



NOMINATION FOR LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION

DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA

Historic Name of Property (if applicable): Dickinson Post Office

Address of Property: 15 1st Street East

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Property Owner(s) Name and Address:

Name: United States Postal Service

Address: 15 1st Street East (local)

City or town Dickinson State ND Zip Code 58601

Phone number 701-225-6702

2. Nomination Prepared By (if different from above):

Name: Danielle Stuckle, Museum Director, Dickinson Museum Center

Address: 188 Museum Drive East

City or town Dickinson State ND Zip Code 58601

Phone number (H) _____ (W) 701-456-6225

Date Prepared January 14, 2009

Signature _____

3. Successive Nominations: Has all or any part of the property been the subject of another nomination for a Local Landmark designation of the city of Dickinson within the last five years?

X No _____ Yes

If yes, state the date of the formal hearing; the reason, if known, of the unsuccessful nomination; and a statement explaining the reasons why the city of Dickinson should reconsider the nomination at this time.



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II. CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

Check the space before each condition that is met by the building, structure or site for which landmark designation is sought. Briefly explain in the space provided below how the landmark meets each condition that is checked. Attach any relevant documentation, evidence, or any supplemental explanation if necessary.

1. Historic Significance:

The proposed landmark...

has a strong association with a historic person, organization, business, or a notable historic event.

As a significant federal building serving the region, the Dickinson Post Office is a historic landmark for the community.

is associated with an *antiquated use* due to technological or social advances.

is *a monument to, or cemetery of*, a historic person or persons.

2. Architectural Significance:

The proposed landmark...

is identified as the work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose work has been influential.

exemplifies elements of design, detail, material, or craftsmanship of exceptional quality, and has had little or no alteration to its original construction.

is an established or familiar visual feature of Dickinson due to its unique location or its singular physical characteristics.



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III. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

1. Describe the proposed Local Landmark: In the space provide below (use additional sheets if needed), provide a description of the property that indicates the historic use and the current use of the structure.

The current post office building was constructed in 1918. The contractors were Charles Weitz and Sons of Des Moines, Iowa. It was built in the McAddo system, which was a federal initiative developed in 1915 in an effort to begin facing buildings with brick rather than with granite or marble. A large addition in 1964 upgraded the Post Office to utilize the national ZIP code system developed at that time. This significantly increased the amount of mail handled, and made the Dickinson Post Office a regional distribution center. The Post Office has also housed offices for other federal entities including the United States Land Office and the Weather Bureau. It is the largest post office in Southwest North Dakota, and one of the oldest federal buildings in the state. The building continues to be used as a post office, and provides space for other federal offices.

2. Architectural Classification and Materials

Describe the architectural style, if known; the architect or contractor for the original construction. Include information about whether the building was ever relocated, and if there have been any major renovations; to either the interior or the exterior. Include the dates of any major renovations.

This Renaissance Revival, two story building is constructed of Hebron brick and Ohio sandstone with a flat roof. The interior was originally decorated with terrazzo floors, marble, oak, and Douglas fir. A large, one story addition was constructed in 1964. Windows and doors have been replaced, the interior has been remodeled, and at some point the exterior may have been refaced. This building has never been relocated or moved.

3. Boundary Description

Describe (briefly) the property, including all man-made and natural resources to be included in designation. Attach a map that specifies the boundary of the property and the locations of all contributing and non-contributing features.

See attached survey map.

IV. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cite any books, articles, or other sources used in preparing this form. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

Cultural Research and Management, Inc. *Cultural Resources Investigation of Portions of Dickinson, ND*. 1983.

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