

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

United States Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

Dover Main Post Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

133-137 Washington Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dover

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First Congressional District

STATE

New Hampshire 03820

CODE

0090

COUNTY

Strafford

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

N/A 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)

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Massachusetts 02173

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FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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	1911: \$65,166.00 Construction		U.S. Treasury Department
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
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	Lobby Addition and Interior Renovation		Alfred T. Granger, Architect Hanover, New Hampshire
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NAME / TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION Robert W. St. John, Architect DATE August 29, 1985


STREET & NUMBER SULLIVAN DESIGN GROUP, INC. TELEPHONE (617) 848-1545

CITY OR TOWN 44 Adams Street STATE Massachusetts 02184

Braintree

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 James T. Coe DATE 02/24/86

TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
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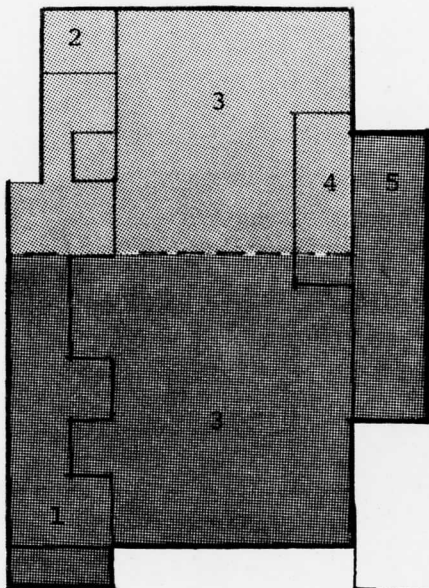
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LOADING AREA

- 1 - PUBLIC LOBBY
- 2 - POSTMASTER
- 3 - WORKROOM AREA
- 4 - MAIL VESTIBULE
- 5 - MAIL PLATFORM

- ORIGINAL BLDG.
- ADDITION

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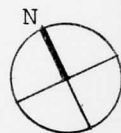
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

United States Post Office-Dover Main
Strafford County
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Working No. FEB 28 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 3/27/86 - 4/14/86 Mon.
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 4-11-86
 REJECT
Federal Agency: US PS

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 4-11-86
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unaltered altered original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

Due to the imposing size of the new addition and the alterations which the bldg. has been subjected to, further information is needed to make a decisive analysis of the integrity of the bldg. in its present condition. Please identify where the main entrance to the bldg. is now. Is it on Chestnut Street into the area #1 (public lobby) as labeled on the sketch map? Please describe what historic features of the plan and detailing currently exist in the original c.1911 section of the bldg. Please provide further photographic

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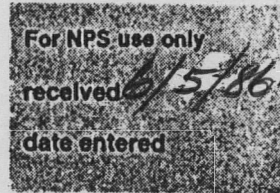
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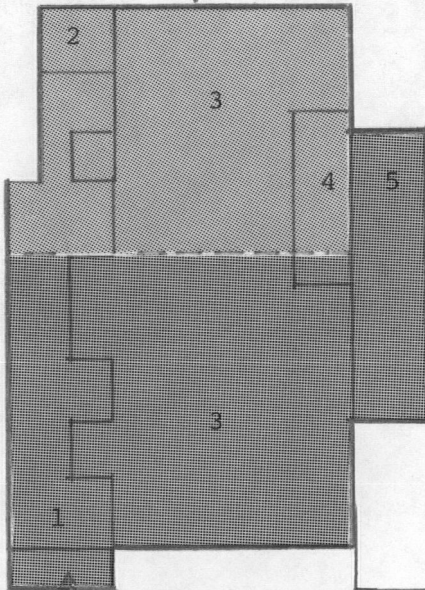
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Present Entry, 1963

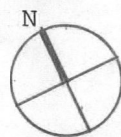
PARKING AREA

P
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GREEN STREET

6 STORY BRICK
APARTMENTS

6 STORY BRICK/CONCRETE
APARTMENT BUILDING



2/25/86

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

United States Post Office--Dover Main
Strafford County
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Substantive Review

Working No. 675-86
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 7/20/86
Action: ACCEPT 7-17-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: USPS

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Although the additional photos are unlabelled and color (and thus unacceptable) the additional written documentation reiterates the info. covered therein. Locally significant as rare surviving Peabody Arts bldg. in Dover, despite alterations architectural significance remains extant.

Recom./Criteria: Accept C
Reviewer: Savage
Discipline: Architectural History
Date: 7-15-86

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

X 13. Other

Additional photo's submitted in color and not labeled.

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



MAIN POST OFFICE
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dover Main Post Office
Dover, NH
David R. Hooker
May 6, 1983
Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates
Front elevation. Right view

2/25/86



UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

MAIN POST OFFICE
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dover Main Post Office
Dover, NH
David R. Hooker
May 6, 1983
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Front elevation

2/28/86



MAIN POST OFFICE
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dover Main Post Office
Dover, NH
David R. Hooker
May 6, 1983
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Front elevation. Left view

2/28/84







EXIT
ONLY

5 X

Facing Brick, stone trim,
Construction Fireproof.

Contract Price
\$ 65,166.

DOVER, N. H.







DO NOT
ENTER





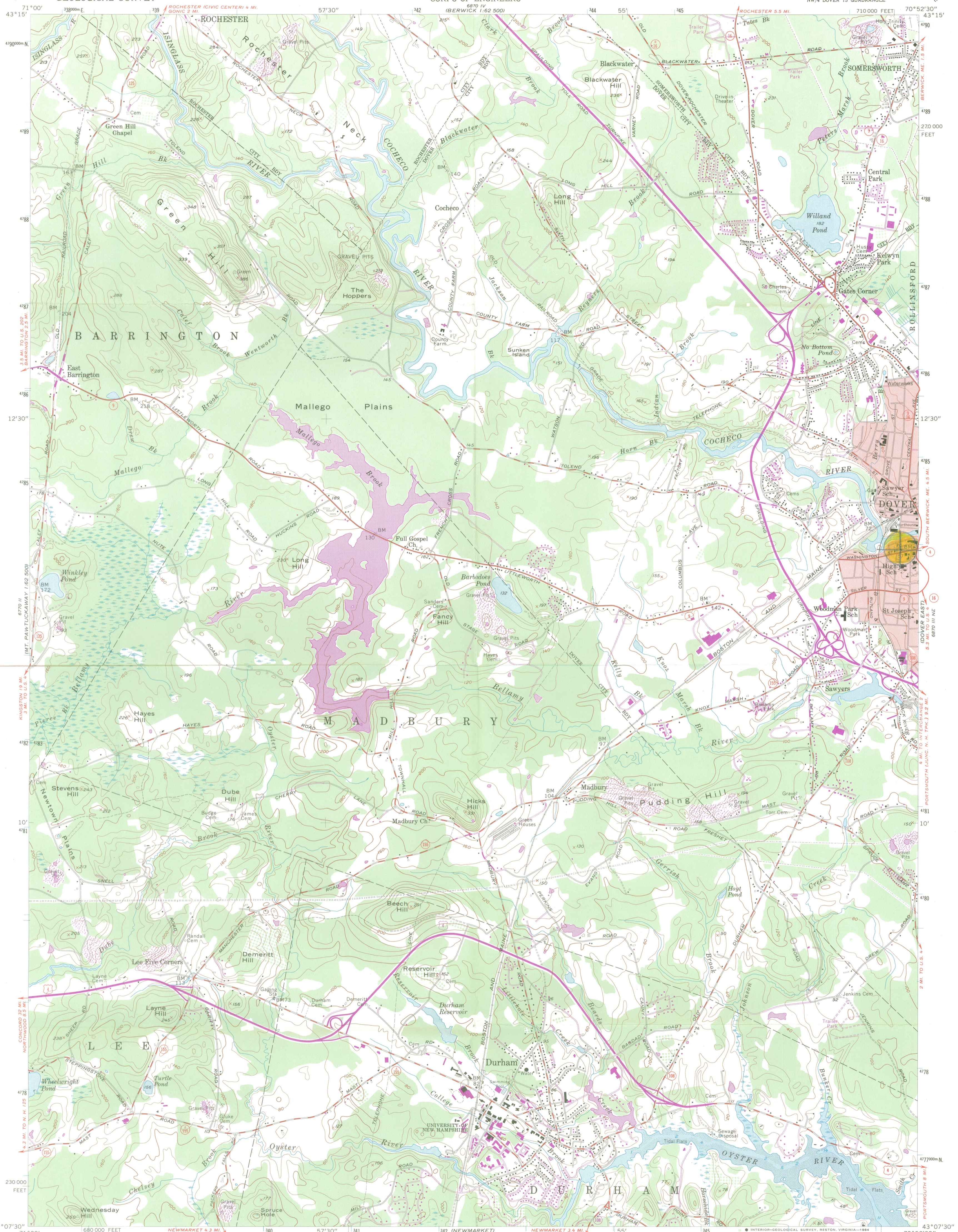




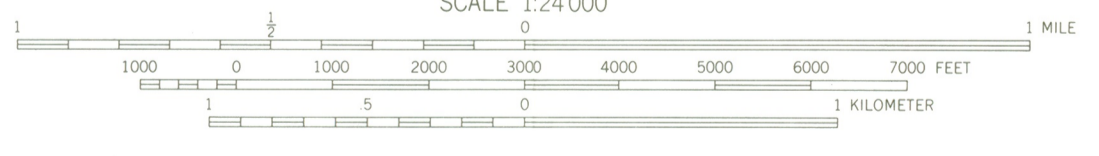
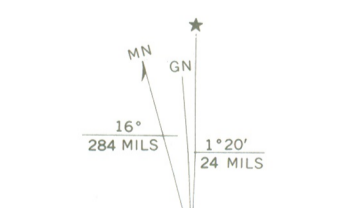








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Edited and published by the Geological Survey
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Geodetic Survey
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
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Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1956
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 229 (1955)
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New Hampshire coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Map photoinspected 1979
No major culture or drainage changes observed



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 6.6 FEET
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	Slate Route

DOVER WEST, N. H.
NW/4 DOVER 15' QUADRANGLE
N4307.5—W7052.5/7.5
PHOTOINSPECTED 1979
1956
PHOTOREVISED 1973
AMS 6870 III NW—SERIES V812

U.S. POST OFFICE
DOVER, NH
UTM REFERENCE:
18/347440/4783960

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked



FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE
P.O. Box 324
Lexington, MA 02173-0324

RECEIVED
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
AUG 19 9 28 PM '85
NEW ENGLAND FIELD REAL
ESTATE & BLDGS. OFFICE
LEXINGTON, MA 02173

August 7, 1985

The Honorable George Kay
Acting City Manager, City of Dover
Municipal Building
288 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

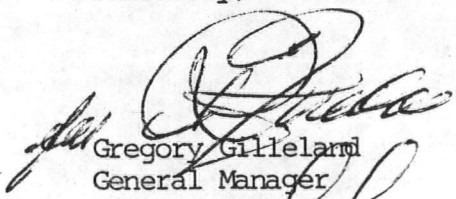
Dear Acting City Manager Kay:

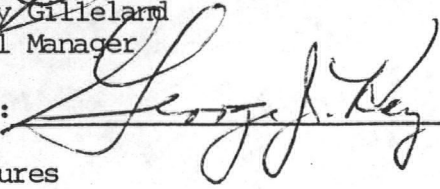
The U.S. Postal Service in conjunction with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer in Concord has evaluated the Main Post Office in Dover and has determined it is significant from an historical viewpoint.

In view of the above evaluation, the U.S. Postal Service intends to nominate this building to the National Register of Historic Places. We would, prior to our taking formal action, appreciate receiving your concurrence.

If you concur with our proposed action, kindly return a signed copy of this letter in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,


Gregory Gilheland
General Manager

Concur:  8-15-85

Enclosures

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EXECUTIVE DEPT.
CITY OF DOVER
NEW HAMPSHIRE
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2/25/85



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
Real Estate and Buildings Department
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260-6400

February 24, 1986

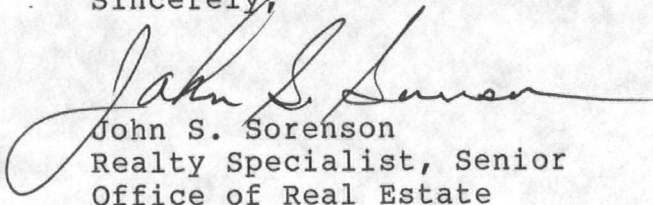
Ms. Carol D. Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240-1002

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Postal Service hereby submits a nomination for the post office located at 133-137 Washington Street, Strafford County, Dover, New Hampshire.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please call me at 202/268-3107.

Sincerely,


John S. Sorenson
Realty Specialist, Senior
Office of Real Estate

Enclosure

FEB 28 1986



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
Facilities Department
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260-6400

June 2, 1986

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Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
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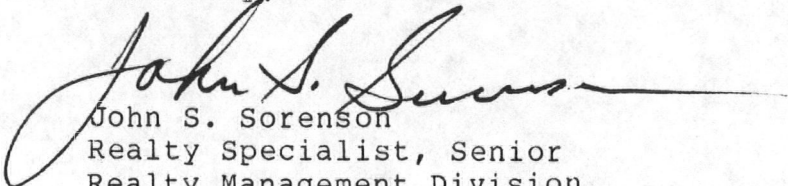
Dear Ms. Shull:

In response to your request for additional documentation, I have attached the following nominations for your further consideration:

- Main Post Office - Norwich, Connecticut
- Main Post Office - Williamstown, Massachusetts
- ✓ Main Post Office - Dover, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Laconia, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Lancaster, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Littleton, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Peterborough, New Hampshire
- Main Post Office - Somersworth, New Hampshire

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (202) 268-3107.

Sincerely,


John S. Sorenson
Realty Specialist, Senior
Realty Management Division
Office of Real Estate

Attachments

JUN 5 1986

CODING PROBLEM SHEET

State Name NH County Name STRAFFORD Resource Name UNITED STATES POST OFFICE -- DOVER MAIN

Reference No. PENDING Multiple Name _____ Certification Date _____

Problem Field:

- Owner
- Resource Type
- No. Contrib./Non-Contrib. Resources
- Historic Function/Historic Sub-function
- Current Function/Current Sub-function
- Level of Significance

- Applicable Criteria
- Criteria Considerations
- Area of Significance
- Period of Significance
- Architect/Builder/Engineer
- FR Level Information

- Cultural Affiliation
- Architectural Style
- Construction Materials
- Acreage
- UTM Coordinates
- Other

Solution:

Coding Problem Team: _____ Date: _____ NR Staff: _____ Date: _____

Data Collector's Explanation of Problem: NO LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECKED. THANKS

Ref: Local

Data Collector: VENABLE Today's Date 3-10-86 D.R. Corrected [Signature] Date _____