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Pittsfield City Hall (U.S. Post Office)
66 Allen Street
Pittsfield
Berkshire County
Massachusetts

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No. MA-1173

P H O T O G R A P H S

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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AMERICA'S CITY HALL PROJECTName: Pittsfield City HallLocation: 66 Allen Street
Pittsfield, Mass. 01201Present Owner: City of Pittsfield, Mass.Present Occupant: City administrative offices.Present Use: City HallPart I Historical InformationA. Physical History

1. Date of erection: 1910, dedicated Jan. 1, 1911
2. Architect: James Kno~~x~~ Taylor
3. Builder: U.S. Government, Vermont marble used in construction.
4. Original plans & construction: This two story structure (with basement) was first built for use as a U.S. Post Office. It was constructed of Vermont marble, with a classical entablature, Ionic columns, and arched windows with fan lights.
5. Alterations & additions: An addition was built onto the rear in the early 1930's and the interior was redesigned in 1967. The 1967 ren~~o~~vation architect was John H. Fisher.

B. Historical Content

The building was constructed in 1910 as a U.S. Post Office. At the time it was built it featured the first revolving door in the City of Pittsfield. Much of the interior mahogany is still visible, although some of it was painted during the 1967 ren~~o~~vation.

Part II Architectural InformationA. Description of Exterior

The structure is two story Vermont marble with Ionic Columns. The doorway is located in the center front of the building with three windows on each side. The second floor has eight windows across the front. See Part I - Historical Information.

B. Description of Interior

In 1967 the interior was ren~~o~~vated to its present condition. The interior contains a large amount of mahogany.

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C. Site

The building is located on the southeast corner of Fenn and Allen Streets in Pittsfield and faces west onto Allen Street. It is located within the heart of the city's downtown district.

Part III Sources of Information

- A. Architectural Drawings - ^{not} included in application.
- B. Early Views - included in application.
- C. Bibliography Berkshire Eagle. Pittsfield, Mass., 3/22/1910.
Berkshire Eagle. Pittsfield, Mass., 1/2/1911.
Boltwood, Edward, History of Pittsfield, Mass. 1876-1916., City of Pittsfield, 1916.
- D. Likely Sources of Information: Berkshire County Historical Society
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- E. Supplemental Material - included in application.

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