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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Brenham Post Office/Federal Building  
other names/site number: CBD-87

2. Location

street & number: 105 South Market  
city, town: Brenham  
state: Texas code: 048 county: Washington code: 477  
N/A not for publication  
N/A vicinity  
zip code: 77833

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Brenham, Texas  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification Brenham, Texas

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Curtis J. Russell  
Signature of certifying official  
Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

9 Feb. 1990  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official  
State or Federal agency and bureau

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
    See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)

Patrick Andrus

3/29/90

for Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Government/Post Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Government/Post Office

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

Classical Revival

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Concrete

walls: Brick

roof: Metal/Aluminum

other: Stone/Limestone

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

 See continuation sheet

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

 nationally  statewide  locallyApplicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Period of Significance:

1915

Significant Dates:

1915

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/~~Builder~~:Wetmore, James A.

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

 See continuation sheet

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7. Description

The Brenham Post Office/Federal Building is a lofty 1-story masonry structure designed in a Classical Revival style. Its symmetry, giant order columns, and denticulated cornice are typical elements in Classical Revival architecture. The property is in excellent condition.

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The Brenham Post Office/Federal Building is a 1-story masonry structure facing west on a large corner lot in downtown Brenham. It rests on a concrete foundation, is supported by red brick load-bearing walls, and is covered with a hipped sheet metal roof. The building consists of a rectangular main block with square appendages on the northwest and southwest corners making a T plan. All windows are 6/6 in either a narrow vertical form (two lights wide) or a common form (three lights wide). A limestone stringcourse runs around the main block above the portico; a denticulated cornice runs above that with a brick parapet set back above that. Mature vegetation consisting mostly of shrubbery and grass surround the building; an asphalt covered driveway and concrete parking lot are to the east and south of the building.

The property exhibits typical Classical Revival details that include the giant order columns with Ionic capitals, limestone stringcourse, decorative inset limestone panels, and denticulated cornice.

The 7-bay principal (west) facade is dominated by six giant order columns in antis with Ionic capitals defining the inset portico. The first and seventh bays have single windows with header-brick surrounds and limestone sills. Decorative panels with header surrounds and limestone-block insets are directly above each window. The remaining bays, except the center bay, are of narrow width windows with limestone sills and decorative transoms. The center bay consists of double aluminum and plate-glass doors. Wide concrete steps with side handrails and flanking single cast iron lamp posts (on short pedestals) with globes are centered on the facade to provide access to the building.

The property is in excellent condition.

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8. Significance

The Brenham Post Office/Federal Building (1915) is eligible under Criterion C for its representation of the Classical Revival style. It is only one of two major institutional properties in Brenham in the Classical Revival style. The property retains a high degree of integrity and is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

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The Brenham Post Office/Federal Building was constructed in 1915 during the Woodrow Wilson administration when Texan David Houser was Post Master General. It is similar to the U.S. Post Office built in Belton, Texas, at the same time and designed by U.S. Treasury architect James A. Wetmore.

The property is one of two Classical Revival, with Georgian Revival influence, institutional properties in Brenham (the other is the Brenham High School). It offers excellent Classical Revival elements such as the giant order columns, facade symmetry, and denticulated cornice. The building has a high degree of integrity.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

See bibliography of context statement

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: less than one

UTM References:

A 1/4/ / 750/780/ 334/0020  
Zone Easting Northing  
C / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing  
D / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: East Main Subdivision, Blocks and Lots 43A, 44A, 45A, 46A, of the City of Brenham, Texas

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the nominated property and entire city lot that historically has been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Dwayne Jones/Preservation Planner date: 1984; 1989  
organization: (with assistance from Sally Victor) telephone: 512/463-6094  
street & number: Texas Historical Commission state: zip code:  
city or town: 1511 Colorado, Austin TX 78701

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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS Washington County, TEXAS

DATE LISTED

21. Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot  
Substantive Review

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22. St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Substantive Review

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23. Synagogue B'nai Abraham  
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24. US Post Office--Federal Building--Brenham

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25. Washington County Courthouse  
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Substantive Review

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26. Wood-Hughes House

3/29/90

27. Schmidt House

Substantive Review

12/10/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY US Post Office--Federal Building--Brenham  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Brenham MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 2/16/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/27/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/15/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/02/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000449

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/29/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Brenham U.S. Post office is a significant example of the Classical Revival style in <sup>the</sup> Brenham community and dates from the period of community development and regional expansion.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/c  
REVIEWER Autenrieth & Coe  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 3/27/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_ count      \_\_\_ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_ historic      \_\_\_ current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_ architectural classification  
\_\_\_ materials  
\_\_\_ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_ acreage      \_\_\_ verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_ UTM's      \_\_\_ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_ sketch maps      \_\_\_ USGS maps      \_\_\_ photographs      \_\_\_ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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PRENDA  
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BRENHAM POST OFFICE / FEDERAL BUILDING (CBD-#87)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

DWAYNE JONES

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING EAST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628



# United States Department of the Interior



## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

P.O. BOX 37127

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-7127

IN REPLY REFER TO: 413

To: Mr. Howard Cappel  
General Services Administration  
Region 7  
819 Taylor Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

The Director of the National Park Service is pleased to inform you of our determination pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and Executive Order 11593 in response to your request for a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Our determination appears on the enclosed material.

As you know, your request for our professional judgment constitutes a part of the Federal planning process. We urge that this information be integrated into the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and the analysis required under section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, if this is a transportation project, to bring about the best possible program decisions.

This determination does not serve in any manner as a veto to uses of property, with or without Federal participation or assistance. The responsibility for program planning concerning properties eligible for the National Register lies with the agency or block grant recipient after the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has had an opportunity to comment.

We are pleased to be of assistance in the consideration of historic resources in the planning process.

Attachment

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## DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION

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Name of property: Federal Building--Washington County

Location: Washington County

State: TEXAS

Request submitted by: GSA/Howard Cappel

Date received: 10/23/89

Additional information received:

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Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:

Eligible

Not Eligible

No Response

Comments:

The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:

Eligible

Applicable criteria:

Not Eligible

Comments:

36 CFR Part 63.3  
Determination

Documentation insufficient

(Please see accompanying sheet explaining additional materials required)

for Maureen P. Danaher  
Keeper of the National Register

Date: 30 October, 1989