

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Main Post Office  
AND/OR COMMON  
U. S. Post Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
201 W. Cherokee Street

CITY, TOWN

Brookhaven

STATE

Mississippi

— VICINITY OF

CODE

320

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

COUNTY

Lincoln

CODE

85

**2 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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
	<i>N/A</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*  
Southern Region Memphis Field Real Estate and Buildings Office

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Drawer 3744

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee 38103-0744

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lincoln County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 555

CITY, TOWN

Brookhaven

STATE

Mississippi 39601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Facing west, the Post Office is located in Brookhaven, Mississippi (population 10,700), at the SE corner of Cherokee Street and Jackson. The building is on a level site and has foundation plantings of clipped shrubs and border plants. Combining the Beaux Arts style with certain Italian Renaissance and Mission elements, the Post Office is the most imposing public structure in Brookhaven. The one-story brick building on a raised, stone basement has a low hipped roof with pan tiles and deep bracketed eaves. Segmental arches supported by wide brick piers create the building's arcade on Cherokee Street. Similarly arched casement windows complete the fenestration on the Jackson Street elevation along with doorways at opposite ends of that facade. The exterior details of the building include decorative brickwork in the spandrels and frieze, a narrow terra cotta string course, a dentilated architrave and cornice, and wall lanterns. The interior of the building remains relatively unaltered and has its original mahogany writing tables and red, green, and white terrazzo floor with a marble border. The Post Office retains its architectural integrity to a high degree.

# 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

1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brookhaven Post Office is being nominated under Criteria C.

Built in 1912, the Post Office is a unique building in Brookhaven. No other structure in the town embodies the characteristics of the Beaux Arts, Italian Renaissance, and Mission styles. Constructed by the Treasury Department, the Post Office was designed by James Knox Taylor (chief architect) and Louis A. Simon (supervising architect). Because very few post offices were built in Mississippi during this period, the designs attributed to James Knox Taylor are very rare in the state. The building is located across the street from Whitworth College, Mississippi's first women's and third oldest college, which together with the Post Office forms the town's most architecturally significant group of institutional buildings.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Encyclopedia Britannica  
 Post Office Records  
 Postmaster, Brookhaven, Mississippi

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	15	7	4	2	4	8	0	3	4	9	6	3	5	0	B											
	ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING													
C									D																	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the crossing of West Cherokee and South Jackson Streets, going west 135', thence north 130', thence east 135' and continuing south 130' to the point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ethel N. Hayes

6/28/82

ORGANIZATION

Memphis Field Real Estate and Buildings Office

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Drawer 3744

TELEPHONE

901/521-3131

CITY OR TOWN

Memphis

STATE

Tennessee 38103-0744

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

Deputy *R. H. Bailey* STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *Alan W. Rogers*

TITLE Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE 4/7/83

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

*Beth Grosvenor*

DATE 10/28/83

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER