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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Menasha U. S. Post Office Building is located in the industrial city of Menasha, at the northern end of the central business district. Situated on Racine Street between Broad and First Streets, the Post Office is a two-story government building of Period Colonial Revival design. The plan configuration is rectangular and the roof form is both Mansard and flat. The visible roofing materials are slate, the walls are red brick with an American bond, and the foundations are concrete. The fenestration is formally balanced from the pedimented dormers to the stilted-arch windows of the front facade, except for a well-integrated addition on the north. On the original building and street facades of the addition the windows have double-hung, multi-paned sash; on the north and west facades the frames are aluminum. Decorative features include a brick parapet around the mansard roof, Colonial Revival lanterns, and Mankato stone cornice, keystones, quoins, aprons, and tablet inscribed UNITED STATES POST OFFICE. The entryway, also of Mankato stone, consists of pilasters and entablature, supporting a swan's neck pediment.

The interior is typical of post offices from that era. A glazed vestibule provides access to a lobby with mankato stone wainscotting, varigated tile floor, wrought iron cages, and coffered beam ceiling. Some original bronze furnishings also remain in place. Behind the cages the Post Office is a modern, functioning facility, the additions distinguished by the transition from wood to brick wainscotting.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	IECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	_XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
-x1900-1935	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIEV)
		INVENTION		
SPECIFIC DAT	es 1931 ¹	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT Vincent Chibai,	James Wetmore ¹

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Menasha U. S. Post Office Building is of local architectural significance as an fine example of Period Colonial Revival design.

ARCHITECTURE

The Menasha Post Office is architecturally significant as a sophisticated example of Period Colonial Revival design. Comparable masonry buildings include the George Banta estate "Riverlea" (836 Keyes Street), the Gilbert Paper Company Offices (430 Ahnaip Street), the Memorial Building (640 Keyes Street) and Menasha High School (420 Seventh Street). Period Colonial Revival residences can also be found on Lake Road and around Smith Park, but these are mostly frame construction. The Menasha Post Office is distinguished by the unexpected combination of Colonial decorative features with a Mansard roof and contemporary massing. The sophistication of this interpretive design is not duplicated elsewhere in the city. The Menasha Post Office was produced during the term of Supervising Architect James A. Wetmore, and retains the general characteristics of a Class C Federal Building for a first class post office (ie. brick facing, stone trim, and marble interior finish). Those characteristics similar to other postal facilities from this period are consistant with the policy of the Supervising Architect to duplicate design and floor plans whenever possible, Authorized in 1931, the Menasha Post Office predates WPA construction.

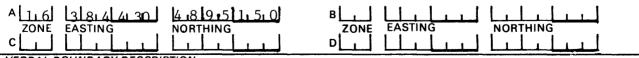
1Supplement to <u>Menasha Record</u>; July 8, 1933. ²Ibid.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____66 Acres



VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Original plat of Menasha; Lots 1, 2, 23 and 24; also the east 10 feet of Lot 3, Block 17.

STATE		CODE	COUNTY		CODE
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FORM	PREPARED	RY			
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	Peter James	Adams and Assoc	iates		August 15, 1985
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