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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: pu-099	Congressional District: Second
Name: North Little Rock Post Office	Current Owner: United States Postal Service
Address: 420 N. Main	c/o Mr. Charles E. Smith
North Little Rock, AR	Address: P. O. Drawer 3744
County: Pulaski	Memphis, TN

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson, Sanders, & Ginocchio	
Date of Construction: 1931	Stylistic Influence: 1930's Georgian Revival
Original Use: Post Office	Present Use: Post Office

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 567060/3846220	Acreage: Less than one
Verbal Boundary Description: Original City of Argenta Block 30, Lots 1,2,3	

Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	

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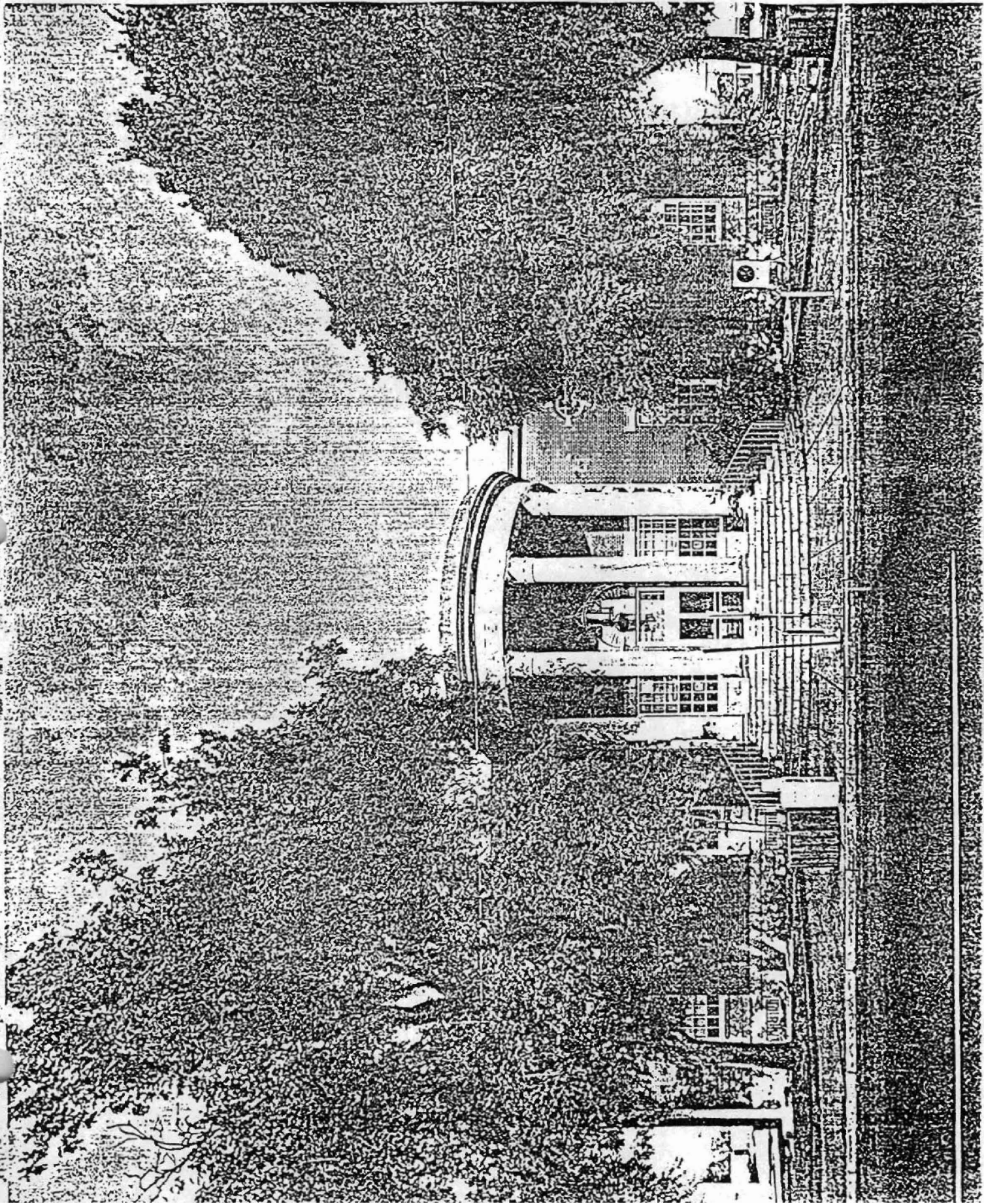
Physical Description

Located on a corner in downtown North Little Rock and shaded by large trees, this post office presents a dignified traditional image of a public building. Particularly effective is the semi-circular portico ringed by a continuous and rather long flight of granite steps. The long rectangular two-story-with-basement structure has a low hipped roof and is faced with brick laid in Flemish bond. Raised on a substantial granite foundation, this post office is most attractive when viewed as part of the streetscape. Upon close observation it is apparent that the details of the structure are of rather course cast stone and are characteristic of the somewhat "stripped down" and stylized classicism of the 1930's. Three monumental columns with similar responds support the semi-circular portico with full entablature. The attic bases are strong but the stylized Corinthian capitals are quite thin. The name of the post office is inscribed upon the frieze. The double leaf door is accentuated by cast stone pilasters with simple capitals and a lintel decorated with a rather thin and two-dimensional dentil molding in cast stone. A semi-circular fanlight crowns the door. The first floor windows are embellished with cast stone cornices featuring the same rather thin, stylized dentil molding and lintel bearing a stylized Greek key motif. Beneath the window are simple paneled cast stone aprons. Two multi-paned round windows flank the portico on the second story. The second story windows have flat arches of brick. With the exception of the decorative circular windows, all are multi-paned sash windows.

Statement of Significance

Designed by the Thompson, Sanders and Ginocchio firm in 1931, the North Little Rock Post Office is an imposing yet functional building. Located on Main Street in North Little Rock, the building is typical of "thin" 1930's Classicism. The North Little Rock Post Office is stylized in details yet is a "stripped down" version of classical design. This modesty in detail is perhaps a reflection of the national economy at the time of its construction in 1931. Still a functioning post office, the building is an anchor on Main Street in Arkansas' second largest city. A two-story red brick building with a dominant semi-circular portico on the facade, the North Little Rock Post Office is one of the most striking structures in its vicinity.

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Little Rock-North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR

Triangle Name: North Little Rock, Ark.

Scale: 1:24,000

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