

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States Post Office in Bogalusa, Louisiana is a two-story brick building with basement. The elevated main floor is made accessible by a flight of granite steps with cast iron railings. The roof is flat composition. The street facade of first floor is divided into nine bays reading window-window-window-window-door-window-window-window. The central doorway is flanked by a pair of lights which are bracketed to the main facade. The north and south facade each consist of five bays of windows. A mailing vestibule and platform project from the rear (west) facade.

The public lobby has a granite floor with a marble border and wainscot. The interior of the building was modernized and remodeled in 1962 whereby a complete new electrical lighting system and central air conditioning were added. At the same time the first floor and basement were extended and the above mentioned mailing vestibule and platform were added. The addition may easily be identified in attached photographs as it is only one story, is on rear of building and contains two bays of windows. The structural integrity of the original exterior is not affected by the addition.

SPECIFIC DATES	1930/31, 1961/62
BUILDER/ARCHITECT	James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bogalusa Post Office has an elegant Neo-Georgian treatment which surpasses all the other monumental structures in Bogalusa in terms of "high style" sophistication. This can be seen in the modular spacing of the windows, in the use of contrasting quoining, as well as in the use of a modillion cornice and rooftop balustrade. In addition, the lower story features handsome arched openings with a central aedicule motif entrance.

The architectural value of the Post Office is enhanced by the fact that it is one of the few monumental buildings remaining in Bogalusa. The city, which was once the center of the vast Goodyear Company lumbering empire, has lost most of its larger historic structures within the past forty years.

The building was designed in 1930 and constructed in 1930/31 under the supervision of the Treasury Department. The addition to the building was designed in 1961 and construction completed in 1962. This was designed and constructed under supervision of General Services Administration.

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Bogalusa Post Office Files

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