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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common U.S. Post Office

2. Location

street & number 44-62 West Franklin Street ___ not for publication

city, town Hagerstown ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site	
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved	date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

An Art Deco style masonry structure erected in 1935-1936 and enlarged to the west about 1960-1965 - excellent condition - 3 large original wall paintings depicting mail service in America.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state __local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Architects (as listed on cornerstone (SE corner)):

Mottu and White
Baltimore, Maryland

Howard M. Mottu and Henry S. Taylor White
see Withey & Withey Biographical Dictionary of American Architects, p. 651, for White biography

Daily Mail, Hagerstown, Md. (19 Feb. 1936):

cost of construction was $250,000
contractor was Spence Brothers (where?)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Ronald L. Andrews		
organization		date	March 18, 1977
street & number	649 Philadelphia Avenue	telephone	
city or town	Chambersburg	state	PA 17201

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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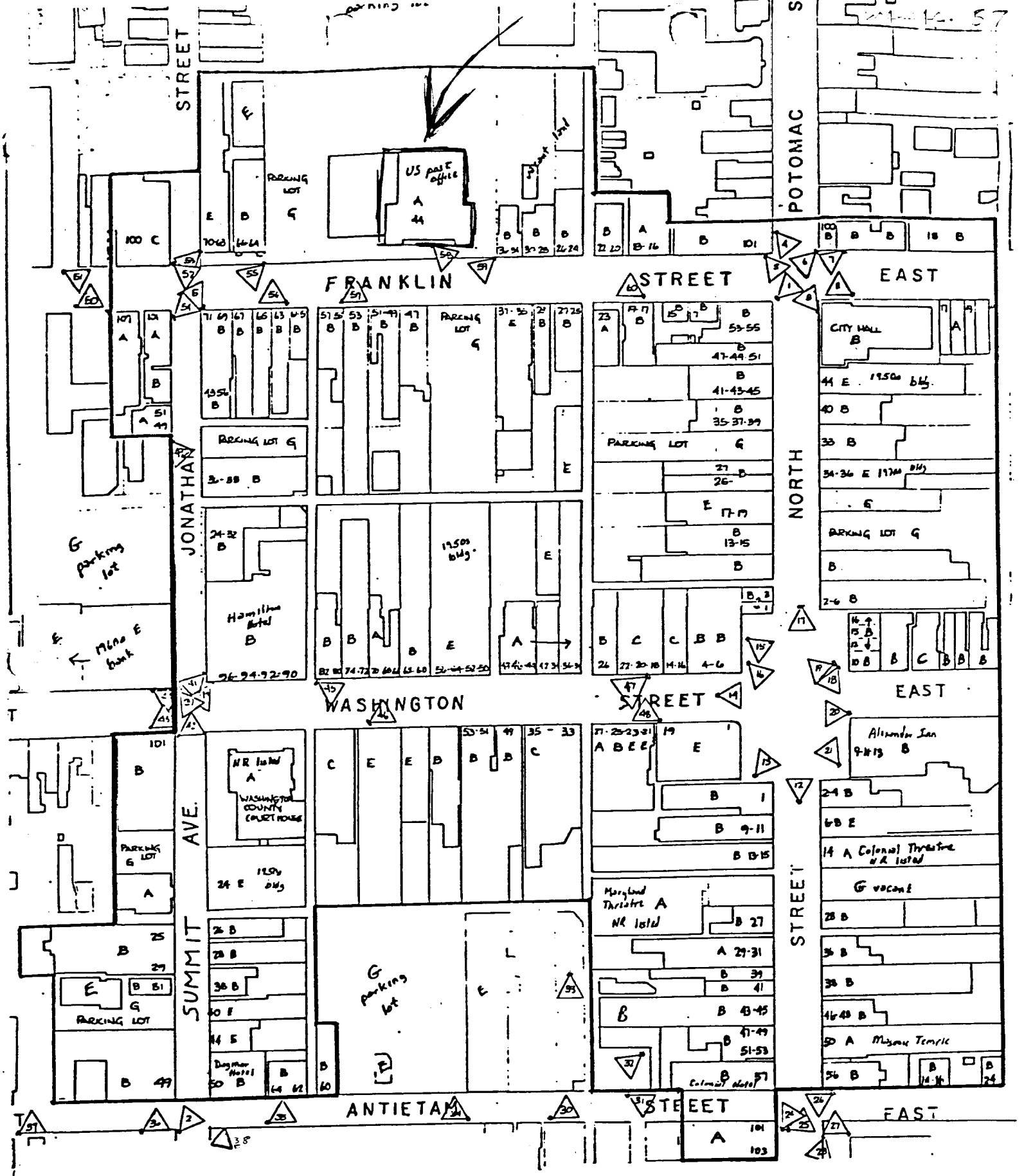
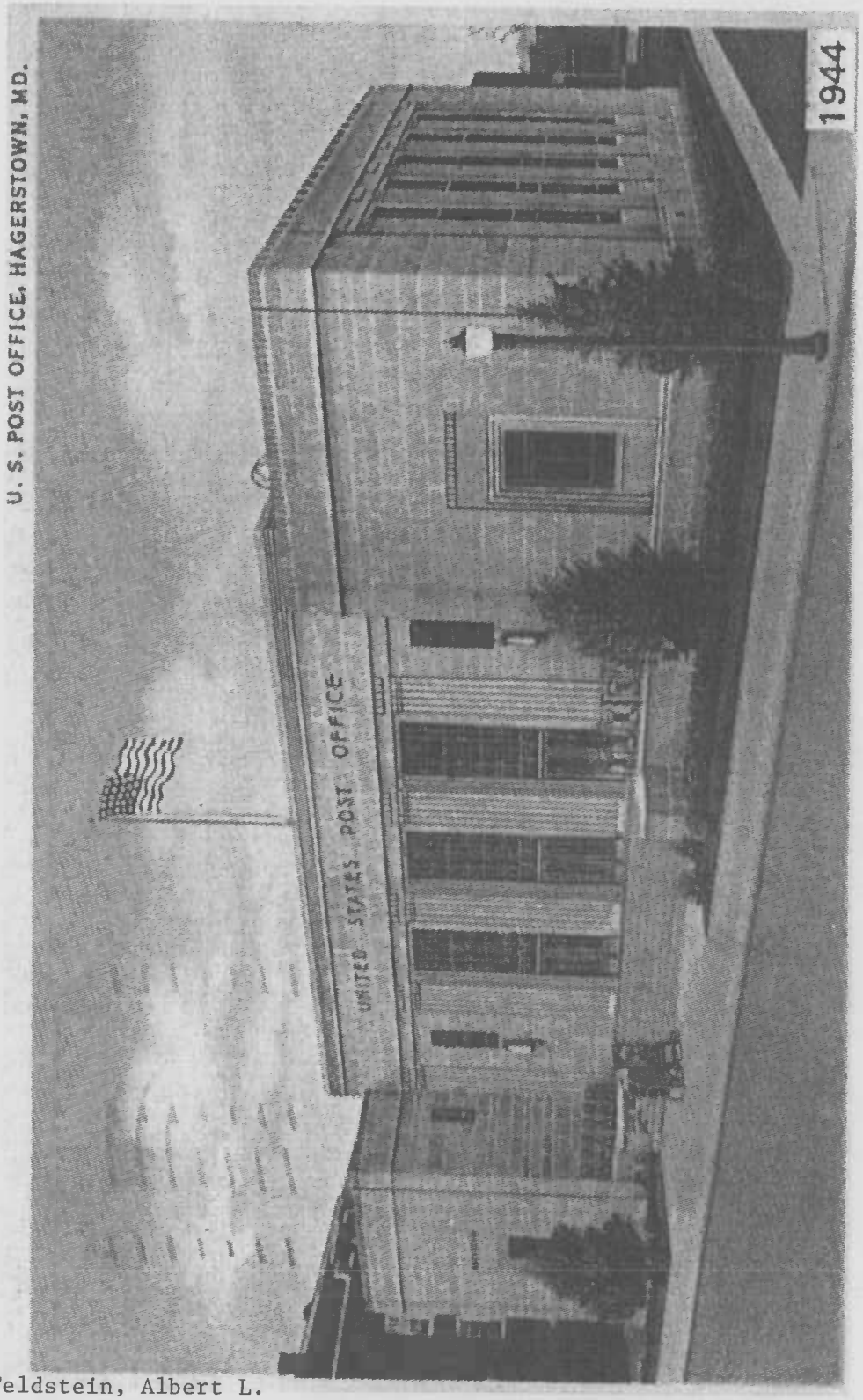


Each building is identified as to contributive value to significance of the district - see reverse of map for code identification

Hagerstown Commerical Core Historic District
Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland

entered into National Register 17 Jan. 1983



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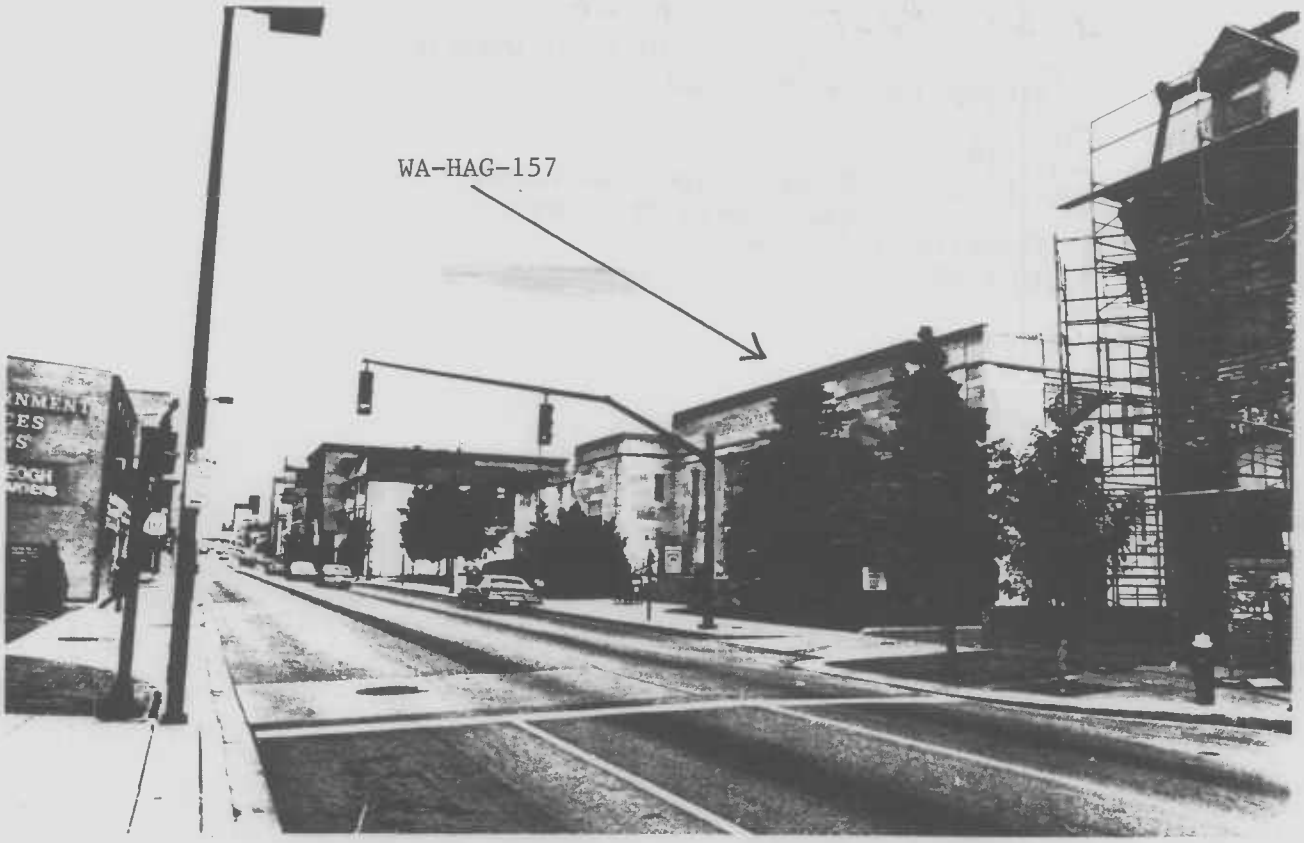
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