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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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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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