

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" 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 in Clarksville has remained unchanged since its erection in 1897-98. It is of Victorian appearance, showing a mixture of architectural styles including Queen Anne and the Stick Style. The building is unusually flamboyant in style for its size. Its highly pitched roof with large eagles on the four corners, its steep gabled windows and elaborate terra cotta ornamentation combine to give importance to a relatively small building.

The building, measuring 62'2" x 62'2" overall, is one-story, built on a smooth stone foundation. The brick exterior has decorative terra cotta around all openings and on the corners. The terra cotta was manufactured by the Northwestern Terra Cotta Company of Chicago. The hipped roof with flared eaves is slate over long leaf pine, with the roof framing being of steel construction.

There are a total of 20 dormers on the building, five on each side. The central gable dormer on each side has a curvilinear opening, and is flanked by hip roof dormers. All dormers are surmounted by pinnacles, and there is a series of three stepped pinnacles on the angles of the roof line. Each corner is surmounted by an eagle on a pedestal. An ornate tower is located on the apex of the roof.

There is one brick chimney on the south side. The windows are double hung arched windows and the doors are aluminum with arched transoms. There is a small stoop on the east side.

The floor plan features an entrance on the Commerce Street side with a counter between the entry and the open office area on either end of the entry lobby. The offices beyond the open secretary area open onto a second level which was originally used to secretly view mail handlers. The floor is of marble, and the plastered walls feature extensive natural white oak trim. The ceilings are of elaborate coffered plaster.

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