

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC United States Post Office and Court House

AND/OR COMMON

Correo (Post Office)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Mc Kinley Street , Block 302 Lot 17

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mayagüez

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Puerto Rico

CODE

PR

COUNTY

Mayagüez

CODE

097

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_ DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
\_\_ STRUCTURE  
\_\_ SITE  
\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC  
\_\_ PRIVATE  
\_\_ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_ MILITARY  
\_\_ MUSEUM  
\_\_ PARK  
\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
\_\_ OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Real Estate Division, USPS, Northeast Region

STREET & NUMBER

1633 Broadway (at 50th St.) New York, NY 10098-0330

CITY, TOWN

STATE

\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registro de la Propiedad, Departamento de Hacienda (Recorder's Office)

STREET & NUMBER

Government Office, Barrio Miradero

CITY, TOWN

Mayagüez

STATE

Puerto Rico

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey and Planning  
Project of Mayagüez

DATE

July, 1984

\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

CITY, TOWN

San Juan

STATE

Puerto Rico

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                               RUINS  
 FAIR                                 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States' Post Office and Court House is a two-story, rectangular structure with one story wings at each side. The building sits on a privileged site in Mayagüez, slightly raised, claiming different vistas from town. A concrete and iron fence circles the landscaped area.

In what otherwise a flat facade, a second floor balcony is recessed into the volume. Iron railings shield the open area of the balcony. Here, columns, like every other feature of the facade, are covered in cut stone of different colors. The entrance is highlighted by mouldings, trimmings and an eagle icon. Openings, kept to a minimum, are in the glass and metal, whether doors or windows. At its top, the structure exhibits high-relief details which include the building's name and a colored frieze of geometrical patterns. This frieze runs the full length of the structure. The sloped roof is stopped by red clay tile.

Inside, circulation is handled by two stairs at opposite ends of the rectangle. Glazed ceramic tile is used as wainscoat; public areas are limited on the first floor, which is mostly devoted to Post Office work. Boxes are in wood and glass.

On the upper floor, a hallway facing South and running East-West leads to different offices, eight of them.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1935

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Louis A. Simpson

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The United States Post Office and Court House of Mayagüez is located on what was the site of the Old Spanish Infantry Building, badly damaged in 1918 by an earthquake.

The 1935 structure built by the United States' government, being most distinguished and architecturally significant, emerges as an excellent representative of the period in which it was built. The Post Office symbolizes the initial efforts of the American government to sponsor, foster and stimulate construction on the Island. As such, it is among several edifices used for institutional purposes (schools, health facilities and such) that would become references and precedents for subsequent construction in Puerto Rico.



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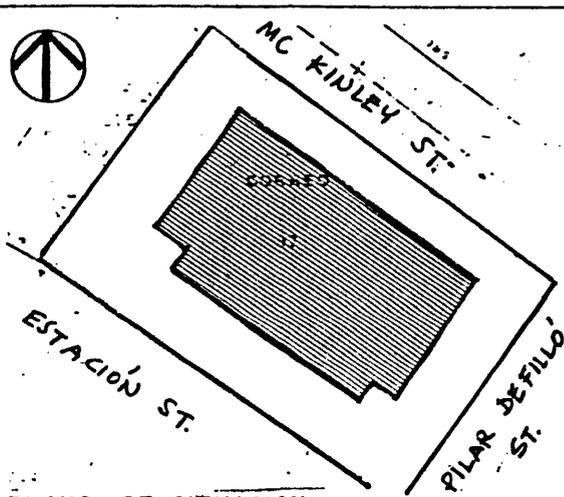
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NOMBRE COMUN CORREO	
NOMBRE HISTORICO U.S. POST OFFICE & COURT	
ARQUITECTO LOUIS A. SIMON	
DIRECCION	McKINLEY Parcela 302 Solar 17

INFORMACION GRAFICA		
		

PLANO DE SITUACION