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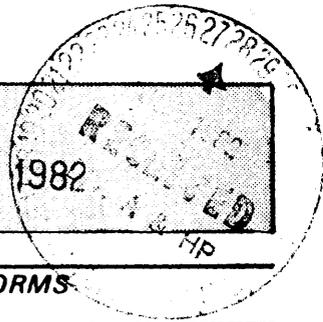
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

U. S. Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

Main Post Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

104 Jefferson St.

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mansfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Louisiana

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

DeSoto Parish

CODE

**2 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- \_\_\_ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- \_\_\_ STRUCTURE
- \_\_\_ SITE
- \_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- \_\_\_ PRIVATE
- \_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- PROCESS
- \_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

- YES: RESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

- \_\_\_ AGRICULTURE
- \_\_\_ MUSEUM
- \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL
- \_\_\_ PARK
- \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL
- \_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT
- \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC
- \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL
- \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION
- \_\_\_ MILITARY
- \_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U. S. Postal Service - Real Estate and Buildings Office

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Drawer 3744

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. DeSoto Parish Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Mansfield

STATE

Louisiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Facing Jefferson Street, the Mansfield Post Office is situated on a relatively flat site on the center fringe of the Central Business District of a town of 6,432 people. Mansfield, Louisiana, is located in the northwest corner of the state, approximately forty miles south of Shreveport. Constructed in 1931, the one-story brick building is Georgian Revival in style. The post office has not been significantly altered since its construction and retains its architectural/historical integrity.

The one-story brick building is rectangular in plan over a raised basement. The fenestration of the building employs tall twelve-over-twelve windows with a jack arch and large keystone. There is a tile, mansard roof with dome windows, balustrade, and dentilated cornice. The exterior of the post office is further highlighted by brick quoins at the corners of the building and Classical blank tablets above the building's tall windows. The most prominent exterior feature is the tetra style pedimented portico on a raised base with a double flight of steps.

The interior of the building is in fair condition. Entering a vestibule ornamented with brass, walnut and glass, one exits from each side to reach the ornamented window service area located in the L-shaped lobby. Lobby walls are punctuated with 5' of marble wainscotting and walnut paneling. The high ceilings and terrazzo floors reflect a grandeur and beauty from the past.

Situated directly behind the lobby is the Postmaster's office and a large workroom containing vinyl tile floors, a walk-in vault and two restrooms. To the rear is the mail vestibule and storage room.

# 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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<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			

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SPECIFIC DATES	1931	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervisory Architect
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			Algernon Blair, Contractor

In the small county seat of Mansfield, Louisiana, the Post Office is comparable only to the town's courthouse (Favrot and Livaudais, 1911) in its architectural sophistication and formality. The building is a fine example of the Federal stylistic elements of the Georgian Revival.

Unlike the Beaux Arts courthouse, the Post Office derives its architectural distinction from the simplicity of its form and elements. The rectangular red brick mass, elongated windows with white jack arches, attenuated portico columns, and roof balustrade show the building's strong Federal style characteristics.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Louisiana State Historical Preservation Office  
 Post Office Records  
 Postmaster, Mansfield, Louisiana

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Block Nine (9), of the Town of Mansfield, De Soto Parish, Louisiana, and running thence South on Jefferson Street One Hundred and Forty (140) feet, thence East One Hundred and Ninety-eight (198) feet, thence North One Hundred and Forty (140) feet, thence West One Hundred and Ninety-eight (198) feet to place 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 Hayes, Realty Management & Acquisition Analyst

6/23/82  
DATE

ORGANIZATION

Field Real Estate and Buildings Office

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Drawer 3744

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CITY OR TOWN

Memphis, TN 38103-0744

STATE

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X

NO     

NONE     

Robert DeBhar  
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 X State      Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

David W. Poyner

TITLE

Director, Office of Real Estate

DATE

9/27/82

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

Linda McClelland

DATE 1/12/83

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Patrick W. Andrews

DATE 1/10/83

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER