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Property No. 1

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-002

Name of property- United States Post Office

Address of property- Town Square

Owner of property- U.S. Postal Service

Owner's Address- Facilities Department

475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW

Washington, D.C. 20260-6400

Acreage- Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description- (Legal Description) Original Town; Town

Square bounded by State Hwy 6, Wetherbee,

U.S. Hwy 277 and McHarg

UTM Coordinates- 14/425020/3645260

Description (alterd, good condition)

The Stamford Post Office's classical allusions seem to have been inspired by the Beaux Arts school. The small building, sited in the middle of the town square, is of buff brick with concrete and wooden ornamentation.

The one-story building has a raised basement delineated by a concrete sill. Concrete steps on three sides lead to a lobby/customer-service area which retains many of its original furnishings. A small clerestory and large nine-over-nine-light wooden sashes allow much light into the lobby and work areas.

The major feature of the front facade is a pedimented central portico. All details, including decorative panels and Tuscan columns, are of wood. A large metal-framed fanlight over the entry doors and two tall sidelights form an entrance reminiscent of a Palladian window. The north and south entrances repeat many of the same details, though without the portico. The projecting cornice is of wood, and topped by a parapet which alternates

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solid brick sections with sections of wooden balustrade. The gabled clerestory with its standing-seam metal roof occupies only a small portion of the roof area, and is barely visible from the ground.

Though new aluminum-framed glass doors are at each entrance and metal screening has been added over each window, the building is little changed from when it was built in 1917.

Significance: local level, architecture 1917

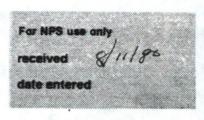
The U.S. Post Office in Stamford is both architecturally and historically significant. It is a perfectly preserved example of a small Beaux Arts building from the early twentieth century, as well as a major local landmark and civic structure.

Stamford contains few examples of the closely related Neo-Classical Revival and Beaux Arts styles. Beaux Arts was popular with designers of public building in the U.S. before World War I. The Stamford building is a good example of how this style was interpreted on a small structure to produce an imposing and pleasing appearance for the post office.

The best-preserved example of this style in town is the U.S. Post Office, built in 1917 in the very center of the city, on the town square. The Post Office building was built on the site of Stamford's first city hall building, and occupies a spot which has been a community focal point for over eight decades. As in any small town, Stamford's Post Office is a major civic and social facility. It not only serves as a point of delivery for the mail but is a meeting place, has bulletin boards for public announcements, and was intended to be an architectural showpiece for the town. It is a significant structure in the city, and has been for over 65 years.

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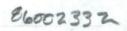
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Property No. 1 (Sta-001), U.S. Post Office, Town Square, looking NE

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Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

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FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE

August 8, 1984

P.O. Drawer 239 Dallas, TX 75221-0239

Executive Director
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Certified #P664 780 255

Dear Sir:

Subject: Historical Significance Survey

Main Post Office - Stamford, Texas 79553

Attached is a copy of a historical survey report conducted by the Postal Service on the above captioned property. It is our opinion that this Post Office is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historical Places.

If you concur with our findings, please sign the bottom portion of the enclosed three (3) copies of this letter and return same to this office in the enclosed envelope. Postal Service Headquarters requests that each copy of the report be documented with your originally signed statement.

If no response is received from you within 45 days of receipt of this letter, it will be assumed that you concur with our findings that the Main Post Office, Stamford, Texas, is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historical Places.

Sincerely,

Ken W. Wood Acting Manager Real Estate Branch

Enclosures

cc: SNR2, SNR2B, SN330, RTT

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This is to concur with the findings of the Postal Service that the Post Office building in Stamford, TX, is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historical Places.