

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC *U.S. Post Office and Courthouse*
OGDEN UNITED STATES POST OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
298 West 24th Street

CITY, TOWN
Ogden

STATE
Utah

VICINITY OF
CODE
049

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
01

COUNTY
Weber

CODE
057

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Frank Johnson

STREET & NUMBER
3860 South 2300 East

CITY, TOWN
Salt Lake City

STATE
Utah

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder's Office, Weber County

STREET & NUMBER
Municipal Building, 2555 Washington Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Ogden

STATE
Utah

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Ogden Survey by Historic Utah, Inc.

DATE
January, 1978

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Utah State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN
Salt Lake City

STATE
Utah

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A three-story sandstone building erected in 1905-1909, the Ogden Post Office and Federal Building is a very well-preserved example of the Federal government's use of the Classical Revival style. Originally a square, symmetrical building three stories high and five bays wide costing \$320,000.00, the Ogden Post Office was expanded in 1930 with the addition of four bays to the west and one to the north, doubling the original size. On the original building, the central pedimented three-bay projection on each facade was divided by attached Corinthian columns (square on the east facade, round on the south facade) to create a three-bay arch order. On the rusticated first floor, below, are the entrances: three pairs of doors on the south facade, a door flanked by two windows on the east. Although the addition to the north and west, done in the 1930s matches the style of the original (reproducing even the pedimented pavillion on the new west facade) the loss of symmetry represents a compromise with the need for more space.

The most important elements of the interior are the two-story courtrooms with original wood paneling, and the original marble interior of the main floor lobby. The chandeliers have been removed from the courtrooms, though original fixtures remain in some of the hall and office areas.

The second, third and fourth floors are organized around light wells above first floor skylights. The mechanical equipment is in the east half of the basement floor. The three elevators in the building are very old; only one is working. The second floor office ceilings are thirteen feet high, the third floor eight and a half feet. The fourth floor on the east side is unfinished storage space with low ceilings, and only the southwest part may be usable for offices.

The Post Office was sold by the General Services Administration with deed restrictions requiring preservation of the facades and the significant interior spaces, and subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The new owner plans a restoration as a mixed use commercial building.

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 1903, 1907, 1931

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ogden Post Office and Federal Building is one of two fine Classical Revival federal buildings in Utah (the other is the Salt Lake City Federal building). Its significance is based on the rarity of usage of this particular style in Utah and because the building symbolizes federal presence in a city which owes its prosperity to extensive federal installations in the area.

With the establishment of Ogden as a major rail center in 1869, the city rapidly became the principal metropolis for Utah territory's non-Mormon population. In the years prior to the issuance of the 1890 Manifesto that ended the Mormon Church's practice of polygamy, federal authority in Utah was strongest in this "Gentile" stronghold. This long identification with the federal government was repaid when Ogden was chosen to be the site of a federal building and post office on a par with that planned for the much larger Salt Lake City. These two structures, incidentally, were the first federally owned structures (other than military) in Utah. Previously the federal government had made do with homes, rented buildings, and space in county courthouses. But the erection of these two buildings meant the inclusion of Utah into the national body politic was being marked by buildings that asserted the importance of the Union, and, of course, designed to impress citizens with the power of the federal government through the use of a style that underlines the political concepts of republicanism and democracy that derived from Rome and Greece.

The new federal building in Ogden marked the increasing importance of direct Federal supervision over many aspects of the national life that had hitherto gone unregulated or had been dealt with by a distant authority. The federal government would, throughout the early years of this century, move into the Ogden area in even greater force, but its presence is still symbolized by this majestic building . . . still in use as late as 1975.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ogden Federal Building and Post Office, (File) Utah State Historical Society,
Preservation Office.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Ogden, Utah

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,2 4,1,8 4,4,0 4,5 6,3 7,6,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John S. H. Smith, Preservation Historian

ORGANIZATION

Utah State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

307 West 200 South, Suite 1000

CITY OR TOWN

Salt Lake City

DATE

November 1978

TELEPHONE

(801) 533-6017

STATE

Utah

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

J. Phillip Keene, III, State Historic Preservation Officer

TITLE

DATE April 20, 1979

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

Charles A. Steiner
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7-28-79

ATTEST: W. Ray Jones
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE July 25, 1979

FHR-8-300A
(11/78)

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Ogden U.S. Post Office and Court House
Verbal Building Description.

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 33, Plat "A" of Ogden City Survey and running North 140 feet, then West 167.85 feet, then South 140 feet, then West 167.85 feet, then South 140 feet then East 167.85 feet, to beginning.

Area less than one acre.