

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Property Name Rogers Post Office Bldg. Property Owner City of Rogers
 Location 120 West Poplar Street Address Rogers City Hall
 Construction Date 1917 Survey No. 1984 Rogers, AR 72756

DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1917, the Rogers Post Office building is a symmetrical one-story brick block designed in the Georgian Revival style. Its five-bay front facade is centered by a heroic-scale pedimented doorway of wood construction. Double-leaf multi-paned doors are topped by a multi-paned transom. Twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows centered in tall blind brick arches flank the entry door. The same window patterns mark the east and west facades of the building. A deep moulded wood cornice defining the roof line is topped by a brick and wood balustraded parapet. Clusters of white wood balusters repeat the modular rhythm of the brick arcades of the main facades. A low-pitched metal hipped roof rises to a rectangular flat platform at the rooftop.

The public spaces of the interior originally provided access to postal boxes and to postal service windows covered by bronze grills. Mosaic tile floors and varnished oak trim finished the interiors of the public spaces. Operational and utility spaces of the Post Office occupied the rear portion of the building and the full basement.

Soon after World War II the Postal Department vacated the building, made it available to the city, and it was remodeled into a public library.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion: C Area of significance: Architecture

The Rogers Post Office, built by the federal government in 1917 from designs by architect James S. Wetmore (non-local), was outgrown and vacated by postal services in the late 1940's. Through the benevolence of Cass Hough, President of the Daisy Manufacturing Company, the Old Post Office was remodeled into the Rogers Public Library. Architect for the remodeling was Warren Seagraves of Fayetteville. The conversion to a library constituted a major alteration of the interior of the building, which reflects little alteration of the spatial arrangement of the post office. The exterior has undergone no change and maintains its original Georgian Revival integrity. The building remains as the city's best example of this architectural style, which is not common in Rogers.

Acreege less than 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description Lots 2 and 3, Block 14, Original Town

Quadrangle Name Rogers, Ark. Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

JTM Reference: Zone 15 Easting 399735 Northing 4021010

