

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 United States Post Office and Court House

AND/OR COMMON

Correo (Post Office)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mc Kinley Street , Block 302 Lot 17

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mayagüez

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Puerto Rico

CODE

PR

COUNTY

Mayagüez

CODE

097

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Real Estate Division, USPS, Northeast Region

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1633 Broadway (at 50th St.) New York, NY 10098-0330

CITY, TOWN

STATE

\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registro de la Propiedad, Departamento de Hacienda (Recorder's Office)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Government Office, Barrio Miradero

CITY, TOWN

Mayagüez

STATE

Puerto Rico

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey and Planning  
Project of Mayagüez

DATE

July, 1984

\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

CITY, TOWN

San Juan

STATE

Puerto Rico

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                               RUINS  
 FAIR                                 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States' Post Office and Court House is a two-story, rectangular structure with one story wings at each side. The building sits on a privileged site in Mayagüez, slightly raised, claiming different vistas from town. A concrete and iron fence circles the landscaped area.

In what otherwise a flat facade, a second floor balcony is recessed into the volume. Iron railings shield the open area of the balcony. Here, columns, like every other feature of the facade, are covered in cut stone of different colors. The entrance is highlighted by mouldings, trimmings and an eagle icon. Openings, kept to a minimum, are in the glass and metal, whether doors or windows. At its top, the structure exhibits high-relief details which include the building's name and a colored frieze of geometrical patterns. This frieze runs the full length of the structure. The sloped roof is stopped by red clay tile.

Inside, circulation is handled by two stairs at opposite ends of the rectangle. Glazed ceramic tile is used as wainscoat; public areas are limited on the first floor, which is mostly devoted to Post Office work. Boxes are in wood and glass.

On the upper floor, a hallway facing South and running East-West leads to different offices, eight of them.

# 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		

SPECIFIC DATES 1935

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Louis A. Simpson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The United States Post Office and Court House of Mayagüez is located on what was the site of the Old Spanish Infantry Building, badly damaged in 1918 by an earthquake.

The 1935 structure built by the United States' government, being most distinguished and architecturally significant, emerges as an excellent representative of the period in which it was built. The Post Office symbolizes the initial efforts of the American government to sponsor, foster and stimulate construction on the Island. As such, it is among several edifices used for institutional purposes (schools, health facilities and such) that would become references and precedents for subsequent construction in Puerto Rico.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gaudier y Cabassa, Martín. El Mayaguez de Ayer y de Hoy. Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, 1959.

Aguiló, Sylvia. Mayaguez: Notas para su Historia. State Historic Preservation Office, 1984

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4,426 sq. mts. = 1.10 acres

UTM REFERENCES LAMBERT: 18° 12' 12"

67° 08' 38"

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET (SITE PLAN AND COORDINATES)

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

STATE	N/A	CODE	N/A	COUNTY	N/A	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Arch. Jorge Rigau

ORGANIZATION

Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico

DATE

September, 1984

STREET & NUMBER

Box 2299

TELEPHONE

(809) 724-1213

CITY OR TOWN

Hato Rey

STATE

Puerto Rico

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

X

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

*James T. Cox*

TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE 02/06/86

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Orny Schaefer</i>	DATE 5/21/86
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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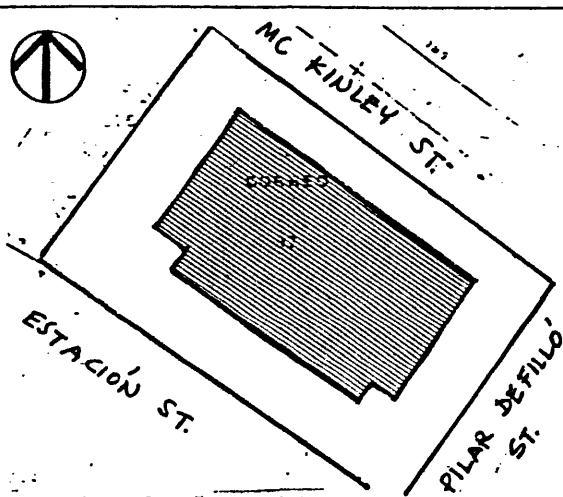
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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

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NOMBRE COMUN CORREO	
NOMBRE HISTORICO U.S. POST OFFICE & COURT	
ARQUITECTO LOUIS A. SIMON	
DIRECCION	McKINLEY Parcela 302 Solar 17
INFORMACION GRAFICA	
	
	
PLANO DE SITUACION	