

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	WEY.368
Historic Name:	U. S. Post Office - Weymouth Landing Branch
Common Name:	
Address:	103 Washington St
City/Town:	Weymouth
Village/Neighborhood:	Weymouth Landing
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1941
Architect(s):	Cunningham, T. W., Inc.; DuBois, Guy Pene; Simon, Louis Adolf
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Post Office
Significance:	Architecture; Art; Politics Government
Area(s):	WEY.B: Weymouth Landing
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register Individual Property (5/27/1986)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Slate Wall: Granite; Ashlar Random Laid; Wood; Copper; Marble Foundation: Stone, Cut



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Historic, Architectural & Archeological Significance Survey

WEY. 368

1. General Information

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a. Facility Name U.S. Post Office, Weymouth, Massachusetts	b. Historic/Original Name U.S. Post Office	
c. Finance/Subloc. No.	d. Site Size (Sq. Ft.) 24,600	e. Lot, Block WEY
f. Property Address (Include county & ZIP code) 103 Washington Street Weymouth, MA 02188 Norfolk County	g. Building Size (Sq. Ft.) 4314	h. Building Size (Dimensions) 67 X 57 + 38 X 13½
j. Address of Office with Building Records (Name and address of field office, region, etc. with official file.) N.E. Field Real Estate & Buildings Office 1050 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA 02173	i. Is Building Open to Public? Yes	
	k. Original Use of the Building Post Office	
	l. Present Use Same	

2. Property Appearance

a. Description of General Area (Describe neighborhood, historic district, land use & direct or indirect effect upon other building of historic interest. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.)

On one of Weymouth's main traffic routes, the Post Office is located in an area of small-scale commercial strip development. Nearby building uses include gas station, funeral home, bowling alley, donut shop and storefront retail.

b. General Condition of Property (Site and Building)

Building is in good condition, grounds appear somewhat unkempt. The granite front stair is in need of re-pointing, as is some of the jointing on the main building near grade level.

c. Description of Building Material (Roofs, walls, foundation, interior features, floor and ceiling, etc.)

Random ashlar granite walls are capped by a wood cornice and end gables. The slate roof features a wood and metal louvered belfry. Multi-paned double hung windows, trim and entrance surround are wood. The lobby has a simple terrazzo floor, marble wainscot with wood panelling above and simple plaster walls.

d. Description of Floorplan (Attach drawings if available.)

A small flight of granite steps leads to the center entrance and through an interior wood and glass vestibule to the rectangular lobby. The Postmaster's Office is at the right end, the service screen is to the rear, behind which is the workroom with mail vestibule and platform beyond.

e. Description of unusual or unique subterranean features (Basement, tunnels, vaults, shelters, etc.)

3. Architectural History

a. Date Designed	b. Date Construction Began September 1940	c. Date Building Completed November 1941	d. Date Restored/Renovated
e. Original Owner (Name & Biographical Data) U.S. Government		f. Original Builder (Name & Biographical Data) T.W. Cunningham, Inc. Winchester, MA (\$65,700.00)	
g. Original Architect (Name & Biographical Data) Louis A. Simon Supervising Architect		h. Other Significant Participants (Names, relation to building, biographical data) Mural - Beach landing scene of the early 17th century by Guy Pene Du Bois	
i. Restoration Architect or Designer (if building has been restored/renovated)			

4. Architectural Significance

Identify type, period, method of construction, artistic value, significant and distinguishable entity (See National Register criteria, 36 CFR 60.4, Criteria for Evaluation). The basic 5-bay facade is subdivided into a central 3-bay entrance section with flanking single bays, by the use of slightly projecting simple pilasters. A wood denticulated cornice surrounds the building, changing plane above the flat pilasters. Recessed panels extend below the windows down to the slightly projecting ashlar base. The wood entrance, in a segmental arched opening, contains simple quartered pilasters and engaged Doric columns supporting a simple denticulated frieze. A Georgian Revival fanlite appears over the replacement aluminum entrance doors. The segmental arch panel contains an eagle in bas-relief with outspread wings. A louvered belfry with chamfered corners and metal cupola perches on the gable roof ridge.

5. Historical Significance

Identify the broad patterns of American history (National, state or local level) or historic persons with whom the property is associated. (See National Register Criteria.)

Of a simple design (seen in other towns in brick), this Post Office is unique in its use of local granite for the exterior. Otherwise, it is a design which was repeated many times - a late product of the Depression years and Post Office building programs.

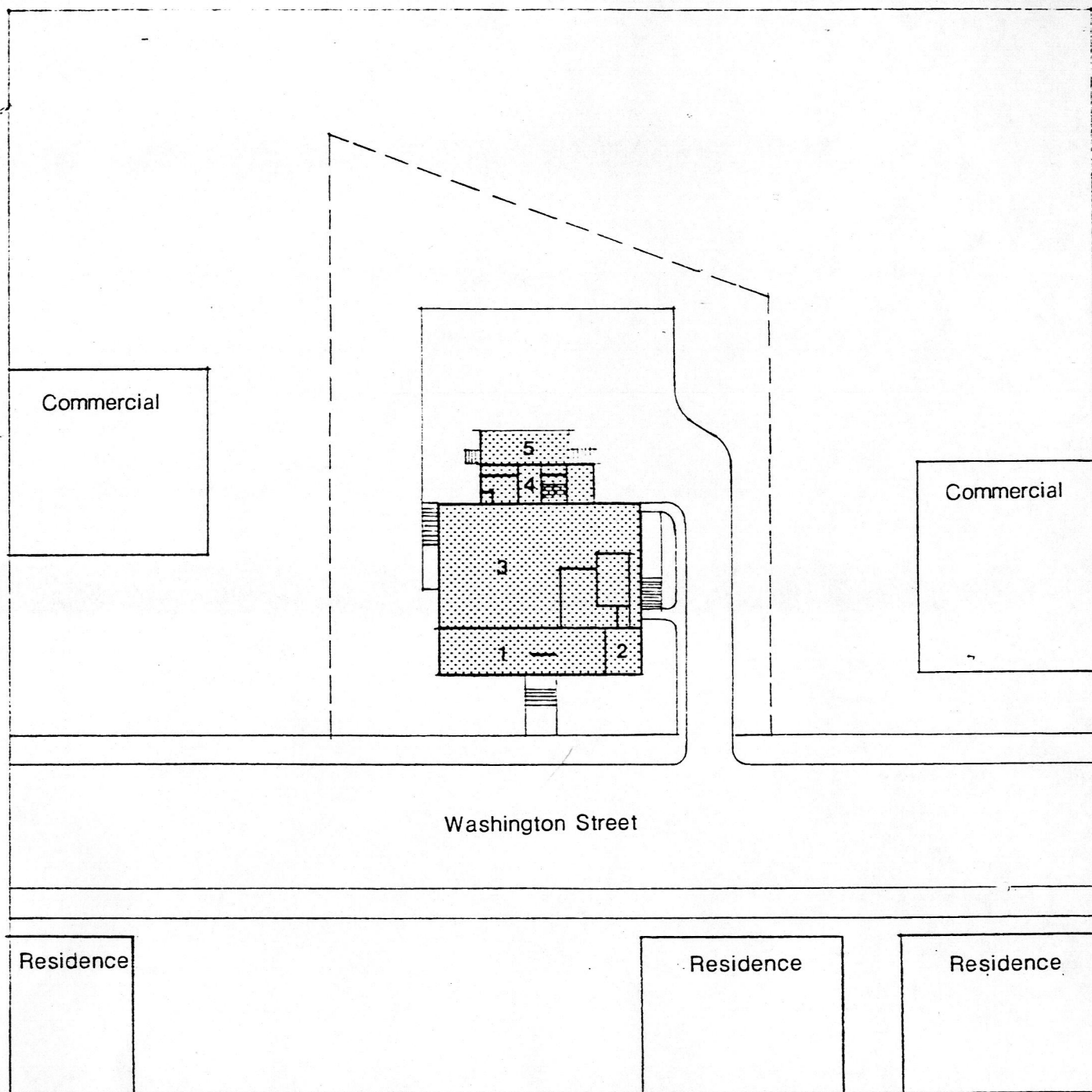
6. Conclusion and Recommendation

Should this property be nominated to the National Register? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Give a brief statement to support your recommendation.

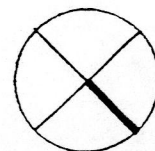
The Post Office's uniqueness and special interest lies in the use of an uncommon material, granite, used on a common building type. This change in material greatly changes the character of an otherwise ordinary building. It, however, does not, as of this date, fulfill the 50 year old requirement of the National Register.

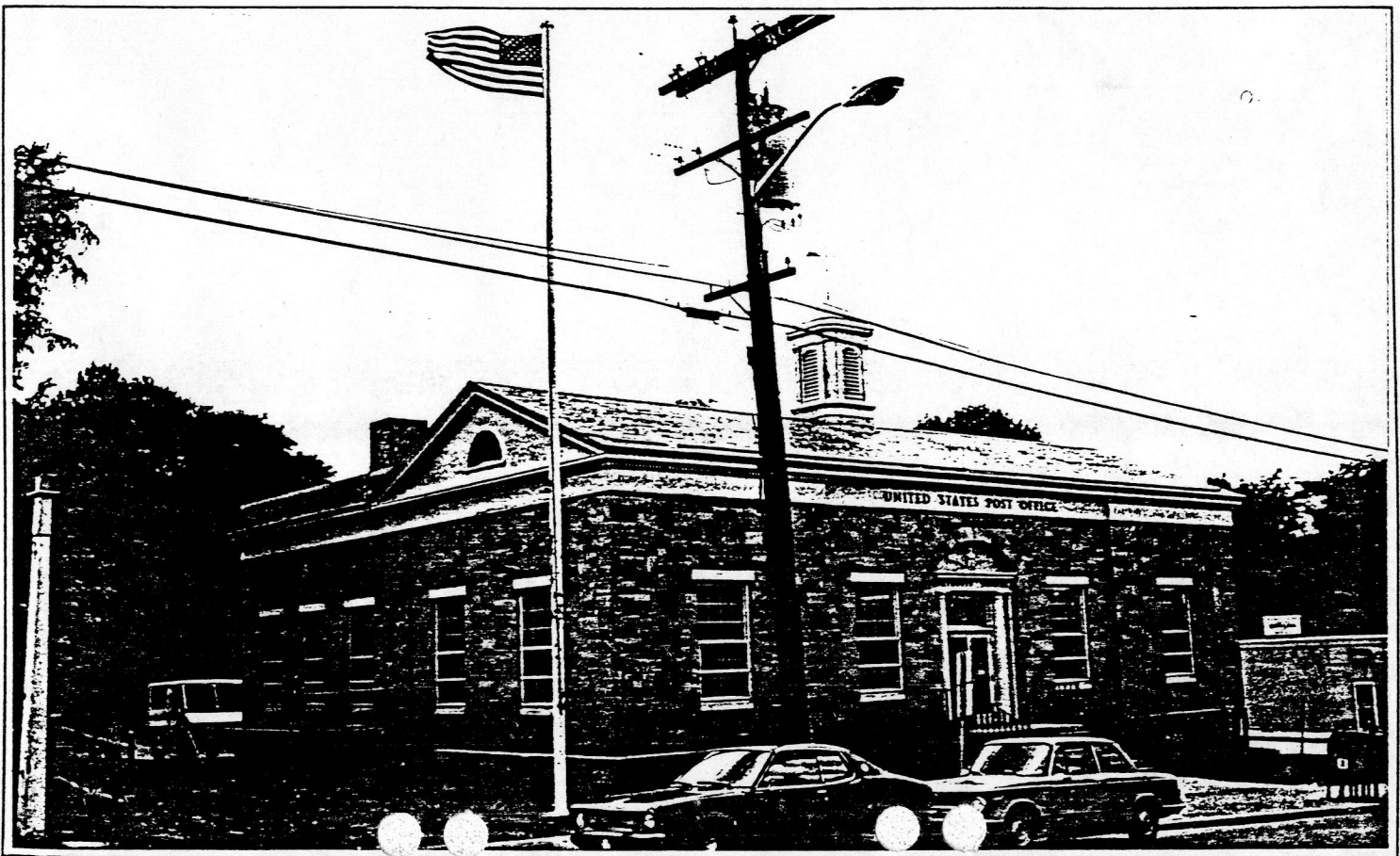
Prepared by	David R. Hocker	Final Recommendation by	
Signature	Earl R. Flansburgh + Associates, Inc. 77 North Washington Street Boston, MA 02114	Signature	
Title	Architect	Date	22 July 1983

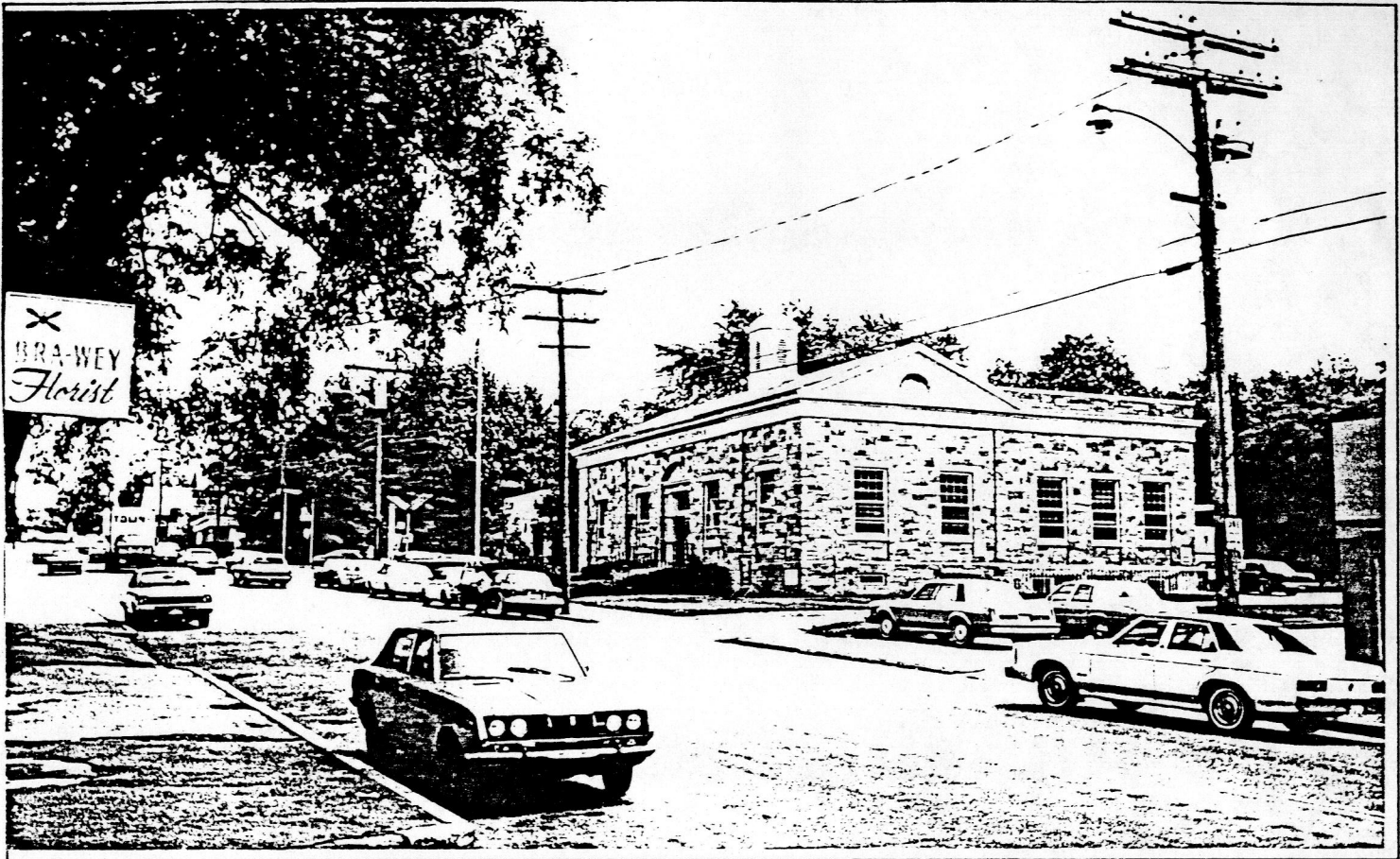




1. LOBBY
2. POSTMASTER'S OFFICE
3. WORKROOM
4. MAIL VESTIBULE
5. MAIL PLATFORM





■ ORIGINAL BUILDING (BEFORE ADDITION)










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PARCEL AND BUILDING MAP**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
103 WASHINGTON ST
MAP: 20 BLOCK: 277 LOT: 9**LEGEND**

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-  Other Towns
-  Subject Property

-  Water
-  Streams
-  Parks

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