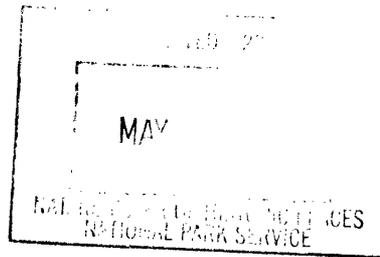


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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 Hartsville Post Office
other names/site number Hartsville Memorial Library

2. Location

street & number Corner of Home Avenue and Fifth Street not for publication
city, town Hartsville vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Darlington code 031 zip code 29550

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Hartsville, SC, c. 1817-c. 1941
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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.
Mary W. Edmonds
Signature of certifying official 4/30/97
Date
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, SC Department of Archives & History, Columbia, SC
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Edson A. Beall 6-4-97
 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:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Post Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Not Visible

other Stone/Limestone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hartsville Post Office is located at the corner of Home Avenue and Fifth Street in Hartsville. Constructed in 1930, this building is a good example of an early twentieth century post office. It is representative of Hartsville's historic public facilities.

This one-story, brick building has a rectangular plan and flat roof with parapet. The five bay symmetrical facade features large arched window openings with decorative key stones, ten-over-ten double-hung-sash, and fanlights. The central, arched entry has double, multi-light doors and fanlight. The entry is recessed within a stone, segmental pediment with pilasters and block modillions. The facade is accented by brick quoins, water table, and molded cornice below the parapet. The side elevations have tripartite windows with multi-light transoms.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>Architecture</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>1930</u>
<u>Politics/Government</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Wetmore, James A.
Steward, Ernest C.

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

The Hartsville Post Office is significant as a good example of an early twentieth century post office.

The building, completed and occupied in the fall of 1930, was designed under the supervision of James A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect of the United States Department of the Treasury. It was built by contractors Jones and Company, of Wilson, North Carolina, and supervised on site by Ernest C. Steward, engineer with the Department of the Treasury. "This beautiful edifice," noted the Hartsville Messenger at the time of its completion in November 1930, "including grounds, furniture and fixtures cost Uncle Sam \$65,000, and is one of the most modern and up-to-date postoffice buildings in the state of South Carolina."(1) This building served as Hartsville's post office until 1963, when a new post office was built; since that time it has housed the Hartsville Memorial Library.

The Hartsville Post Office was designed under the supervision of James A. Wetmore (1863-1940), who was Acting Supervising Architect of the United States Department of the Treasury 1915-1934. Wetmore was not an architect, but an administrator, who began his career in the Department of the Treasury in 1885. He supervised over two thousand Federal projects during his tenure as Acting Supervising Architect.(2)

NOTES

(1) Hartsville Messenger, 13 November 1930; see also 9 January, 6 February, 2 October 1930; A. Lee M. Wiggins, "The Hartsville Community Center and the Hartsville Memorial Library 1933-1966," unpublished typescript, 1966, Hartsville Museum, Hartsville, S.C.; A. Lee M. Wiggins, Autobiography of A. Lee M. Wiggins, Limited Edition for Private Distribution (Columbia: R.L. Bryan, 1969), pp. 239-40; Lucile Boswell Neely, Hartsville: Our Community, Revised Edition (Columbia: R.L. Bryan, 1965), pp. 82, 241-42.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

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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:

SC Department of Archives & History,
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the broken line labeled "Hartsville Post Office" on the accompanying map, "City of Hartsville," drawn at a scale of 1" = 500'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the post office and its immediate surroundings.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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(2) New York Times, 15 March 1940; Who Was Who in America: A Companion Volume to Who's Who in America: Volume I: 1897-1942: Biographies of the Non-Living With Dates of Deaths Appended (Chicago: The A.N. Marquis Company, 1942; Henry F. Withey and Elsie Rathburn Withey, Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased), Reprint Edition (Los Angeles: Hennessey and Ingalls, 1970), p. 647.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Name of property: Hartsville Post Office
(Historic Resources of Hartsville
multiple property submission)

Location of property: Hartsville, South Carolina
Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Photographer: Staff, SC Dept. of Archives and History
Date of photograph: May 1990

1. Facade