

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

U.S. Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

Bogalusa Post Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

305 Avenue B

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bogalusa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Louisiana

CODE

22

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

117

**2 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Memphis Field Real Estate &amp; Buildings Office, United States Postal Service

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1 North Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

TN 38103-0744

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington Parish Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Street (no specific address) P. O. Box 607

CITY, TOWN

Franklinton

STATE

Louisiana 70438

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

LA Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1982

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

LA State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Baton Rouge

STATE

LA

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States Post Office in Bogalusa, Louisiana is a two-story brick building with basement. The elevated main floor is made accessible by a flight of granite steps with cast iron railings. The roof is flat composition. The street facade of first floor is divided into nine bays reading window-window-window-door-window-window-window. The central doorway is flanked by a pair of lights which are bracketed to the main facade. The north and south facade each consist of five bays of windows. A mailing vestibule and platform project from the rear (west) facade.

The public lobby has a granite floor with a marble border and wainscot. The interior of the building was modernized and remodeled in 1962 whereby a complete new electrical lighting system and central air conditioning were added. At the same time the first floor and basement were extended and the above mentioned mailing vestibule and platform were added. The addition may easily be identified in attached photographs as it is only one story, is on rear of building and contains two bays of windows. The structural integrity of the original exterior is not affected by the addition.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1930/31	1961/62	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bogalusa Post Office has an elegant Neo-Georgian treatment which surpasses all the other monumental structures in Bogalusa in terms of "high style" sophistication. This can be seen in the modular spacing of the windows, in the use of contrasting quoining, as well as in the use of a modillion cornice and rooftop balustrade. In addition, the lower story features handsome arched openings with a central aedicule motif entrance.

The architectural value of the Post Office is enhanced by the fact that it is one of the few monumental buildings remaining in Bogalusa. The city, which was once the center of the vast Goodyear Company lumbering empire, has lost most of its larger historic structures within the past forty years.

The building was designed in 1930 and constructed in 1930/31 under the supervision of the Treasury Department. The addition to the building was designed in 1961 and construction completed in 1962. This was designed and constructed under supervision of General Services Administration.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bogalusa Post Office Files  
 State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2/3 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>16</u>	<u>22,516,50</u>	<u>3,410,840,0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is indicated by the crossed lines on the accompanying U.S.G.S. map entitled Bogalusa Quadrangle. Scale 1:62500.

See continuation sheet for Verbal Boundary Description.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ila Ree Odom, Realty Management & Acquisition Analyst

ORGANIZATION

U. S. Postal Service

DATE

September 20, 1982

STREET & NUMBER

1 North Front Street

TELEPHONE

901/521-3131

CITY OR TOWN

Memphis

STATE

TN 38103-0744

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

*[Signature]*  
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate, RE&BD

DATE 12/8/82

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*[Signature]*  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

1/27/83

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 PATRICK ANDREWS

DATE

1/25/83

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CONTINUATION SHEET

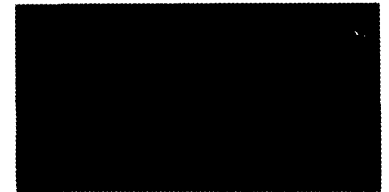
ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE

A CERTAIN PORTION OF LAND, together with all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and prescriptions (both liberative and acquisitive) thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the City of Bogalusa, Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, described as follows, to-wit:

A plot of ground in the S. Stafford, under William Hickman Headright, Section No. Thirty-eight (38), Township Three (3) South, Range Thirteen (13) East St. Helena Meridian, Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, and being the Eastern portion of Square No. Forty-eight (48) of South Bogalusa, City of Bogalusa, said Parish and State, with a 150 foot frontage on the West side of Avenue B, and described as beginning at the intersection point of the West margin of Avenue B and South margin of Third Street, as per "map of South Bogalusa," recorded in Conveyance Book 28, Page 74 of the official records of the Parish of Washington; thence Westwardly along the South margin of Third Street, a distance of 200 feet; thence at right angles to the left a distance of 150 feet to the North margin of Plaza Street; thence Eastwardly along the North margin of Plaza Street a distance of 200 feet to the West margin of Avenue B; thence Northwardly along the West margin of Avenue B a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning.

The said plot of ground being more accurately described by survey as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Headright 46, Township 3 South, Range 13 East St. Helena Meridian, which corner was proven by Government field notes by large Pine stump North 79° West 55 links, and large Red Oak stump North 75° East 26 links, which point is on the North line of Headright 38, Township 3 South, Range 13 East St. Helena Meridian; thence Eastwardly along the North line of Headright 38, 1866.63 feet to the East margin of Avenue B; thence turn an angle of 104° 9' to the right and run thence along said course, being the West margin of Avenue B, a distance of 868.23 feet to the point of beginning which point is the intersection point of the West margin of Avenue B; and South margin of Third Street; thence turn an angle of 90° to the right and run thence along said course, being the South margin of Third Street a distance of 200 feet; thence at right angles to the left a distance of 150 feet to the North margin of Plaza Street; thence Eastwardly along the North margin of Plaza Street a distance of 200 feet to the West margin of Avenue B; thence Northwardly along the West margin of Avenue B a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning. All being in Headright 38, Township 3 South, Range 13 East St. Helena Meridian.

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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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Comments of Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer:

I agree with the substance of this nomination and am of the opinion that the Bogalusa Post Office is eligible for listing in the National Register.

My only comment regarding the application itself is that Item 7 should point out that the described changes in the building since construction have not affected its architectural integrity. Its elegant neo-Georgian styling remains intact.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. DeBlieux".

Robert B. DeBlieux  
State Historic Preservation  
Officer