



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 Waupun Post Office
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number	400 East Franklin Street	N/A	not for publication
city or town	Waupun	N/A	vicinity
state Wisconsin	code WI	county Fond du Lac	code 39
			zip code 53963

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.)

Alicia L. Gow
Signature of commenting official/Title

July 26, 2000
Date

Deputy SHPO - WI
State or Federal agency and bureau

Waupun Post Office

Fond du Lac

Wisconsin

Name of Property

County and State

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

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes 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.) US 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)
Classical Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Granite

walls Limestone

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1932

Significant Dates

1932

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Wetmore, James A.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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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

Acreeage of Property Less Than One Acre

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

1 16 3/6/0/5/0/0 4/8/3/2/5/1/0
 Zone Easting Northing

2 _____
 Zone Easting Northing

3 _____
 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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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title	John S. Sorenson, Program Manager, Historic Preservation		
organization	US Postal Service, Customer Service Facilities		
street&number	475 L'Enfant Plaza	telephone	202-268-3107
city or town	Washington	state	D.C.
		zip code	20260-6235

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Waupun, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin

Narrative Description

The Waupun Post Office is a one story, Neo-Classical Revival style building located at the edge of Waupun's business district. The building consists of a five-bay, projecting central pavilion, flanked by one-bay side pavilions. The front elevation is organized symmetrically around the entry door. The entry features a recessed door within a limestone surround. The carved lintel above the double doors supports a broken pediment with a carved urn with flame located in the center. An arch, containing a window, rises above the stone transom panel. Two large arched windows flank the entry on each side. At the top of each arch, at the location of the keystone, is a carved corbel. Six carved, fluted pilasters with Ionic capitals separate the window and entry arches. The entire composition of the central pavilion is set within a limestone frame. A limestone cornice runs around the entire building. Above the cornice is a parapet wall. The area above the central pavilion is of limestone panels. The panel above the doors contains a relief carving of an eagle. The entry stairs are granite, as is the foundation of the building. Original light fixtures flank the three-bay wide stairs.

A one-bay pavilion is located to either side of the central portion. This features a red brick panel framed by limestone quoins and limestone courses on the top and bottom. The brick is laid in alternating rows of headers and stretchers in the English bond pattern. The single windows of the side pavilions have square heads with soldier course red brick lintels highlighted by a carved limestone keystone. A rectangular, limestone panel is placed above the windows. All of the windows of the building are modern replacements.

The side elevations are designed in a manner similar to the brick panels of the front elevation. The two side elevations each have four windows treated in the same manner as those of the side pavilions of the front elevation. All windows on the building are single pane, bronze aluminum replacements. There is a loading dock on the rear elevation.

The building cornerstone reads: "Ogden L. Mills, Secretary of the treasury, James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect, 1932."

The plan of the building is rectangular with the public lobby located at the front of the building. The interior has a terrazzo and marble floor. The walls have recessed, arched panels. The walls and coffered ceiling are plaster. The original wood trim remains. This includes a paneled wainscot and entry vestibule. The vestibule is elaborately carved with fluted pilasters and a projecting cornice. Interior modifications include a dividing glass panel with a door and modern lighting fixtures. Despite these interior additions and the window replacements, the building retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

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Statement of Significance

The Waupun Post Office is an intact example of a small, Federal post office in the context of the Multiple Property Nomination -- "United States Post Office Construction from 1913-43, State of Wisconsin-Milwaukee District."

The 1932 post office in Waupun is an example of the Neo-Classical Revival style applied to a small public building. It is eligible for listing under Criterion C-Architecture. The Waupun Post Office retains a high degree of architectural integrity and has had few alterations, with the exception of replacement windows and modest interior changes in the lobby.

Historic Context

Although there were few historical resources to consult, it is presumed, as in the case off all but one of the post offices surveyed, that this building reflects the first federally owned post office building in the community.

Unlike many of the post offices in this survey, the Waupun Post Office predates the Public Works Administration program. The Waupun Post Office construction would have been the result of the Public Buildings Act of 1926 and this may account for the greater architectural elaboration of its façade, including the extensive use of cut and carved stone. The history of the federal building program between 1913 and 1943 is detailed in the Multiple Property Nomination.

Significance

The Waupun Post Office is significant as an example of Neo-Classical Revival post office design and as a local example of the style. The state inventory identifies only two other properties within Waupun built in the style. These include the Waupun City Hall and Auditorium and the Capital Finance Corporation building. The Finance Corporation Building is a small, two-story stone building located within the business district. The City Hall is a freestanding structure with giant Corinthian columns. The columns and decorative details of the 1924-1928 building are of stone; however, the building itself is brickfaced.

The Waupun Post Office retains those features that identify it with the Neo-Classical Revival style: the use of classical orders, parapeted rooflines, and an emphasis on the entry pavilion. The building departs somewhat from the style in its use of arched rather than linteled openings. These give the Waupun Post Office a less austere appearance. The use of brick is also a departure from the high style examples, although, in a case such as here, the use of brick was most likely employed as a cost saving measure, rather than as a polychromatic decorative feature.

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In its use of classical vocabulary, the post office example recalls the high style buildings of the Neo-Classical Revival style. Larger versions of this style are seen throughout the county in large, urban post offices, as well as in federal and institutional buildings of the early twentieth century. The Waupun Post Office building's scale recalls the smaller pavilion buildings seen throughout the country at turn-of-the-century expositions.

The interior of the post office also retains many of its original decorative features. These include the woodwork found in the wood paneling and in the carved vestibule. Other features include the original flooring and the recessed arched panels in the plaster walls. Interior modernizations do not detract from these features.

The Waupun Post Office meets the registration criteria for architecture as an excellent local example of the Neo-Classical Revival style. The classical features that define the style remain intact. In addition, this 1932 post office is an example of federal post office construction immediately before the massive building program of the Public Works Administration formed in 1933. The use of high quality materials and labor intensive carving are especially noteworthy.

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9. Bibliographic References

The following resources were consulted in addition to those included in the multiple property nomination:

State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Reconnaissance files.

Waupun Post Office. Building cornerstone.

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The property encompasses the parcel described as: Plat of East Waupun, lots 5 and 6, block 23.

Boundary Justification

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

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Photographs

The following information applies to all the photographs:

Waupun Post Office
400 East Franklin Street
Waupun, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin
Photographs by Joseph Jurkiewicz
Photographed 1993
Negatives in the possession of HNTB, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Back elevation, facing south
2. Front elevation, detail
3. Front elevation, detail
4. Interior, vestibule
5. Interior, general view of lobby
6. Interior, general view of lobby
7. Front elevation, detail of relief carving in parapet
8. Front elevation, facing north
9. General view, facing northeast
10. Side elevation, facing east
11. Side elevation, facing west