

Property Name Rogers Post Office Bldg.
Location 120 West Poplar Street, Rogers
Construction Date 1917 Survey No. 1984

Property Owner City of Rogers
Address Rogers City Hall
Rogers, AR 72756

DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1917, the Rogers Post Office building is a symmetrical one-story brick block designed in the Georgian Revival style. Its five-bay front facade is centered by a heroic-scale pedimented doorway of wood construction. Double-leaf multi-paned doors are topped by a multi-paned transom. Twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows centered in tall blind brick arches flank the entry door. The same window patterns mark the east and west facades of the building. A deep moulded wood cornice defining the roof line is topped by a brick and wood balustraded parapet. Clusters of white wood balusters repeat the modular rhythm of the brick arcades of the main facades. A low-pitched metal hipped roof rises to a rectangular flat platform at the rooftop.

The public spaces of the interior originally provided access to postal boxes and to postal service windows covered by bronze grills. Mosaic tile floors and varnished oak trim finished the interiors of the public spaces. Operational and utility spaces of the Post Office occupied the rear portion of the building and the full basement.

Soon after World War II the Postal Department vacated the building, made it available to the city, and it was remodeled into a public library.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C

Area of significance: Architecture

The Rogers Post Office, built by the federal government in 1917 from designs by architect James S. Wetmore (non-local), was outgrown and vacated by postal services in the late 1940's. Through the benevolence of Cass Hough, President of the Daisy Manufacturing Company, the Old Post Office was remodeled into the Rogers Public Library. Architect for the remodeling was Warren Seagraves of Fayetteville. The conversion to a library constituted a major alteration of the interior of the building, which reflects little alteration of the spatial arrangement of the post office. The exterior has undergone no change and maintains its original Georgian Revival integrity. The building remains as the city's best example of this architectural style, which is not common in Rogers.

Acreage less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Lots 2 and 3, Block 14, Original Town

Quadrangle Name Rogers, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 399735 Northing 4021010

12/14/87

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Benton County MRA
State Benton County, ARKANSAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. Rocky Branch School

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 3/25/88

Attest _____

82. Rogers City Hall

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

Attest _____

83. Rogers Post Office Building

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National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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84. Roy's Office Supply Building

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National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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85. Sellers Farm

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National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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86. Shady Grove School

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National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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87. Shiloh House

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National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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88. Shores Warehouse

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National RegisterKeeper Melous Byers 1/28/88

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89. Siloam Springs Train Station

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90. Spavinaw Creek Bridge

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rogers Post Office Building (Benton County
MRA)
Benton County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 12-14-87
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 1/14/88 - 1/25/88
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-28-88
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Public Acquisition | Accessible | |

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Rogers Post office?

Rogers City Library Building - 1984

Benton County MRA

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Negatives on file at AHPP

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000022