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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Jackson Post Office
other names/site number Br-J-4

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of Hawk and Broadway NA not for publication
city, town Jackson NA vicinity
state Kentucky code KY county Breathitt code 025 zip code 41339

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Jackson Multiple Resource Area
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

David L. Morgan 6-11-90
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan Date
State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Patricia Andrews 7/23/90
 See continuation sheet. _____
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. _____
 determined not eligible for the National Register. _____
 removed from the National Register. _____
 other, (explain:) _____

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: Post Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: government office
(County health department)

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and early 20th
century revivals/Italian
Renaissance

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick
Stone: Sandstone
roof Metal
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Communication, government

Period of Significance

1914 - 1916
1916-1940

Significant Dates

1916
1916

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Oscar Wenderoth

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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See continuation sheet; site diagram

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all of the contributing resource and follows the original lot lines of the post office as existing in 1916.

See continuation sheet

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organization H. Powell & Co., Inc. date 7/25/89
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Continuation Sheet

Jackson Post Office, Breathitt Co., KY
Multiple Resources of Jackson, Ky. MRA

Section number 7 Page 1

The Jackson Post Office was built in 1916 at the corner of Broadway and Hawk Streets in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky. Breathitt County is located in east central Kentucky and is characterized by picturesque, mountainous terrain. The economy of the area has been traditionally linked to coal and lumber.

Designed by Oscar Wenderoth and built by the J. S. Rogers Construction Company, the 20,000 square foot building cost \$85,000.00. It housed the federal courthouse, Army Recruiting Station, county health board, and the post office. In recent years, the federal court offices have moved to Lexington and Pikeville, and the post office has relocated outside of town.

The Jackson Post Office is a three-story, rectangular building with a hip roof. The walls are a light brown brick with whitish sandstone trim. The eaves are wide and are ornamented with curved wooden brackets. On all of the facades, the third floor is separated from the first by a wide, fluted stone band.

The northeast, or front, facade has seven bays on the first floor. There are three arched doorways, flanked on each side by an arched window equal in size to the doorways and a smaller rectangular window with 8/8 glazing. On the windows and doors on the first floor, sandstone has been used as an accent for the keystones, sills, and wainscotting. Sandstone steps lead from the first floor of the building down to Broadway. The second floor is also seven bays, with rectangular windows identical to those found on the first floor in glazing, size and ornamentation. Four stone medallions symbolizing the state flank the central windows. The second story has twelve rectangular windows with 8/8 glazing. The windows on the third floor are smaller and squarer than those of the first and second floors.

The rear or southwest facade is five bays. Because of the slope of the terrain, the basement is exposed on the rear on the building fully revealing the stepped stone water table which is obscured on all the other facades. Other than the basement entrance, there are no other doors on the rear facade. The first floor has three large three-part windows centrally located on the face. They are flanked to either side by the smaller rectangular windows also found on the front facade. On the second floor, directly above the three-part windows, are three large arched windows similar to those found flanking the doorways on the first floor of the front facade. The tops of the second floor windows extend into the third floor and are flanked to each side by a single, almost square window.

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On the southeast facade, there is a metal, three-story fire escape built in 1980. It is accessed through windows on the second and third floors which have been converted to doors. The metal doors and the fire escape have been painted a light brown to blend with the color of the brick on the building.

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On Halloween night in 1913, a fire on Broadway destroyed thirty-six buildings, including the post office. Its 1916 replacement provided space not only for the postal service, but additional federal agencies.

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