

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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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
c/o Mr. Charles E. Smith

✓ Address: 420 N. Main St.
North Little Rock, AR

Address: P. O. Drawer 3744
Memphis, TN

✓ County: Pulaski

(Thompson, Sanders, & Ginocchio)

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

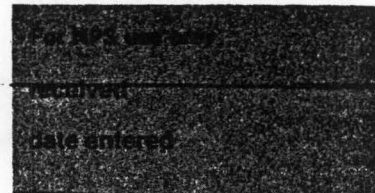
Verbal Boundary Description: Original City of Argenta
Block 30, Lots 1,2,3

Condition

Excellent
 Good
 Fair

Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

Unaltered
 Altered

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Code: PU-099 (420 N. Main, North Little Rock, AR)

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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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. North Little Rock
Post Office

Substantive Review Keeper

Bruce Van Dyke 12/24/82

Attest accept Patrick Andrus 12/13/82

removed
6/3/86

92. Al-Amin Temple

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delora Byers 12/24/82

Attest

93. Nash House
(409 E. 6th St.)

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delora Byers 12/24/82

Attest

94. Fletcher House

Substantive Review Keeper

Bruce Van Dyke 12/24/82

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95. Thurston House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delora Byers 12/24/82

Attest

96. Back House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delora Byers 12/24/82

Attest

97. BPOE Elks Club

Substantive Review Keeper

Bruce Van Dyke 12/24/82

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98. Healey and Roth Mortuary
Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delora Byers 12/24/82

Attest

99. Little Rock Boys Club

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delora Byers 12/24/82

Attest

100. Johnson House
(514 E. 8th St.)

Substantive Review Keeper

Bruce Van Dyke 12/24/82

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Substantive Review

North Little Rock Post Office (Thompson, Charles L.,
Design Collection TR)
Pulaski County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/9/82-12/24/82
Action: ACCEPT 12/22/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept - C
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 12/13/82
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: excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed
Check one: unaltered altered
Check one: original site moved date _____

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 _____

USIT Reference _____

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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION -
A THEMATIC GROUP

Code Number: PU-099 (No. Little Rock Post
Office)

420 North Main, North Little Rock, Arkansas

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August, 1982

Negative on file at AHPP

Viewed from the West

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
72205 - USA
501-666-5930

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

Quadrangle Name: North Little Rock, Ark.

Scale: 1:24,000

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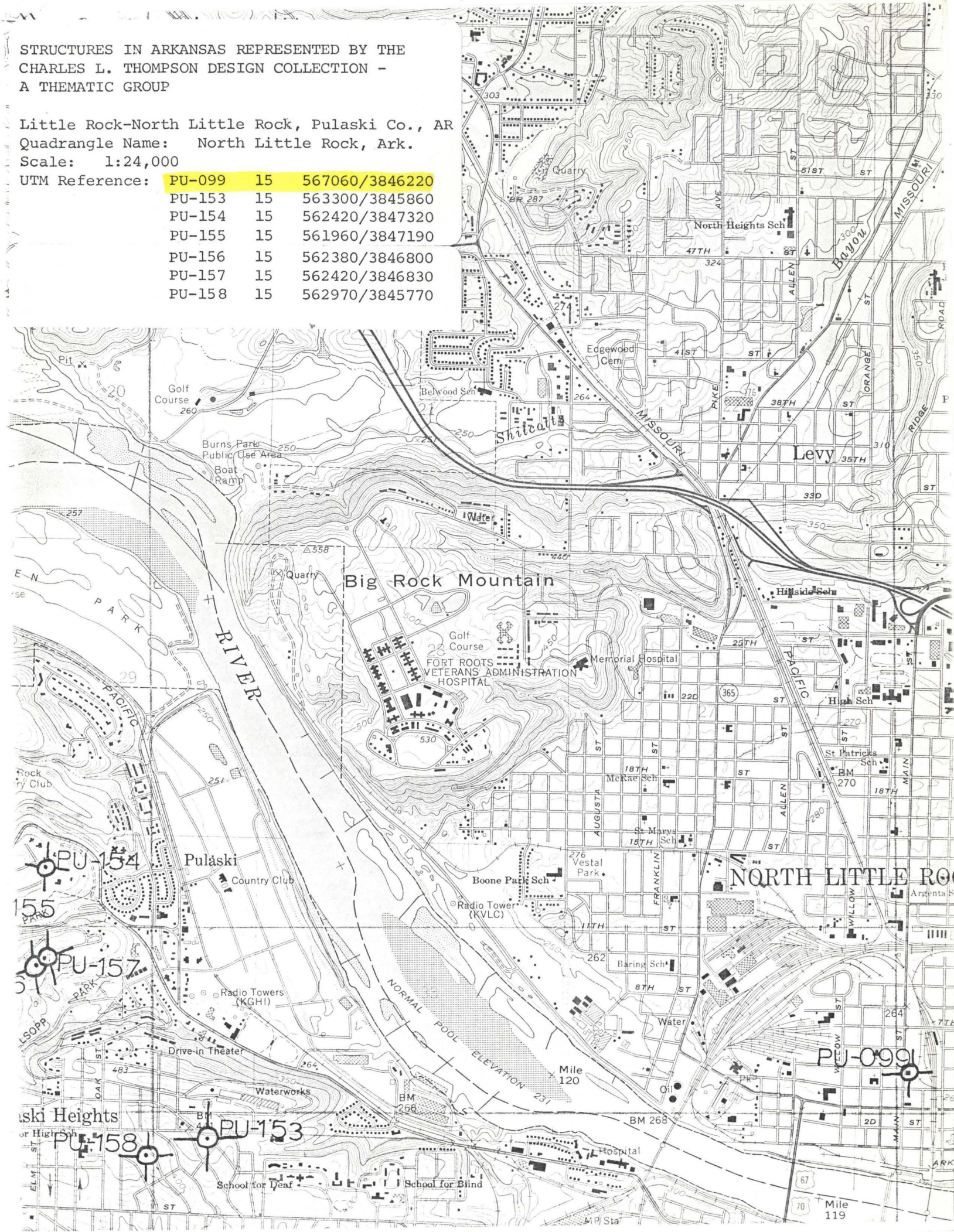
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FIELD REAL ESTATE & BUILDINGS OFFICE
P.O. Drawer 3744
Memphis, TN 38103-0744

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MAY 17 1982
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May 14, 1982

Mr. Wilson Stiles
State Historic Preservation Officer
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Stiles:

SUBJECT: Main Street Station, 420 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

We acknowledge and thank you for your letter of May 5, 1982, stating that subject property owned by the United States Postal Service is to be included as part of a thematic nomination.

Please accept this letter as concurrence to include our building in your endeavor to give what you consider deserved recognition to the architect for this contribution to the State of Arkansas.

We would very much appreciate receiving a copy of the nomination form at your convenience. Further, we would like to be kept advised as to the progress and/or status of this thematic nomination.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Smith, Manager
Real Estate Branch