

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Officeother names/site number Erie Federal Courthouse

2. Location

street & number 6th (South Park Row) and State Streets

N/A not for publication

city, town Erie

N/A vicinity

state Pennsylvaniacode PAcounty Eriecode 049zip code 16501-1196

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☒ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

 buildings sites structures objects10 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/ANumber of contributing resources previously
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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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Signature of certifying official

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Signature of commenting or other official

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Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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post office
government offices

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Moderne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The main postal lobby is the most interesting space on the first floor (see Photographs 9, and 10). It is rectangular in plan, and follows the vocabulary established in the vestibule and corridors with ceramic tile floors and walls. Additional features worth noting are the plaster ceiling with shallow cornice, decorative grilles which feature the familiar pattern of the floors, and original bronze post office boxes and lanterns. Behind this principal public space are the functional spaces such as the sorting room and the loading bays. The remainder of the first floor contains various federal offices.

The courtrooms located on the second floor are the most elaborately finished spaces of the building (see Photographs 11 - 14). These rooms are handsome period designs, trimmed in paneled wood wainscotting and capped by molded friezes at the height of the door heads. The paneling continues around the room, interrupted by the windows and by the elaborate backdrops of the judges' dais. The judges' benches

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and backdrops are executed in holly, ash, and beech veneer. The rooms are crowned by decorative plaster ceilings. Each courtroom is part of a complex of service rooms that include the judge's chambers, the clerk's offices, and a library. These rooms generally are finished more ornately than other office space in the building.

Built-in courtroom furnishings conform to the generally classical detail of the building. Wood benches were designed with console arms that follow the modified classical lines of the building. Ornamental metal balustrades, that carry familiar motifs found throughout the building, partitions the judges' bench and lawyers' desks from the gallery. Each courtroom also has an elaborate metalwork clock executed in copper and copper alloy.

The remainder of the first, second, and third floors is dedicated to corridor and office space for federal agencies. Typical treatments include stained and clear-finished doors, molded base, chair rail, and picture rail with flat plaster walls and ceilings. The corridors in these areas also received the ceramic tile finish, while the offices have concrete floors that are either tiled with resilient flooring or carpeted. The basement originally was largely given over to mechanical spaces, with one double-loaded corridor of offices off of the elevator lobby. In recent years, a significant portion of the mechanical area has been converted to court and office-related uses.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ArchitecturePolitics/Government

Period of Significance

1937-1944

Significant Dates

1937

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Stanley-Brown, Rudolph

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office is a product of the federal government's effort to stimulate the building industry during the 1929 Depression. The Moderne influence, which is evident in the building's modified classical design, reflects the stylistic features and typical design elements characteristic of federally commissioned buildings of this period throughout the United States. Built in 1937 to function as a U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse, the building continues to house the federal offices of the district, including the Federal Court and the Perry Square station of the U.S. Post Office.

The U.S. Courthouse marks a high point of Erie's growth and regional significance before changing transportation systems, and then the deflation of America's heavy industry, reduced the city's importance as a manufacturing and transportation center. Erie is situated in the far northwest corner of Pennsylvania on a tiny strip of lakeshore land that developed from a trading post fort to a ranking industrial center largely because of its physical attributes, namely its location on the transportation corridor of Lake Erie. With the transportation monopoly in the northeast corner of Pennsylvania, many industries located in Erie at the end of the nineteenth century and the city underwent a period of rapid expansion.¹ Many of Erie's late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, including the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse, reflect the city's success during that period.

Erie's Federal Building and Courthouse was designed by Rudolph Stanley-Brown (1890-1944), grandson of President James A. Garfield, and a consulting architect of the U.S. Treasury Department.² Stanley-Brown received his formal training at Yale and studied architecture at Columbia University and the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. Two years later he enlisted in the Army and served in the first World War. Upon his discharge he joined the firm of his uncle, Abram Garfield, Cleve-

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

American Guide Series. Erie: A Guide to the City and County. Philadelphia: William Penn Association, 1938.

Clio Group, Inc. Scranton Post Office and Courthouse Historic Structures Report. Philadelphia: 1986.

Procurement Division, Public Buildings Branch. Addendum No. 3 to the Specification Dated March 31, 1937, for Construction (Except Elevator) of the United States Court House at Erie, Pennsylvania. Washington, D.C.: 1937.

☒ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☒ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1/4 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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D

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Starting at the southeast corner of 6th (South Park Row) and State streets and extending (N63° 39'E) along 6th Street for a distance of 205' to a point; thence south (S26° 23'E) for a distance of 165' to a

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This is the entire site of the Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Clio Group, Inc. date 9-27-91

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land architect, and later was made a partner. He practiced in Cleveland before moving to Washington D.C. several years before his death.³

Louis A. Simon, FAIA (1867-1958), served as supervising architect for the Erie Federal Building, and was a highly regarded designer who was made supervising architect for the Treasury Department. Simon attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated in 1891. Shortly after, he joined the Supervising Architect's office in the Treasury Department, assuming the position of principal architectural designer.⁴ During the first thirty years of the twentieth century, Simon was the designer of many small post offices and courthouses for the federal government.

In his own right, Simon is of interest as a colorist and classicist whose designs incorporated modern motifs with success and skill. At the end of his career, he had been involved with a thousand or more buildings, though his name is on the cornerstone only of those erected during his tenure as Supervising Architect, a position which he held from 1934 until 1937 when he reached the federal mandatory retirement age of seventy. President Roosevelt extended his tenure for an additional eighteen months, and then asked him to stay on as consultant to the Treasury Department.⁵

The Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office is a principal element in Erie's business district, and therefore of great local importance. It is recommended that the Erie Federal Building, in view of its architectural and historical importance as a representative example of federally commissioned buildings of its period, be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C.

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Notes:

- ¹ American Guide Series, Erie: A Guide to the City and County (Philadelphia: William Penn Association, 1938).
- ² "R. Stanley-Brown, 54, Garfield's Grandson," New York Times, February 9, 1944, Obituaries.
- ³ Henry F. Withey AIA and Elsie Rathburn Withey, Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased) (Los Angeles: Hennessey and Ingalls, Inc., 1970), 566.
- ⁴ Date stone located on the Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- ⁵ Clio Group, Inc., Scranton Post Office and Courthouse Historic Structures Report (Philadelphia, 1986), 17.

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Verbal Boundary Description: (continued)

point; thence west (S63° 39'W) for a distance of 20' to a point; thence north (N26° 23'W) for a distance of 82.5' to a point; thence west (S63° 39'W) for a distance of 20' to a point; thence south (S26° 23'E) for a distance of 40' to a point; thence west (S63° 39'W) for a distance of 165' to a point; thence north (N26° 23'W) for a distance of 125' to the point of origin.

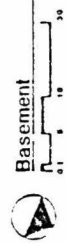
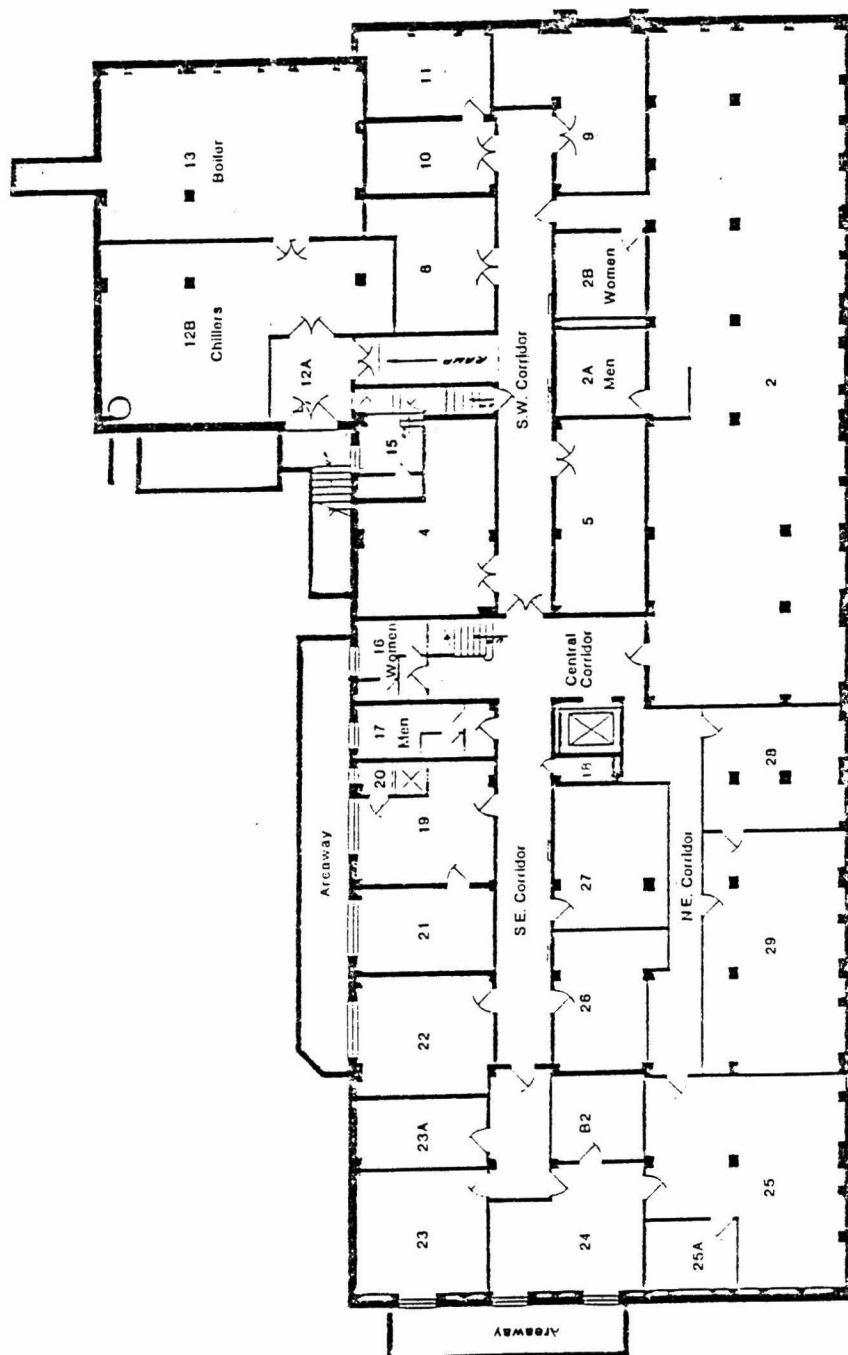
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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



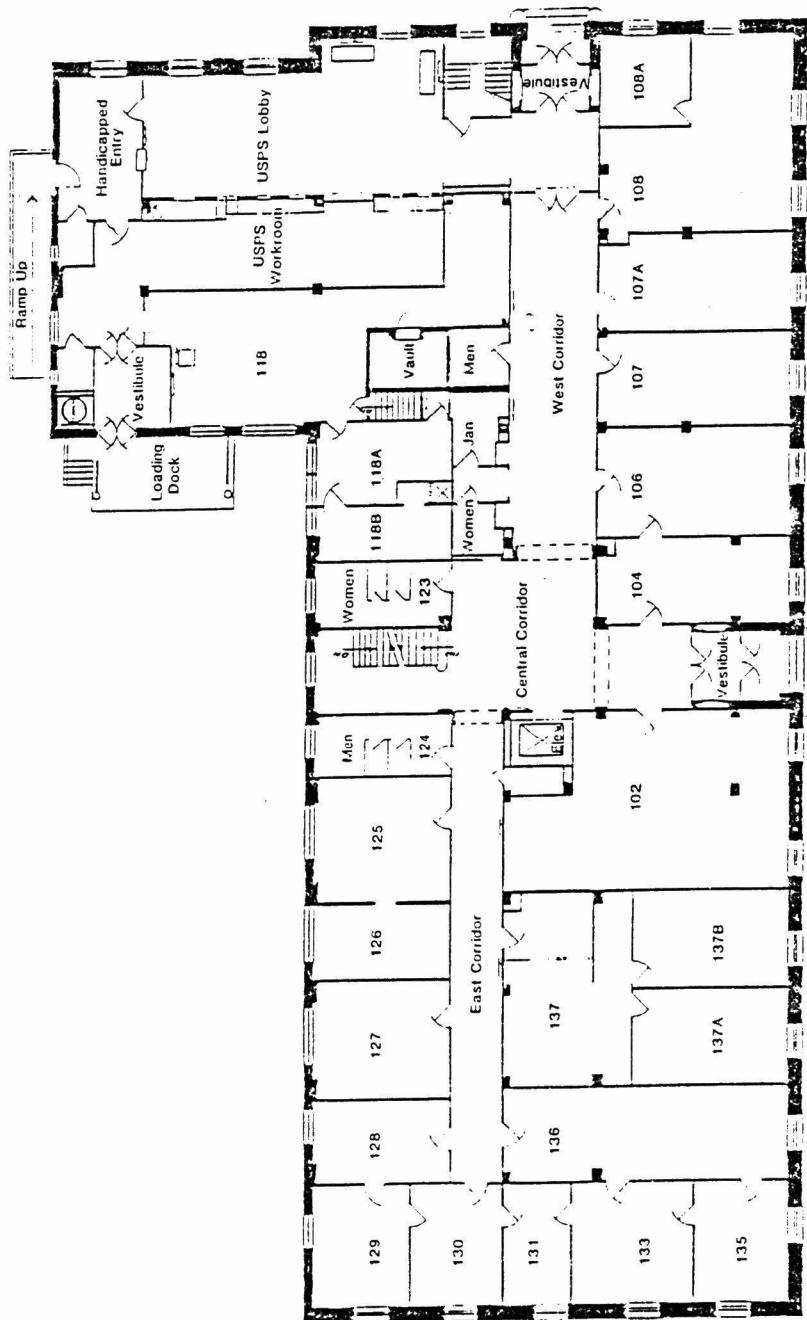
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



First Floor
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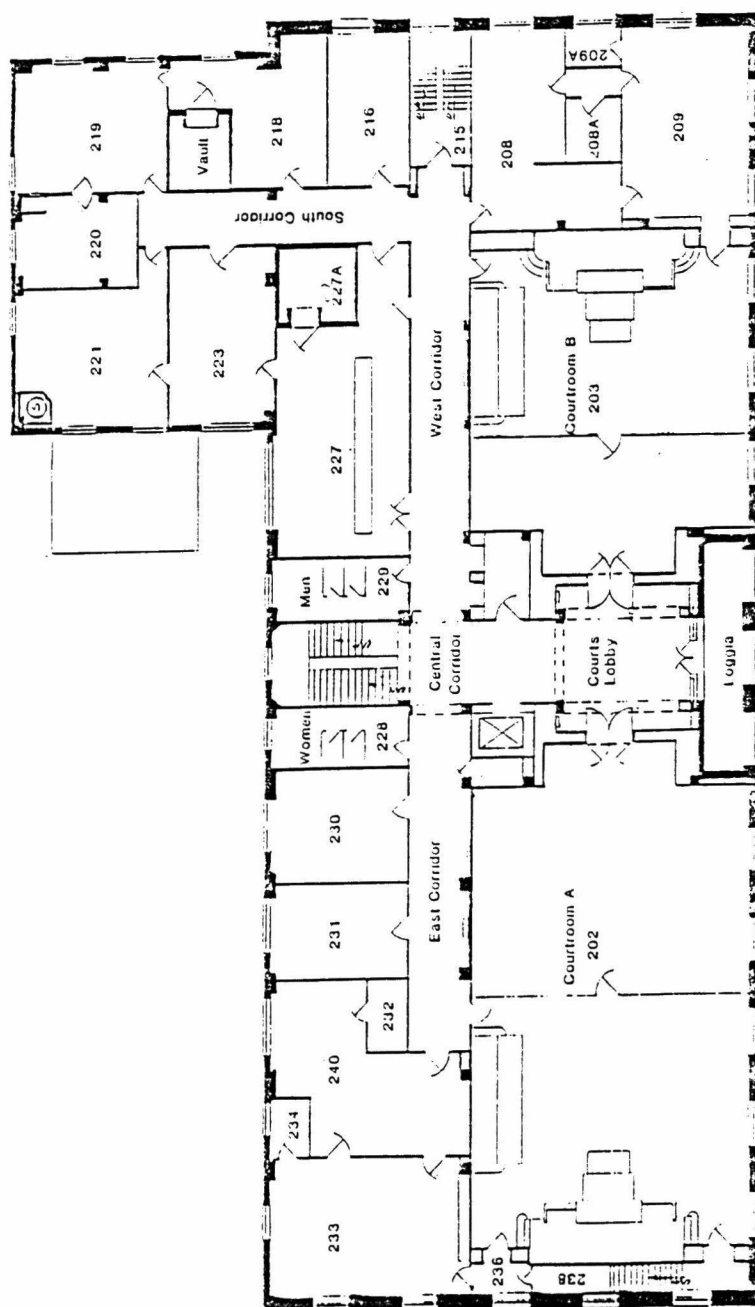
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



Second Floor
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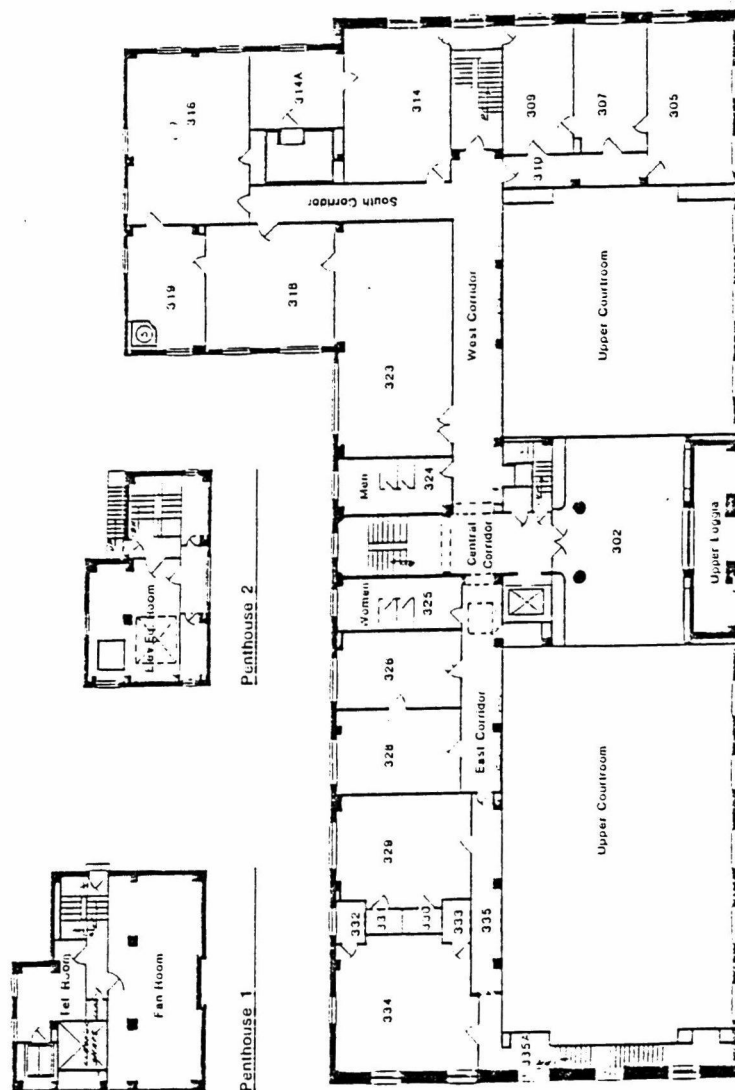
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN



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**Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office
Erie, Pennsylvania
National Register Nomination Photographs**

Photographer: Carl E. Doebley
Date: November 1990
Location of Negative: Clio Group, Inc.

- Photo #1 Looking Southeast at North Elevation
- Photo #2 Looking Northeast at West Elevation
- Photo #3 Looking Northwest at East Elevation
- Photo #4 Looking West at South Elevation
- Photo #5 Looking Northeast at South Elevation
- Photo #6 2nd Floor, Looking North in Courts Lobby toward Loggia
- Photo #7 1st Floor, Looking East in West Corridor
- Photo #8 1st Floor, Looking South in Central Corridor
- Photo #9 1st Floor, Looking Southeast in Main Postal Lobby
- Photo #10 1st Floor, Looking North in Main Postal Lobby
- Photo #11 2nd Floor, Looking East in Courtroom A
- Photo #12 2nd Floor, Looking West in Courtroom A
- Photo #13 2nd Floor, Looking West in Courtroom B
- Photo #14 2nd Floor, Looking East in Courtroom B

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: PENNSYLVANIA, Erie

DATE RECEIVED: 4/06/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/21/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/07/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/21/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000468

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL *GSA*

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___☒RETURN ___REJECT 5/13/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*A number of substantive questions concerning
the Period of Significance and Areas of Significance
must be addressed. See attached.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Patrick Andrew
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 5/13/92

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone 202-343-7519

Signed _____

Date 5-13-92

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Erie County, PA

Period of Significance

The Period of Significance for this building has been defined as extending from 1937-1944, but the nomination does not explain why this date range was selected and what it represents. The nomination does not clearly state the dates of construction of the building. If the Period of Significance is defined as extending to a period less than 50 years ago, then the building must be demonstrated to be of exceptional importance (and Criteria Consideration G should be checked on the form). Please clarify the Period of Significance.

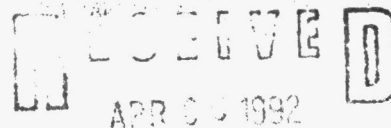
Area of Significance

The building is nominated in the area of politics/government, but there is no context provided from which to evaluate this Area of Significance. Was this the first Federal building in Erie? Did it replace an earlier building? Are there other post offices, or Federal buildings in Erie? Is this the main post office, or the main Federal courthouse? Please provide additional information concerning the role of this building in the history of politics/government in Erie.

Name of the Building

In Section 8 of the nomination, this building is referred to by three different names - The Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office (Section 8, p.1), the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse (Section 8, p.1), and the Erie Federal Building (item 8, p.2). Please clarify the name of the building.

Patrick Andrus, Historian
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☐ district
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☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
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Patrick Andrews1/22/93

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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The main postal lobby is the most interesting space on the first floor (see Photographs 9, and 10). It is rectangular in plan, and follows the vocabulary established in the vestibule and corridors with ceramic tile floors and walls. Additional features worth noting are the plaster ceiling with shallow cornice, decorative grilles which feature the familiar pattern of the floors, and original bronze post office boxes and lanterns. Behind this principal public space are the functional spaces such as the sorting room and the loading bays. The remainder of the first floor contains various federal offices.

The courtrooms located on the second floor are the most elaborately finished spaces of the building (see Photographs 11 - 14). These rooms are handsome period designs, trimmed in paneled wood wainscotting and capped by molded friezes at the height of the door heads. The paneling continues around the room, interrupted by the windows and by the elaborate backdrops of the judges' dais. The judges' benches

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and backdrops are executed in holly, ash, and beech veneer. The rooms are crowned by decorative plaster ceilings. Each courtroom is part of a complex of service rooms that include the judge's chambers, the clerk's offices, and a library. These rooms generally are finished more ornately than other office space in the building.

Built-in courtroom furnishings conform to the generally classical detail of the building. Wood benches were designed with console arms that follow the modified classical lines of the building. Ornamental metal balustrades, that carry familiar motifs found throughout the building, partitions the judges' bench and lawyers' desks from the gallery. Each courtroom also has an elaborate metalwork clock executed in copper and copper alloy.

The remainder of the first, second, and third floors is dedicated to corridor and office space for federal agencies. Typical treatments include stained and clear-finished doors, molded base, chair rail, and picture rail with flat plaster walls and ceilings. The corridors in these areas also received the ceramic tile finish, while the offices have concrete floors that are either tiled with resilient flooring or carpeted. The basement originally was largely given over to mechanical spaces, with one double-loaded corridor of offices off of the elevator lobby. In recent years, a significant portion of the mechanical area has been converted to court and office-related uses.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

1937-1941

Significant Dates

1937

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Stanley-Brown, Rudolph

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office is a product of the federal government's effort to stimulate the building industry during the 1929 Depression through a massive building program across the country that extended through the 1930s. The Moderne influence, which is evident in the building's modified classical design, reflects the stylistic features and typical design elements characteristic of federally commissioned buildings of this period. Built in 1937, it replaced an earlier Second Empire Federal Building near the site. The new building was conceived and still functions as the primary federal presence in Erie, housing the region's federal courts and the Perry Square Station, the U.S. Post Office, which serves Erie's Central business district, and nearby residential areas.

The courthouse and post office marks a high point of Erie's growth and regional significance before changing transportation systems, and then the deflation of America's heavy industry, reduced the city's importance as a manufacturing and transportation center. Erie is situated in the far northwest corner of Pennsylvania on a tiny strip of lakeshore land that developed from a trading post fort to a ranking industrial center largely because of its physical attributes, namely its location on the transportation corridor of Lake Erie. With the transportation monopoly in the northeast corner of Pennsylvania, many industries located in Erie at the end of the nineteenth century, and the city underwent a period of rapid expansion.¹ Many of Erie's late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, including the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse, reflect the city's success during that period.

Erie's Federal Courthouse and Post Office was designed by Rudolph Stanley-Brown (1890-1944), grandson of President James A. Garfield, and a consulting architect of the U.S. Treasury Department.² Stanley-Brown received his formal training at Yale and studied architecture at Columbia University and the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. Two years later he enlisted in the Army and served in the first World War. Upon his discharge he joined the firm of his uncle, Abram Garfield, Cleveland architect, and

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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☒ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☒ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings

Survey # _____

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering

Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State historic preservation office

☐ Other State agency

☒ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1/4 acre

UTM References

A 17 575660 4664340
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

C _____

D _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Starting at the southeast corner of 6th (South Park Row) and State Streets and extending (N63° 39'E) along 6th Street for a distance of 205' to a point; thence south (S26° 23'E) for a distance of 165' to a

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This is the entire state of the Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Clio Group, Inc.

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state PA zip code 19104

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later was made a partner. He practiced in Cleveland before moving to Washington, D.C. several years before his death.³

Louis A. Simon, FAIA (1867-1958) served as the Supervising Architect for the project, under the Treasury Department. Simon attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated in 1891. Shortly after, he joined the Supervising Architect's office. Simon became the office's principal architectural designer while James Wetmore (1893-1940) was the Supervising Architect, later succeeding him at the post.⁴ During the first third of the twentieth century, Simon was the designer of many small post offices and courthouses for the federal government.

In his own right, Simon is of interest as a colorist and classicist whose designs incorporated modern motifs with success and skill. At the end of his career, he had been involved with a thousand or more buildings, though his name is on the cornerstone only of those erected during his tenure as Supervising Architect, a position which he held from 1934 until 1937 when he reached the federal mandatory retirement age of seventy. President Roosevelt extended his tenure for an additional eighteen months, and then asked him to stay on as consultant to the Treasury Department.⁵

The Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office is a principal element in Erie's business district, and therefore of great local importance. It is recommended that the building, in view of its architectural and historical importance as a representative example of federally commissioned buildings of its period, be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C.

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Verbal Boundary Description: (continued)

point; thence west (S63° 39'W) for a distance of 20' to a point; thence north (N26° 23'W) for a distance of 82.5' to a point; thence west (S63° 39'W) for a distance of 20' to a point; thence south (S26° 23'E) for a distance of 40' to a point; thence west (S63° 39'W) for a distance of 165' to a point; thence north (N26° 23'W) for a distance of 125' to the point of origin.

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**Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office
Erie, Pennsylvania
National Register Nomination Photographs**

Photographer: Carl E. Doebley

Date: November 1990

Location of Negative: Clio Group, Inc.

- Photo #1 Looking Southeast at North Elevation
- Photo #2 Looking Northeast at West Elevation
- Photo #3 Looking Northwest at East Elevation
- Photo #4 Looking West at South Elevation
- Photo #5 Looking Northeast at South Elevation
- Photo #6 2nd Floor, Looking North in Courts Lobby toward Loggia
- Photo #7 1st Floor, Looking East in West Corridor
- Photo #8 1st Floor, Looking South in Central Corridor
- Photo #9 1st Floor, Looking Southeast in Main Postal Lobby
- Photo #10 1st Floor, Looking North in Main Postal Lobby
- Photo #11 2nd Floor, Looking East in Courtroom A
- Photo #12 2nd Floor, Looking West in Courtroom A
- Photo #13 2nd Floor, Looking West in Courtroom B
- Photo #14 2nd Floor, Looking East in Courtroom B

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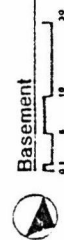
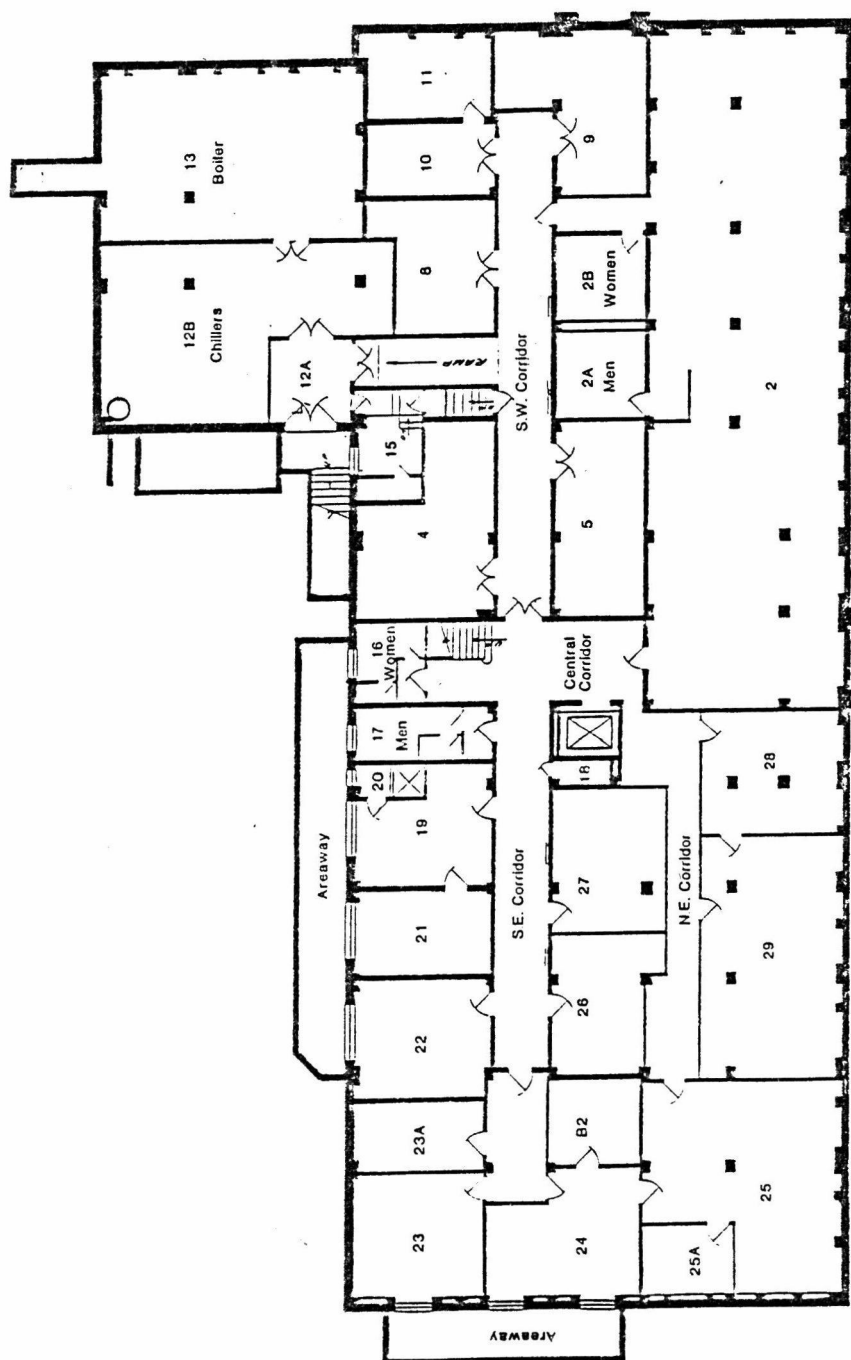
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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



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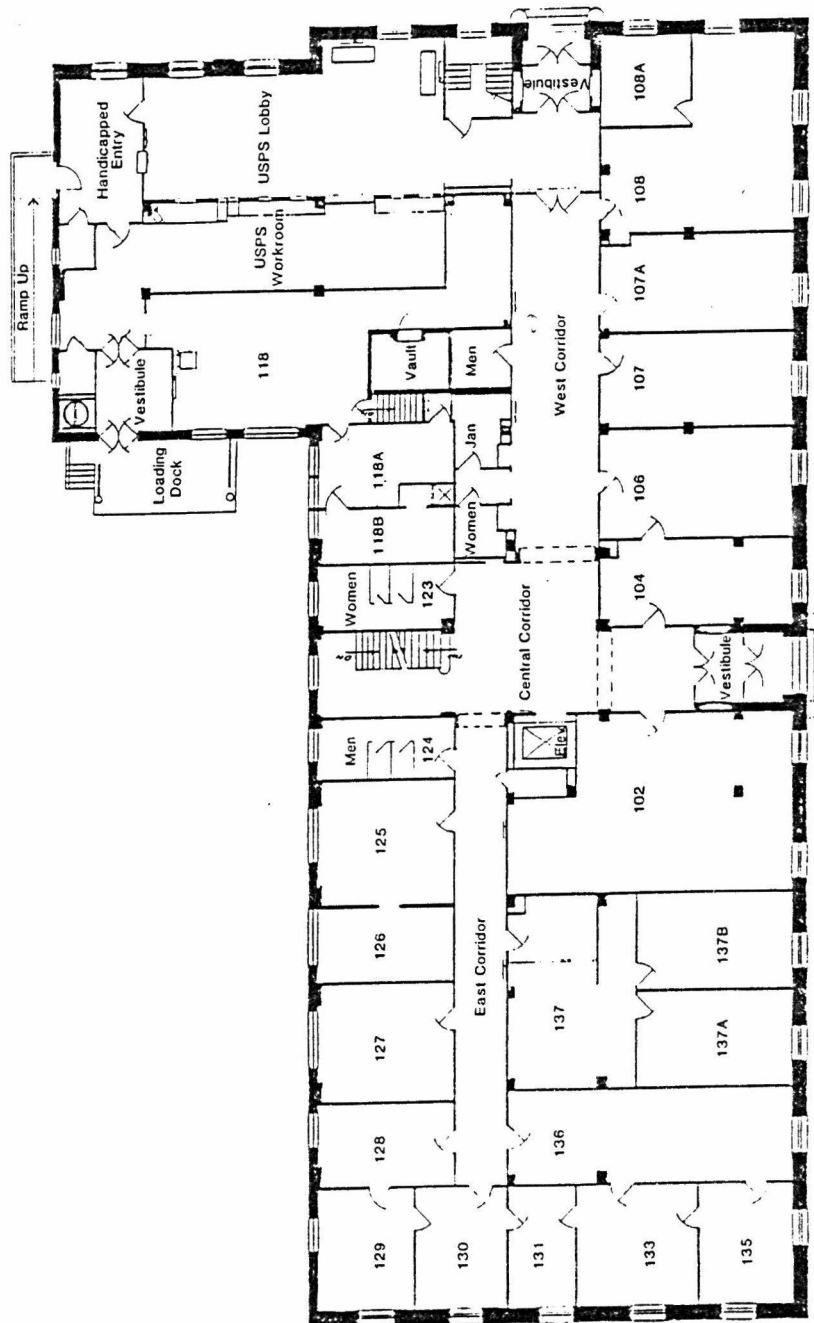
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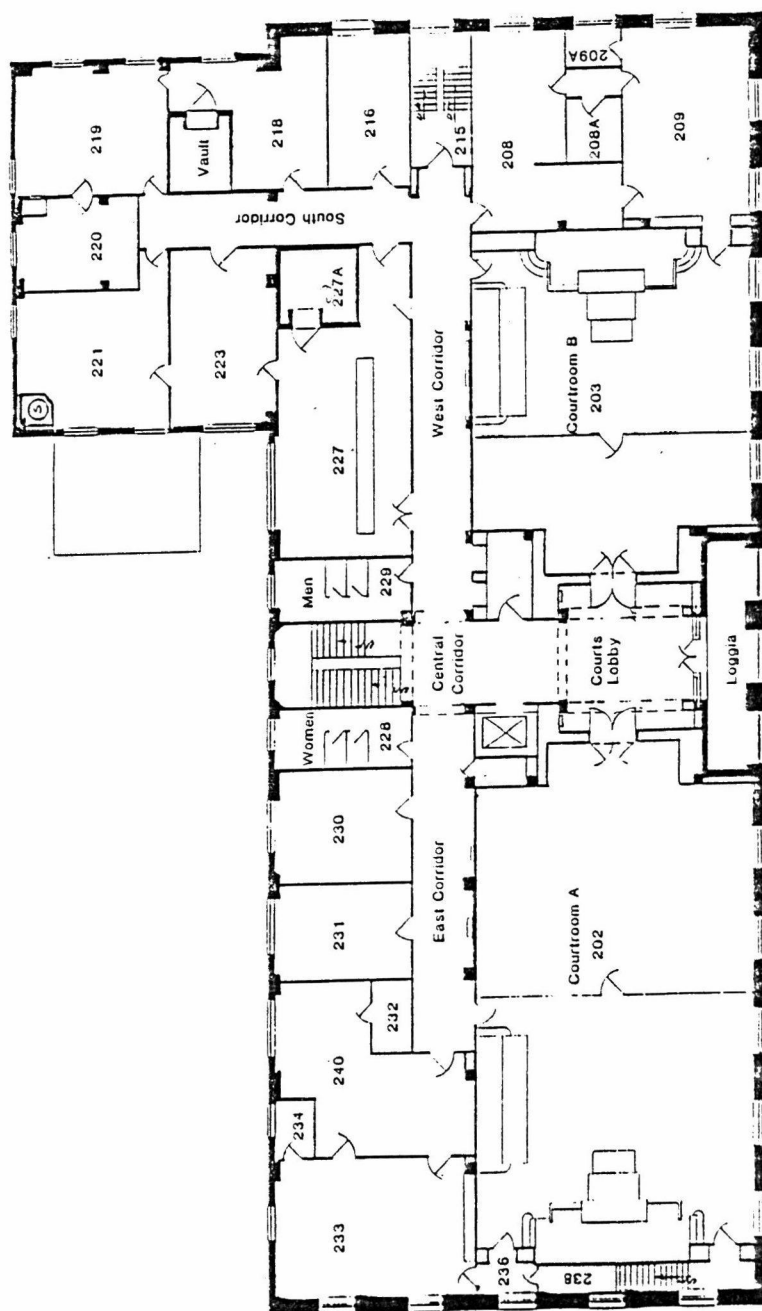
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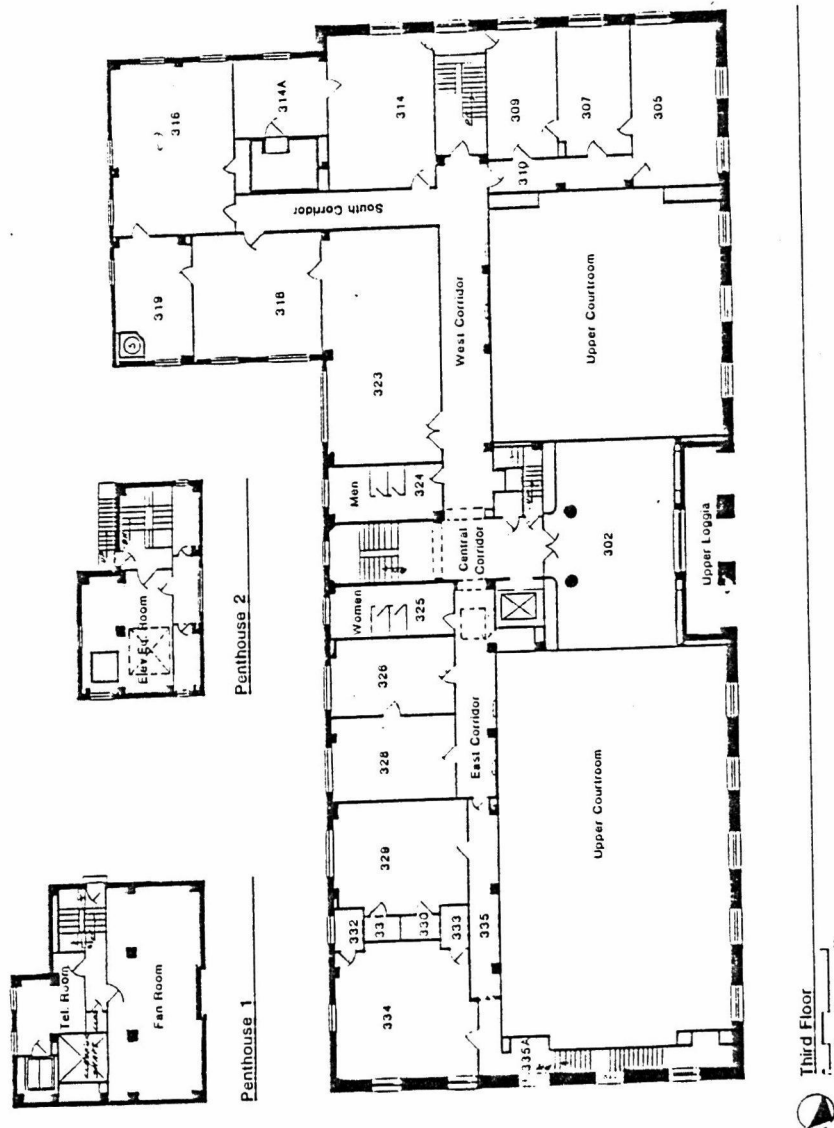
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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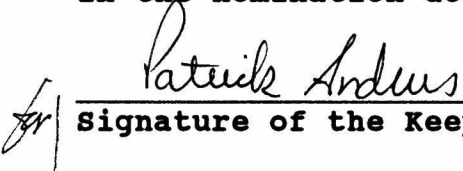
Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office
Property Name

Erie
County

PA
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

1/22/93
Date of Action

=====
Amended Items in Nomination:

Area of Significance: Politics/Government was cited as an area of significance and was discussed in the narrative, however, Criterion A was not checked. The nomination is amended to add Criterion A.

This information was confirmed with Betsy Jiranek's office, Arts & Historic Preservation Division, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: PENNSYLVANIA, Erie

DATE RECEIVED: 12/08/92

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY:

1/22/93

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000468

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL GSA

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 1/22/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Erie Federal Courthouse + Post Office is eligible for listing under criterion A + C in the areas of Politics/Govt. + Architecture. The building is a largely intact example of Depression-era Federal design, handsomely blending Moderne influences w/ a stripped classical design. As a courthouse, post office and federal office building, the structure represented the primary focus of governmental activity in the community and held a prominent location on the city's public square.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C
REVIEWER Paul Lusignan
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN
DATE 1/22/93

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SIR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed

Date



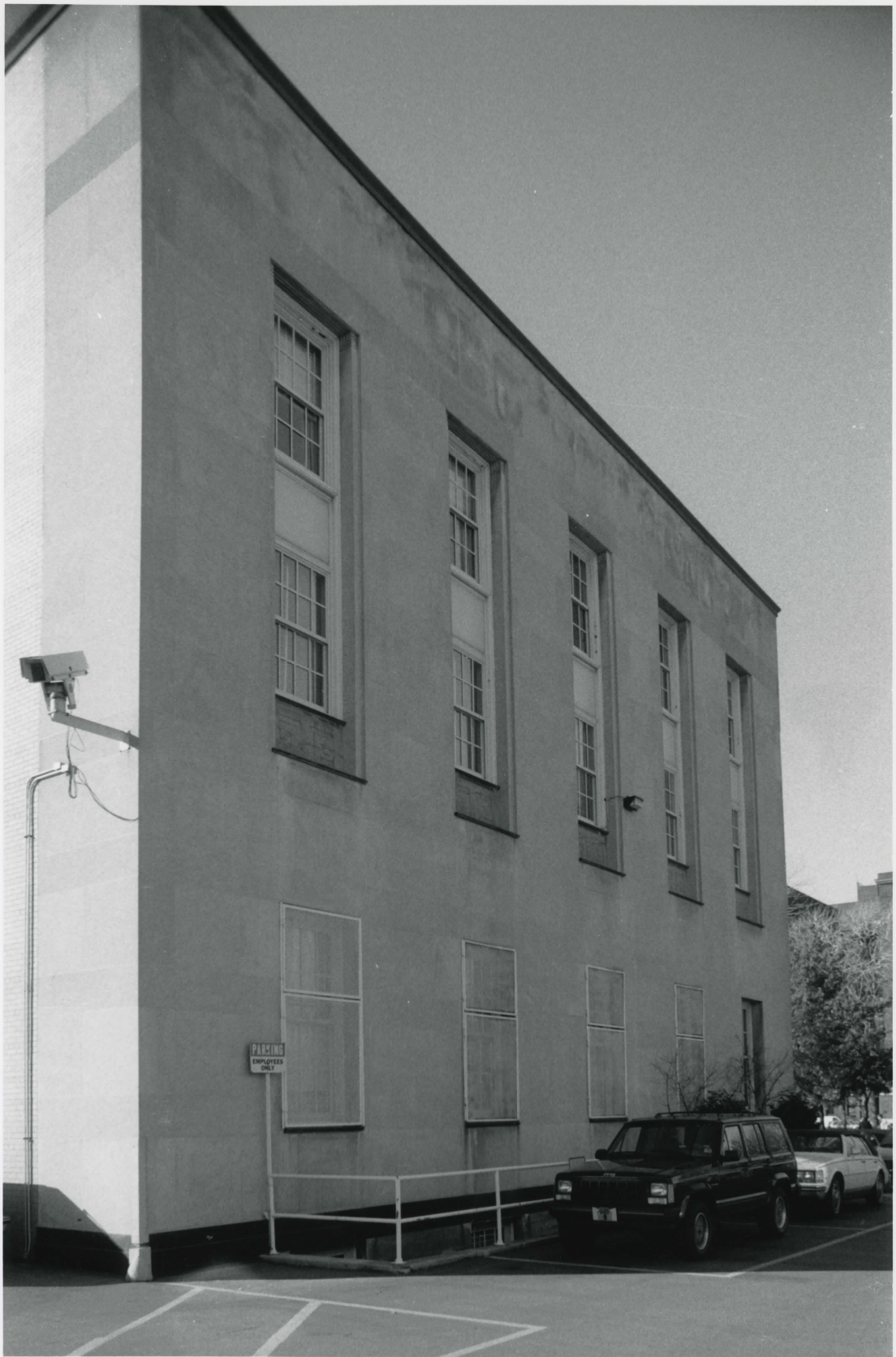
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Looking West at South Elevation

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Looking West at South Elevation

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Looking Northeast at South Elevation

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2nd Floor, Looking North in Courts Lobby toward Loggia

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2nd Floor: Looking North in Courts Lobby
toward Loggia
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1st Floor; Looking East in West Corridor

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1st Floor: Looking East in West Corridor

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1st Floor, Looking South in Central Corridor

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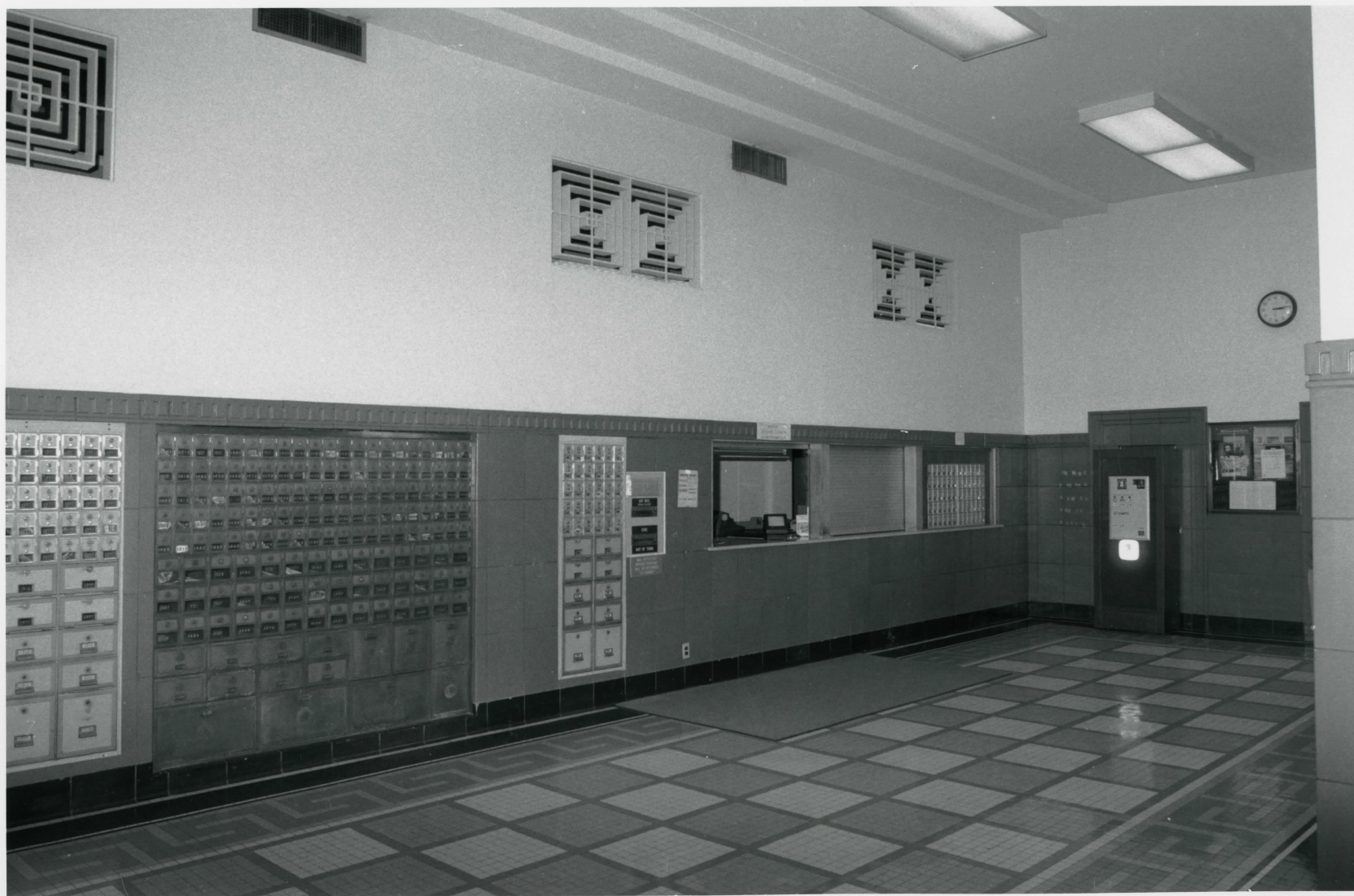
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1st Floor, Looking Southeast in Main Postal Lobby

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1st Floor, Looking North in Main Postal Lobby

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1st Floor: Looking North in Main Postal
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2nd floor, looking East in Courtroom A
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2nd Floor: Looking East in Courtroom A
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2nd floor, Looking West in Courtroom A

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2nd Floor: Looking West in Courtroom A

Photo #12



Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office

Erie, Pennsylvania

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2nd Floor, Looking West in Courtroom B

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2nd Floor: Looking West in Courtroom B

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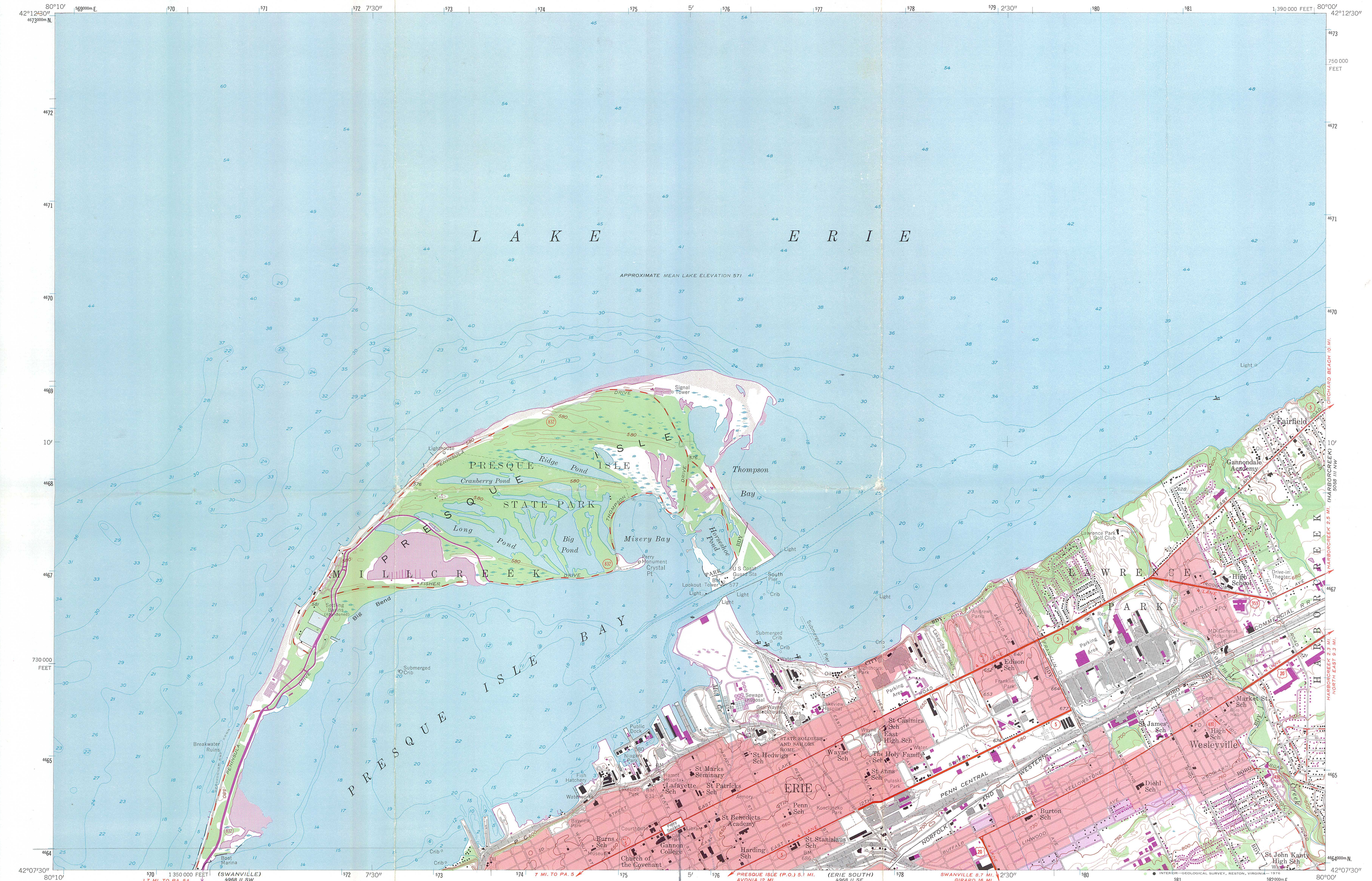
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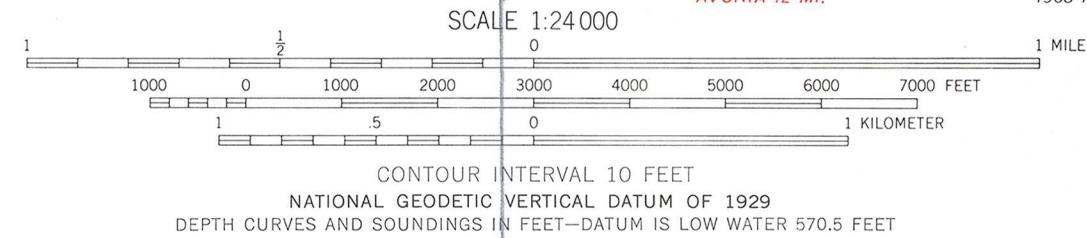
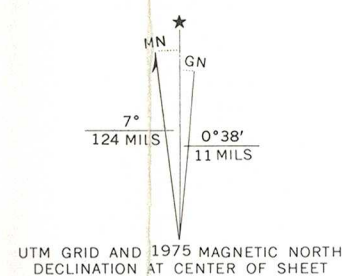
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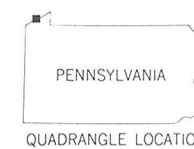
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landmark buildings are shown

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ERIE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE AND POST OFFICE
ERIE COUNTY, PA
ERIE NORTH, PA QUADRANGLE
ZONE 17
UTM #: 17 575600 4664340
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

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Public Buildings Service
Washington, DC 20405

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Dr. Brent Glass
State Historic Preservation
Pennsylvania State Historical
and Museum Commission
P.O. Box 1026
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Dear Dr. Glass:

Enclosed please find the National Register Nomination Application for the Erie Federal Courthouse, in Erie, Pennsylvania. This nomination is to be reviewed and signed by you, and then forwarded to the:

National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1100 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20013

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Rolando Rivas-Camp, AIA of my staff on (202) 501-1737.

Sincerely,

DALE M. LANZONE
Director
Arts and Historic Preservation





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Bureau for Historic Preservation
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NATIONAL
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March 30, 1992

Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Department of Interior
1100 L Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: NR nomination form

Dear Ms. Shull:

The following National Register nomination form is being submitted for your review:

Erie Federal Courthouse and Post Office, Erie County

The proposed action is :

☒ listing in the National Register

☐ determination of eligibility (owner objection)

Please note that Criterion A should be checked off at the top of Section 8 "Politics/Government" is claimed as an area of significance. Although the narrative for Section A makes only a brief reference in paragraph one to politics/government significance, our office believes that this building is significant in government as the seat of the federal district court.

If you have any questions regarding the nominations please call us at (717) 783-8947.

Sincerely,

Dan G. Deibler, Chief
Division of Preservation
Services

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General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
Washington, DC 20405

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Ms. Carol Shull
The Keeper of the National Register
of Historic Places
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is the revised National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form and accompanying materials for the Erie Federal
Courthouse and Post Office in Erie, Pennsylvania. The form was
revised based on the comments of Patrick Andrus.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call
Betsy Jiranek of my staff at (202) 501-0951.

Sincerely,


Dale M. Lanzone
Director
Arts and Historic Preservation Division
and Agency Preservation Officer

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