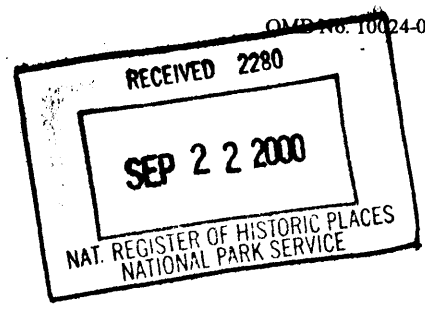


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**United States Department of Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900A). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kewaunee Post Office
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number	119 Ellis Street	N/A	not for publication
city or town	Kewaunee	N/A	vicinity
state	Wisconsin	code	WI
county	Kewaunee	code	61
zip code	54216		

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Alvina Z. Cook _____ July 26, 2000
Signature of commenting official/Title _____ Date _____

Deputy SHPO - WI
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

Kewaunee Post Office
Name of Property

Kewaunee County
County and State

Wisconsin

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 ___ See continuation sheet.
 ___ determined eligible for the
 National Register.
 ___ See continuation sheet.
 ___ determined not eligible for the
 National Register.
 ___ See continuation sheet.
 ___ removed from the National
 Register.
 ___ other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall

10/24/00

Edson H. Beall

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as
as apply)

___ private
___ public-local
___ public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

building(s)
___ district
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources
in the count)

contributing	noncontributing
1	0 buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	0 total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property not part of a multiple property
listing.)

United States Post Office Construction 1913-1943
State of Wisconsin - Milwaukee District

**Number of contributing resources
is previously listed in the National Register**

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)
Government / Post Office

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)
Government / Post Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)
Modern Movement

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)
Foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof

other Limestone

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art

Period of Significance

1940

Significant Dates

1940

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Simon, Louis A.

Melick, Neal A.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Kewaunee Post Office
Name of Property

Kewaunee County
County and State

Wisconsin

9. Major Bibliographic References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous Documentation on File (National Park Service):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less Than One Acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 16 4/6/0/1/5/0 4/9/2/2/7/0/0
 Zone Easting Northing

3 _____
 Zone Easting Northing

2 _____
 Zone Easting Northing

4 _____
 Zone Easting Northing

See Continuation Sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

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state	Wisconsin	zip code	53224

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Statement of Significance

The Kewaunee Post Office is an example of a Federal post office in the context of the multiple property nomination form "United States Post Office Construction from 1913 to 1943, State of Wisconsin - Milwaukee District. The Kewaunee Post Office is being nominated under Criterion C - Art for the WPA mural "Winter Sports" located in its lobby.

Historic Context

This building is the first federally owned post office in Kewaunee, Wisconsin. Prior to its construction, postal services were conducted in various locations selected by the local postmaster. This post office is one of several constructed in Wisconsin by the Federal Public Works Administration in the 1930s. It is similar to those in Prairie du Chien and in Shawano, Wisconsin, and is an example of the standardized design procedures employed by the federal government during this period. The history of post office construction in Wisconsin under the federal relief program is explained in the multiple property nomination.

In the lobby of the Kewaunee Post Office is a mural painted by Paul Faulkner titled "Winter Sports."² The resulting work was based on an entry by the artist in the 1939 Wisconsin Competition.³ The historic context for mural art in the post offices of this era is also discussed in the multiple property nomination.

Significance

The Kewaunee Post Office is considered eligible for listing in the NRHP by meeting the registration requirements for a federally owned post office as specified in the multiple property nomination for post office construction in Wisconsin from 1913 to 1943.

It is eligible under Criterion C, Art, for the mural of high artistic value found in the lobby. This mural, painted by artist Paul Faulkner, is a good example of Depression-era art designed under the auspices of the Public Works Administration (PWA) and the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Faulkner first presented his work in the 1939 Wisconsin Competition and then painted the Kewaunee Post Office mural when he won that commission. Faulkner also painted a mural in Clarion, Iowa, as a part of

² Karal Ann Marling, Wall-to-Wall America: A Cultural History of Post Office Murals in the Great Depression (Minneapolis: 1982), 206.

³ Marling, p. 206.

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this program.⁴ Characteristic of federally funded art projects, "Winter Sports" is painted in a realistic style and presents a theme relevant to the region. Here, a variety of winter activities in the Midwest are depicted as youngsters ski, sled, skate, and toboggan.

Paul Faulkner was born 2 April 1913 in North Platte, Nebraska. He received his BFA from the University of Nebraska and also studied at the Art Institute of Chicago with Edgar Britton. His work was exhibited in the 48 States Competition held in 1939. Faulkner worked on a number of government art projects, including assisting with the murals for the Department of the Interior Building in Washington, DC. In 1950 Faulkner was appointed an instructor at the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee.

In conclusion, the Kewaunee Post Office is locally significant as a largely unaltered, PWA project with an intact mural. The post office lobby retains its original woodwork and tile flooring and wainscot providing an historic setting for the work "Winter Sports" by Paul Faulkner. The mural is a local, representative example of federally funded art of the period.

⁴ Marling, p.206. Marlene park and Gerald E. Markowitz, Democratic Vistas: Post Office Art in the New Deal (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1984), 210, 232.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

The following sources were consulted in addition to those included in the multiple property nomination for post office in Wisconsin built between 1913 and 1943:

America Builds: The Record of the PWA, Public Works Administration. Washington, DC: 1939.

Falk, Peter Hastings (Ed.). Who Was Who in American Art. Sound View Press, 1985.

Kewaunee Post Office. Building cornerstone.

Marling, Karal Ann. Wall-to-Wall America: A Cultural History of Post Office Murals in the Great Depression. Minneapolis: 1982.

Park, Marlene and Gerald E. Markowitz. Democratic Vistas: Post Offices and Public Art in the New Deal. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1984.

State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Reconnaissance files.

Woodson, Leigh Yankey. Wisconsin's New Deal Art. 1980.

10. Geographical Data.

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property corresponds to the following legal description of a parcel located in the City of Kewaunee: "Government lot 4 S17 T23N R25E. Part of Governemnt Lot 4: COM AT INSECTN OF E LN OF MAIN ST & N LN OF ELLIS ST TH N 140 E 110 FT S 140 FT W 110 FT TO P.O.B."

Boundary Justification

This boundary encompasses the Kewaunee Post Office, parking lot, and surrounding yard. This is the limit of the original property holding.

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Photos

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Kewaunee Post Office
Kewaunee, Kewaunee County, Wisconsin
Photographed by Joseph Jurkiewicz, 1993
Negatives at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

1. Façade detail, cornerstone.
2. Interior view, lobby.
3. Interior view, mural "Winter Sports."
4. Rear elevation, looking south.
5. Side elevation, looking east.
6. Side elevation, looking west.
7. Front elevation, looking north.