which was the West elevation.

Interior-wise, the Lobby is the only area which, in the opinion of the writer, is quality for the National Register. The wood wainscot, trim and doors have been carefully selected - quarter sawed oak and it appears the special care in book matching the bays or flashes which appear in quarter sawn oak. The finest detail is the door trim and overdoor treatment of the door to the Post Masters Office.

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For some reason little information was found which pertained to the 1904 building and its 1931 addition.

Irving Weber wrote a history of Iowa City but little about the building. His history was more about the prior post office and the post masters.

The 1931 addition cost \$123,000.00. Postmaster Wm. Coen has stored in his vault the working drawings (blueprints) of the 1931 addition. Also what appears to be a complete set of construction photos (two different per month) of the 1931. Photos have been included with these forms.

In addition there are a few photos of the 1904 building - these appear to be when finished.

There was an article in the Iowa City Press Citizen dated October 28, 1929... titled Iowa City's First Postmaster Appointed During Van Buren Administration - 90 years ago which gave the cost of \$65,000.00 for the 1904 building... and that it was dedicated January 1, 1905. From the photos in Postmaster Coen's possession it would appear that the 1931 building was dedicated late 1931 or early 1932. This could be researched by going through day by day issues of the I.C.P.C. newspaper. The writer felt that this was not of enough value to spend time and money.

The State Historical Society was the source that provided the October 28, 1929 article. It also had a few photos and post cards showing the 1904 building. The building has not been included in any surveys nor was it included in a book of public buildings published in 1939.

Public Buildings: The Architecture under Public Works Administration 1933-1939. C. W. Short - Public Work Administration

R. Stanley-Brown - Public Building Administration

U.S. Government Printing Office - 1939

Iowa National Register Questionnaire - Section D (Miscellaneous)

D. Miscellaneous Information

1. Sources for information which you have given in previous sections of of this questionnaire. List sources which specifically referred to the property being nominated or to the person or event associated with it: county history, newspaper, articles, letters, etc. Use a standard bibliographical style giving name of the source, name of the author (if known), date and location of publication and the name of the publisher. List page numbers where possible. Give names of persons interviewed and dates of interviews.

Irving B. Weber wrote a history of Iowa City's Post Offices - this was for the dedicztion August 16, 1974 of the New Federal Building.

Postmaster Wm. J. Coen found photos and drawings of the 1931 post office. Also provided copies of Weber's History and Plans at a reduced size of the three floors.

The State Historical Society file's produced the picture and post cards of the 1904 building and their clipping file the story of the history of Iowa City's first postmaster - date October 28, 1929.

See attached page for continuation

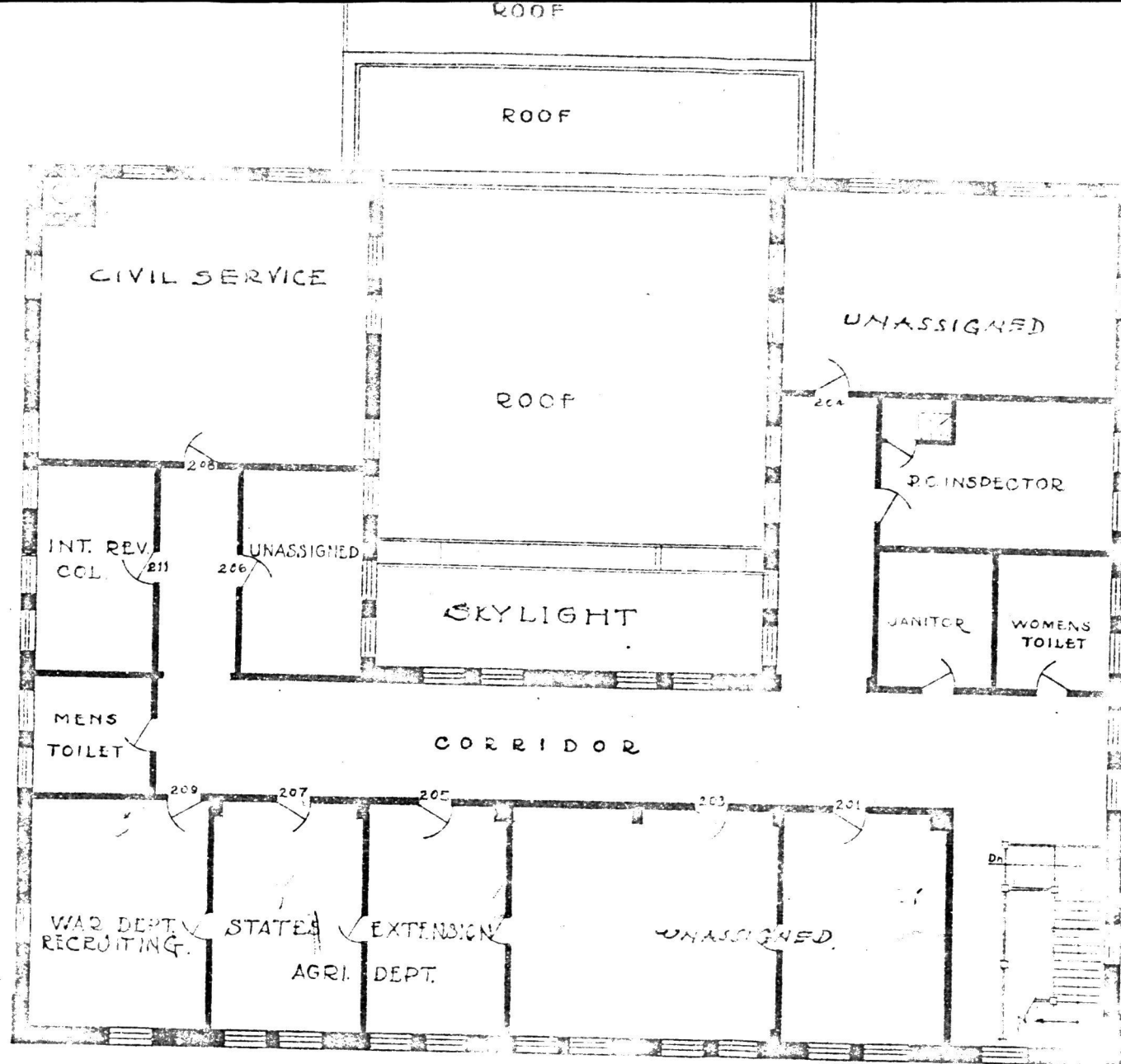
2. Form prepared by (your name, address and organization)

Name and title Wm. J. Wagner, F.A.I.A.

Address 1106 High Street - Des Moines, Iowa

Telephone Number 1-515-283-2315

Name and Address of sponsoring organization None



ASSIGNMENT
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE - 1/4" = 1'-0"

U.S. POST OFFICE
IOWA CITY, IOWA
NO. 345-3
JULY 21, 1931

LOADING PLATFORM

MAILING VESTIBULE

MENS
TOILET

WOMENS
TOILET

VAULT

GRASS

SIDEWALK

TERRACE

M.O. REG
E.C.O.D.

WORK ROOM
LOOK OUT GALLERY

CURT OF MAILS

PUBLIC LOBBY

ASST
POSTMASTER

POSTMASTER

20'-2"

109'-8"

20'-8"

9'-0"

110'-6"

104

106

107

20'-0"

LOT LINE 120'-0"

SIDEWALK

ALLEY 20' WIDE

GRASS

U.S. POST OFFICE
IOWA CITY, IOWA
DIV. ASST. I
OWN BY M.F.B. 2-22

NAME OF PROPERTY OLD POST OFFICE STATE IOWA CITY, IOWA

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: PLEASE EXPAND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND CONDITION OF THE POST OFFICE. UNIQUE CONSTRUCTION DETAILS OR UNUSUAL ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES SHOULD BE NOTED.

8 Statement of Significance: PLEASE PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE WHICH CONVEYS WHY THE NOMINATED PROPERTY DESERVES LISTING IN THE N.R. — DISCUSS THE ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OF THE POST OFFICE IN TERMS OF THE STYLE AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING; PLACE THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE BUILDING IN CONTEXT WITH THAT OF THE AREA.

9 Bibliography: PLEASE PROVIDE IF ANY SOURCES WERE USED.

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: PLEASE PROVIDE

UTM Reference(s): PLEASE PROVIDE

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: PLEASE INDICATE THE EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE.

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: PLEASE MARK PROPERTY ON U.S.G.S. MAP W/UTM REFERENCE POINTS.

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to HERBERT BRITO on the National Register staff, telephone (202) 523-0412

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

William Lebovich for
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: March 6, 1978

INT:2105-74

Property Old Post Office (former Main Post Office)

State Iowa

Working Number 12.19.77.2122

TECHNICAL

Photos 11
Maps 1

~~Survey~~
~~Map, UTM references~~
~~Sketch~~
~~data~~

4.12.79 CONTROL
pl
OK 12.22.77
HISTORIAN

INCOMPLETE NOMINATION — NO VBO, NO
JUSTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANCE; DESCRIPTION TOO BRIEF.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

~~Accept~~ Accept
HBK 1/16/78

THIS IS ALSO A BAD ARCHITECTURAL EXAMPLE TO USE FOR THEIR
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE.

NEW INFORMATION SENT 3/15/78 — Accept HBK
Map submitted, etc. — Based on
earlier review. —

~~ARCHAEOLOGIST~~

accept
Brannan
4.16.79

Return in accordance with new
procedures since it is eligible for
listing. Intensive alterations in 1931 but
in total sympathy with original design. —
with additional info. — accept

~~Eligible for Return~~ OTHER
Brannan
2.8.78
accept 3.15.78

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

1904 one story post office with 1931 2nd story in
same style.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Belovitch
3/17/78

additional information elaborates on architectural
significance.

Belton
Belovitch BRANCH CHIEF
1/4/78 used USGS, UTM

KEEPER

National Register Write-up
Federal Register Entry

6-5-79

Send-back 1.4.79
Re-submit 4.12.79

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NAME OF PROPERTY

Old Post Office

STATE

Iowa

38-79-DLW
near
Post

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Statement of Significance: _____

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Bibliography: _____

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Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

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Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: Please supply a full USGS map
with UTM references.

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

on the National Register staff, telephone _____

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Klovich Jr
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 1/4/79



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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

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over-door treatment of door to Postmaster's Office
North end of lobby



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North end of Lobby showing door to Postmaster's
Office with a portion of North vestibule booth

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Stairway to 2nd Floor - southwest corner of
lobby - showing corner of South vestibule entrance



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Photo of South end -

Shows a bit of urban renewal street landscaping

PHOTO NO.



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PHOTO NO.

East(front) portion of North end - shows a bit existing
buildings North and South of Post Office

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NATIONAL
BANK
DRIVE-IN ENTRANCE

OPEN

Day's

STOP

STOP



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Showing East Elevation

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PARCEL POST



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Photo of parcel post window - towards North end of Lobby and east wall. Showing detail of wainscot and plaster detail of panels on walls of lobby.

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PHOTO CREDIT

Construction Photo

DATE OF PHOTO

April 1931

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Postmaster's Office - Iowa City

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PHOTO NO.

Shows rear (North) and West end elevations - note by
dirty stone amounts of reused stone

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Construction Photo

DATE OF PHOTO April 1931

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PHOTO NO.

West (Front) and East end elevations - note old stones (dirty) and new



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Showing north end and portion of rear

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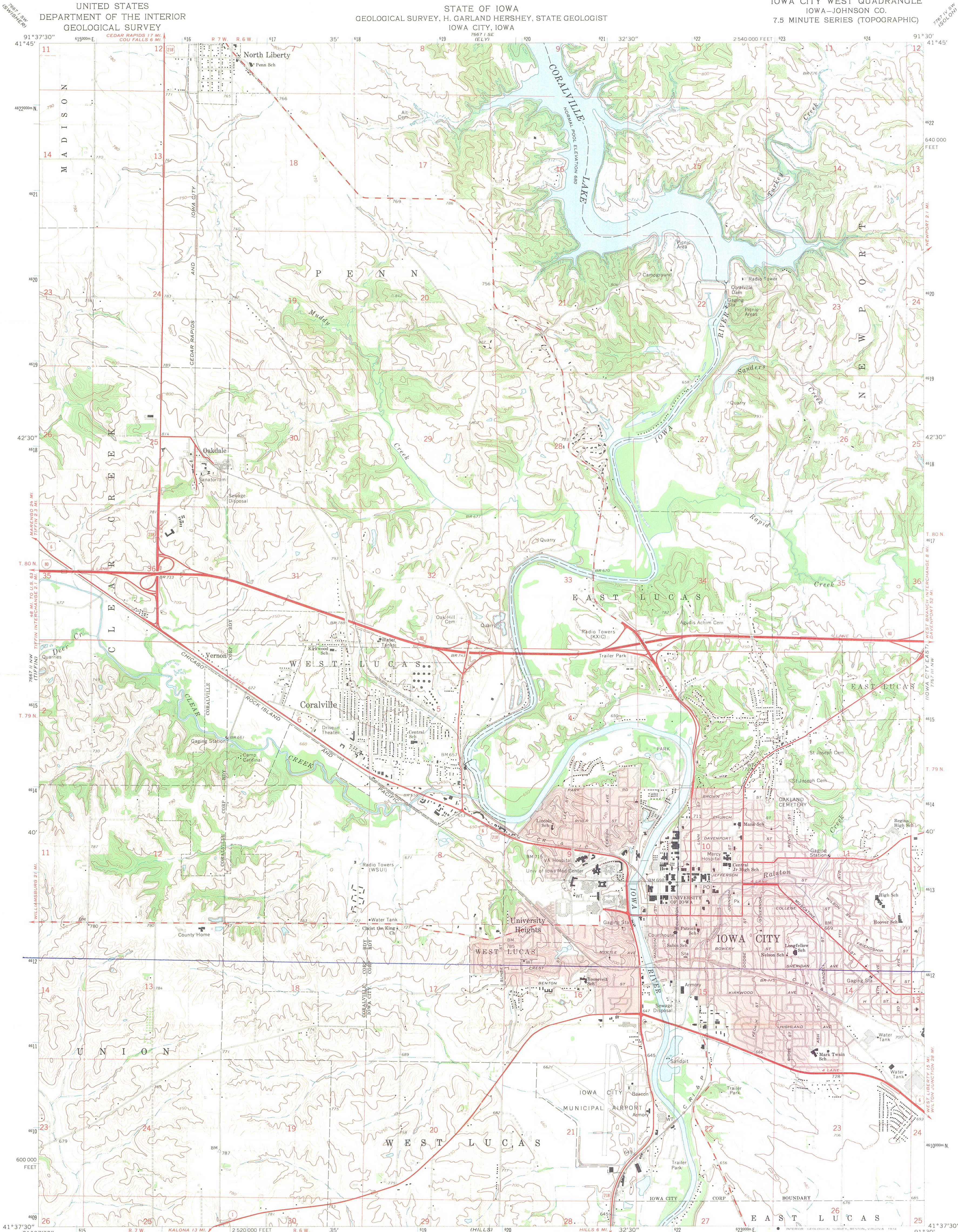
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PHOTO NO.

Looking northeast showing existing landscape



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
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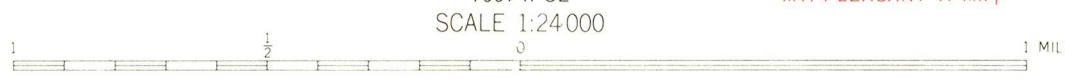
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern

are subject to controlled inundation

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND BY THE IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

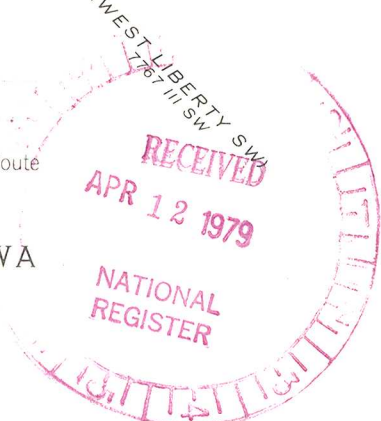


IOWA CITY WEST, IOWA

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1965

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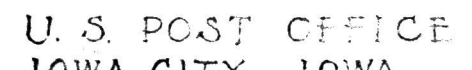
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Plan showing First and Second Floor Plans



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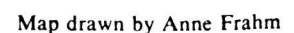
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Plan of Iowa City - Showing Post Office at Southwest corner of block
fronting Linn and Washington.



37. Old Capitol, "the chief architectural and historical glory of Iowa City, and the state." Restored and now open to the public for tours, this wonderful building is a grand part of Iowa's heritage (p. 35).

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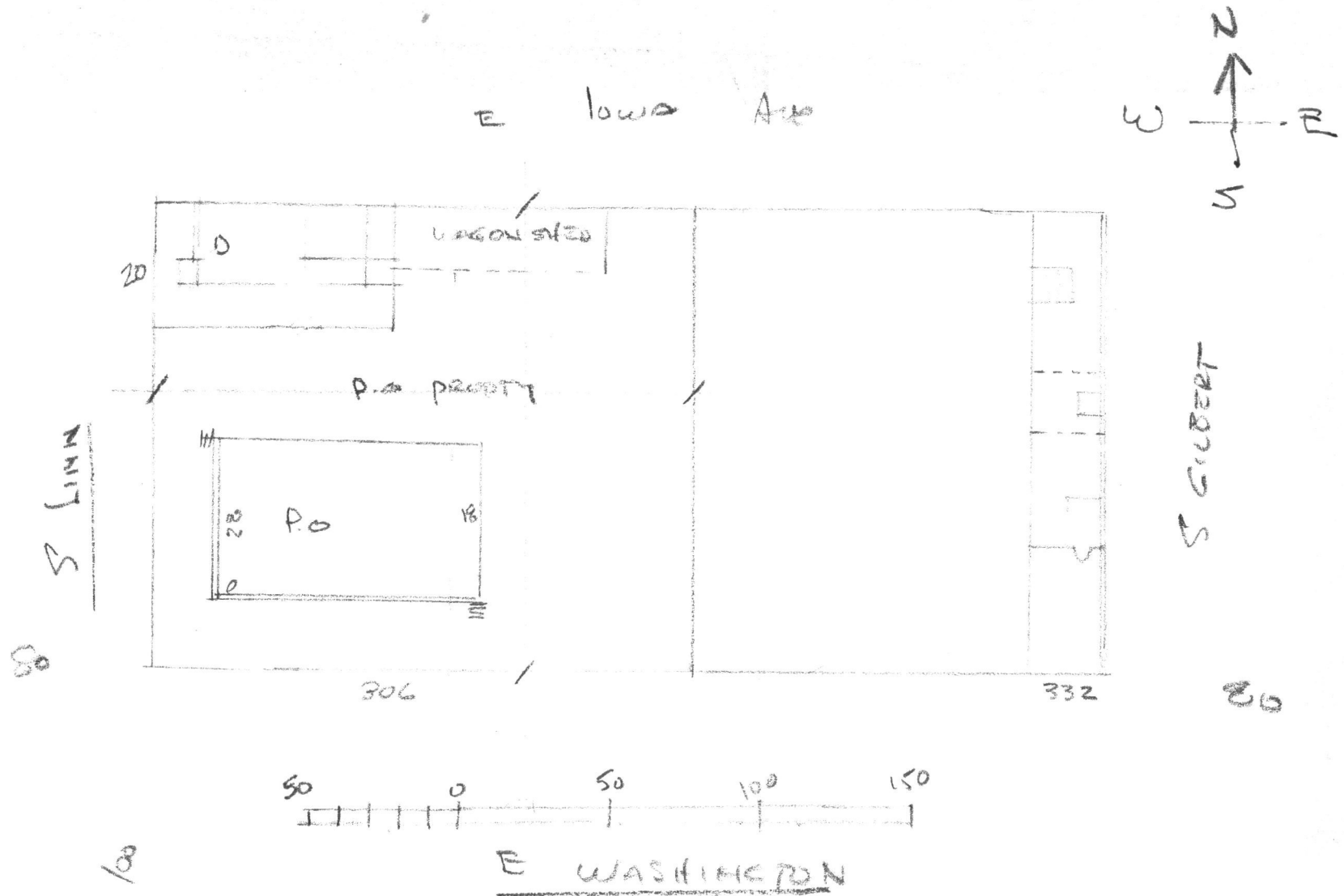
State Historical Society Building

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Traced from Insurance Map of Iowa City - shows map and lot



FOUND IN BOOK 15
P 11 - 1906

Insurance map of
LA City,
Sanborn Map Co.

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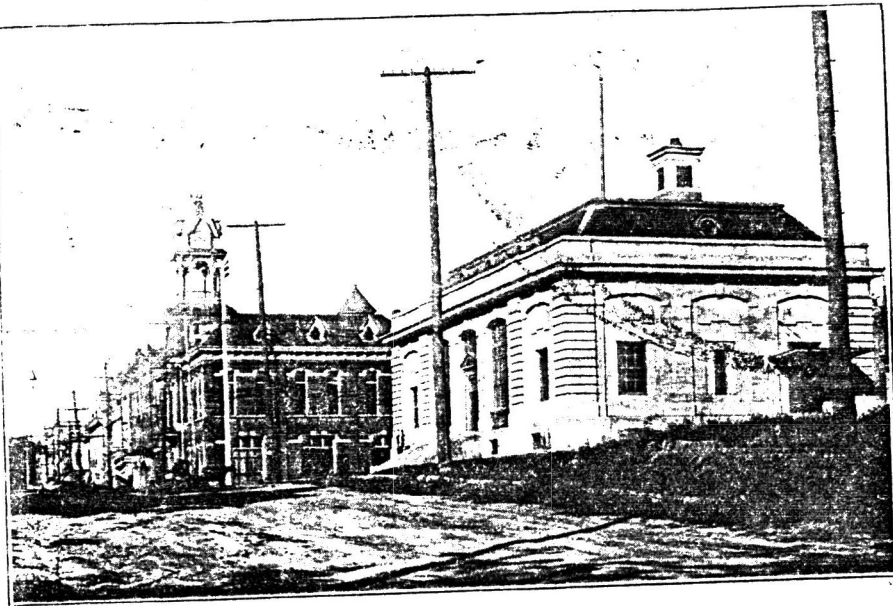
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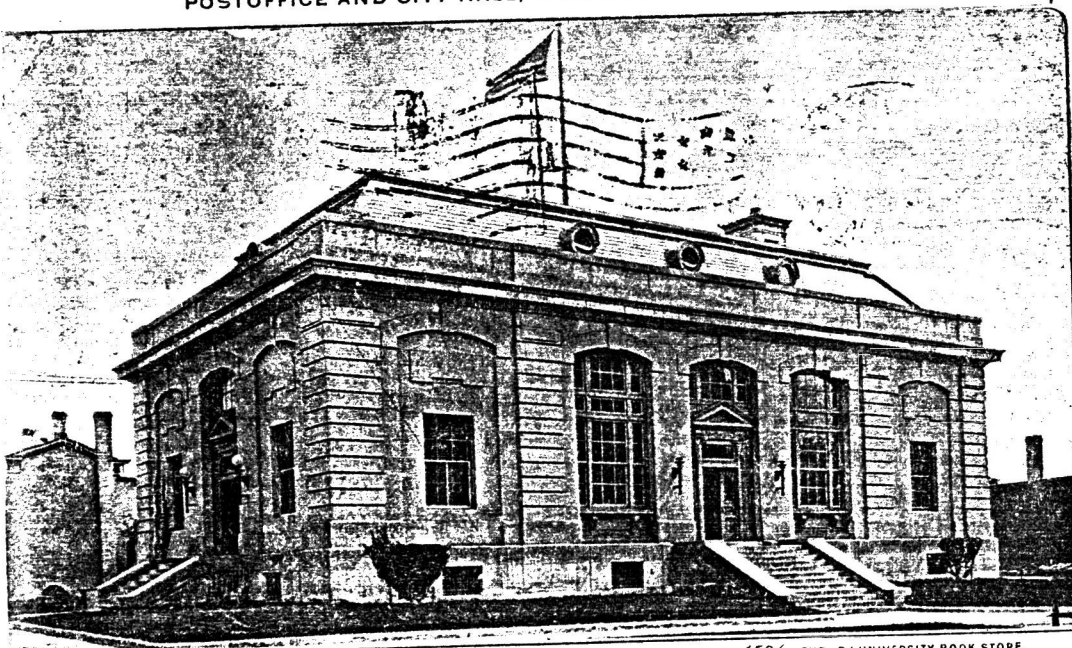
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Picture and Post Card - 1904 Building.

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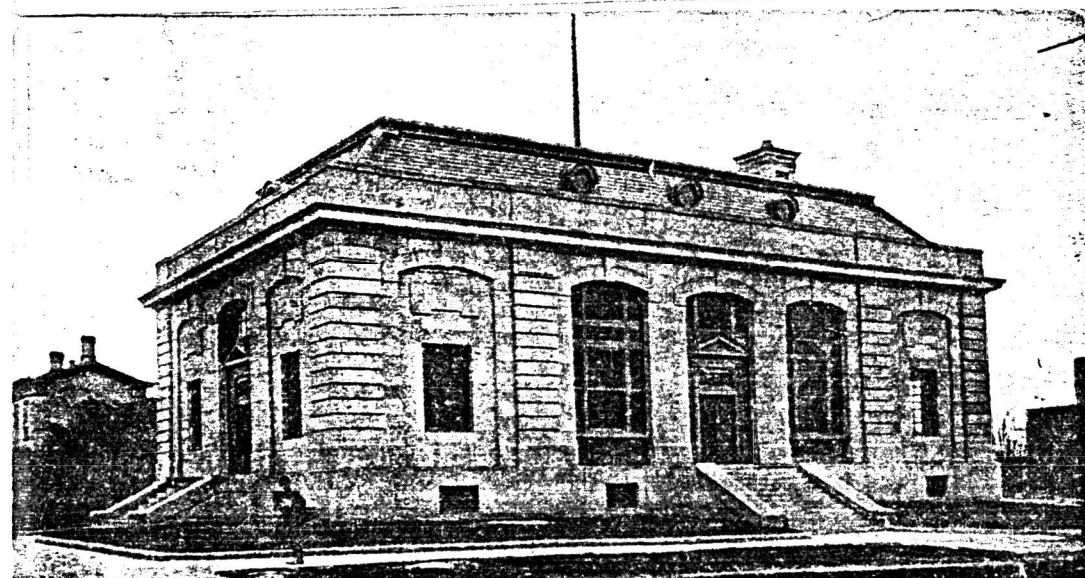


POSTOFFICE AND CITY HALL, IOWA CITY, IOWA

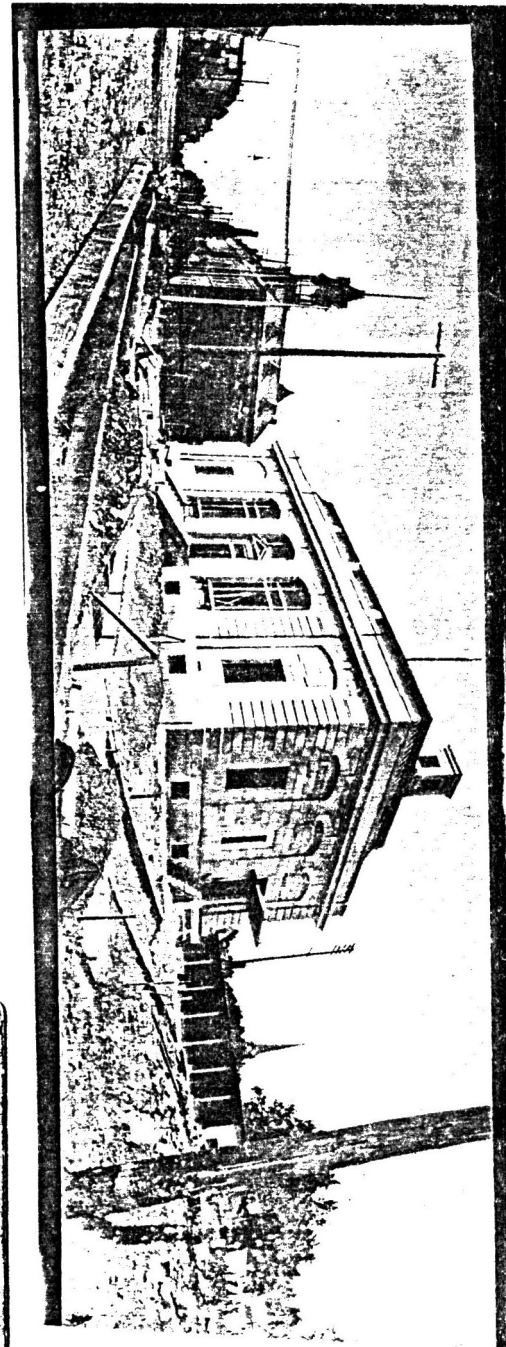


Post Office, Iowa City, Iowa

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U. S. Government Building, Iowa City, Iowa.





ADMINISTRATION GROUP
Washington, DC 20260

Mr. Robert Utley
Director, Office of Review & Compliance
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1522 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Utley:

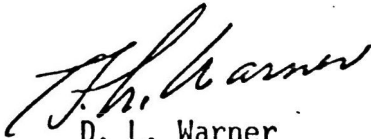
The Postal Service property located at 28 South Linn Street, Iowa City, IA, has been declared excess to postal needs due to the construction of a replacement facility, it is, therefore, the intention of the Postal Service to dispose of this property.

This facility has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The preservation restrictions that will be incorporated into the deed are as follows:

1. The grantor and grantee agree that the existing exterior architectural and structural integrity of the former post office located at 28 South Linn Street, Iowa City, IA, should be preserved.
2. It is further agreed that upon listing on the National Register of Historic Places, any actions affecting the exterior of the former post office at 28 South Linn Street, Iowa City, IA, will be accomplished in such a manner as to be authentic historically and architecturally and that all plans or specifications for any alteration, improvements or restoration of the exterior of the building will be presented in advance to the Iowa Historic Preservation Officer or his delegated local representative.

We have coordinated with the State Historical Officer and have obtained their concurrence as to no adverse effect. Their certification is below.

Sincerely,



D. L. Warner
Director, Office of Real Estate
Real Estate & Buildings Department

The Iowa Historic Preservation Officer has reviewed and agrees with the preservation covenants for the former post office located at Iowa City, IA, and concurs with the Postal Service's determination of no adverse effect.


Iowa Historic Preservation Officer

10-7-77

Date



ADMINISTRATION GROUP
Washington, DC 20280



Mr. William Murtagh
United States Department of Interior
National Park Service
18th & C Streets N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Attached is the nomination form to the National Register of Historic Places prepared for the former Iowa City Post Office. Four photographs of this facility are also attached which depict the 1931 construction and the facility as of 1977. If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact Mr. Bob O'Brien at 245-4461.

Sincerely,

D. L. Warner
Director, Office of Real Estate
Real Estate and Buildings Department

Attachment

DATE 3/9/78

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL
10:45

AM
PM

1. CALL ☐ TO: ☒ FROM (Name)

BOB O'BRIEN

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

(202) 245-4461
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

OLD POST OFFICE, IOWA CITY, IOWA

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I INFORMED HIM THAT THE BUILDING APPEARED TO BE
ELIGIBLE BUT THE NOMINATION WAS INCOMPLETE.
I REQUESTED AN EXPANSION OF THE DESCRIPTION AND
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE. HE STATED THAT HE
WOULD SEND A COPY OF A CONSULTANT'S REPORT
WHICH CONTAINS THE INFORMATION NEEDED.
I ALSO REQUESTED THE AMOUNT OF ACREAGE, A V.B.D.,
AND A U.S.G.S. MAP W/ COORDINATES.
HE WOULD SEND BY 3/17/78.

THE POST OFFICE HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE CITY.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

ARCH. HISTORIAN

N.R.



ADMINISTRATION GROUP
Washington, DC 20260

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4.12.

Dr. William Murtagh
National Park Service
U. S. Department of Interior
18 and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

The attached nomination form for the former Iowa City, Iowa Post Office has been completed per your staff's instructions. We are also attaching USGS maps with U&M references.

If we can be of further service, please contact Claude R. Moore, Jr. of my staff at 245-4461.

Sincerely,

D. L. Warner
Director, Office of Real Estate
Real Estate & Buildings Department

Attachments

August 9, 1978

AUG 21 1978

Ms. Julie Vann
Civic Center
410 E. Washington Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

RE: OPP No. 790146, Application for Title V Funding; and OPP No. 790147,
FY 1979 State Senior Center Funding--Rehabilitation of old Iowa City
Post Office Building as Multi-purpose Senior Center--Iowa City, Johnson
County, Iowa

Dear Ms. Vann:

The above referenced proposed project involves a building in the process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The process is almost completed. The Keeper of the National Register has not acted on the nomination but a decision is imminent.

Since the proposed undertaking is confined to the interior of the building, it will have no effect on the building's National Register qualities.

Following Title 36 CFR Part 800, which is the "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the opinion I have offered, by the procedures of 36 CFR 800 means that if the appropriate federal agency official concurs, the review of the undertaking will have been completed from the perspective of preservation legislation.

In addition the proposed undertaking is congruent with the attached covenant placed on the property by the U.S. Postal Service.

In closing, you and your staff are to be commended for developing the re-use of this fine structure in a way that preserves the building's exterior fabric. I and my staff will be pleased to assist in the review of plans and specifications for improvements to the building as they develop.

Sincerely,


Adrian D. Anderson, Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Joseph Hough
National Advisory Council
on Historic Preservation
1522 K Street, N.W., Suite 430
Washington D.C. 20005

William Murtaugh, Keeper of the Natl. Register
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TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Iowa City PO

TO/FROM: DON TROAST

DATE: 8/31/78

ADDRESS: USPS

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER: DUBIE

DIVISION: NR

REPORT:

ASKED IF HE WOULD PROVIDE MAP w/
UTMS SO WE COULD COMPLETE NOMINATION

HE SAID HE'D TRY, SOON, OR HAVE
LOCALS DO IT.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED LAST NOVEMBER
BEFORE NOMINATED. NO DOE REQUESTED.

(GRR)

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **IOWA**

Date Entered **APR 17 1979**

Name

Location

Old Post Office (former Main Post Office)

**Iowa City
Johnson County**

Also Notified

Honorable John C. Culver

**Honorable Roger Jepsen
Honorable James A. S. Leach
Mr. David L. Warner,
U. S. Postal Service**

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Adrian Anderson
Director, Iowa State Historical
Department
Division of Historic Preservation
26 East Market Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240**

NR Byers/bjr 4/20/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Old Post Office		2 OTHER NAMES: Main Post Office		3 date of entry: APR 17 1979	4 county code: 103
5 LOCATION street & number 28 S. Linn St.		city / town Iowa City	vicinity of IA	state IA	county Johnson
7 OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☒ FEDERAL (agency name) U.S. P.S.		8 ADMINISTRATOR:			
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL ☐ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO 10 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 1st		12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☐ STATE ☒ FEDERAL if state who prepared form?			
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		15 ACREAGE ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
16 CONDITION ☐ deteriorated ☐ altered ☐ original site ☐ excellent ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved ☐ good ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown ☐ fair ☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated		17 features: INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9 EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9 ENVIRONS ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9			
18 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no	
21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25		22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐			
23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		24 dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
26 architectural style(s):		27 architect:		28 master builder:	
29 landscape architect / garden designer:		30 interior decorator:		31 artist:	
32 artisan:		33 builder/contractor:			
34 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					
35 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP					