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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Houston	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	DEC 31 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Federal Building and U. S. Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
100 West Troy

CITY OR TOWN:  
Dothan

STATE: Alabama      CODE: 01      COUNTY: Houston      CODE: 069

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
U. S. Government - General Administration Services

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Post Office Building, Court Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery      STATE: Alabama      CODE: 01

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Houston County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
100 N. Oates Street

CITY OR TOWN: Dothan      STATE: Alabama      CODE: 01

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

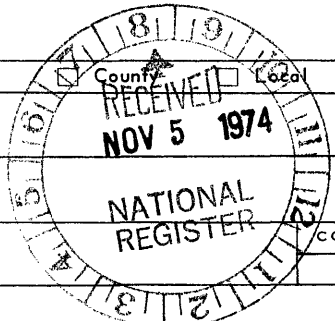
DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Federal Building and Courthouse in Dothan is constructed in the Classic Revival style and consists of three stories and a full basement.

The stuccoed masonry structure is rectangular in plan and rests on a heavy granite base. The roof is of metal and is a variation of the hipped type. A portico of modified Doric order emphasizes the center section of the south facade. A broad flight of stairs leads to the granite base of the portico where six limestone columns rise two floors to support the limestone entablature. Similar pilasters are located behind each of the columns. The cornice of the entablature is decorated with a Greek Key motif, and continues around the structure, terminating at either end of the recessed central rear bay.

Above this cornice is the third floor itself, which is terminated with a lighter limestone cornice capped with a limestone parapet.

The windows of the four-bayed east and west facades are trimmed with limestone and diminish in size with each floor. Windows of the third floor alternate with shallow recessed panels. In the recessed bay of the north elevation there are three round arched windows which extend from the second floor through a portion of the third. Below these windows is a recent one-story addition of incompatible design.



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**5. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Federal Building and U. S. Courthouse in Dothan is an excellent example of the high quality of governmental architecture during the earlier years of the 20th Century. Classic Revival in style, the building is an extremely capable piece of work and completely dominates the area of town where it is located.

On June 30, 1906, \$40,000 was authorized for the acquisition of a site and the construction of a U. S. Courthouse and Post Office. The building was to be located in Dothan through the efforts of Byron Trammell, the postmaster of the town, and B. G. Farmer, Sr. In June of the following year a lot had been acquired near the center of town and additional appropriations had been made for the construction of the building. In 1910, an additional appropriation of \$25,000 was made and in 1911 the building was completed at a total cost of \$85,000.

The building served as a courthouse and post office until the new post office was constructed in 1964. At present the structure serves as a courthouse and federal office building.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Chicago: S. S. Clarke Publishing Co., 1921.  
 Watson, Fred, Hub of the Wiregrass: History of Houston County, Alabama.  
 Anniston: Higginbotham, Inc., 1972.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

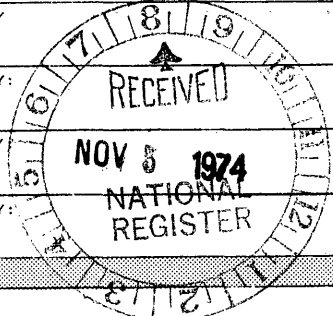
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: W. Warner Floyd

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: Oct. 29, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 725 Monroe Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Miss B. Howard, Jr.</u></p> <p>Title <u>SAPO Ala</u></p> <p>Date <u>Oct. 31, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u>                  Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>DEC 31 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u>                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>DEC 31 1974 1275</u></p>
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