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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 (altered, 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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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area

State Jones County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. US Post Office

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for Keeper *Melana Byers 9/24/86*

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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United States Post Office (Stamford MRA)
Jones County
TEXAS

NO 11 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 9/11/86 - 9/25/86

Action: ACCEPT 9-24-86

_____ RETURN

_____ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		
<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

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Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Delores -
I talked to Carol
and this P.O. is
acceptable with the
attached letter.*

Bruce

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical correct
_____ substantive reason

1. Name _____
2. Location _____
3. Classification
Category _____ Ownership _____
Public Acquisition _____

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys
Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unaltered altered original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

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Historic Resources of Stamford, Texas
Jones County, Texas
Photo 1985 by Don Abbe, neg. with Texas
Historical Commission, Austin

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

Photo 1 of 41. Abbe



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Historic Resources of Stamford, Texas
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Property No. 1 (Sta-001), U.S. Post Office,
Town Square, looking NE

Photo 2 of 41.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000854



FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE

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

August 8, 1984

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

REF: SNR2B:PMusgrave:bjm:0619B

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.

Lafayette Herrington
Date: August 24, 1984