

228 Earl Garrett Street

Old Kerrville Post Office (1936)



This art deco hollow-tile and stucco building was erected on property purchased from the estate of Capt. Charles Schreiner. The architects were noted Texas architects, Atlee B. and Robert M. Ayres of San Antonio. The building is unusual because it was architect-designed and not based on stock plans.

This was the first purpose-built post office in Kerrville. From 1858, when the first post office was authorized for Kerrville, until 1936, the post office operated out of a number of private residences and buildings.



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In 1929 the Chamber of Commerce set among its priorities free mail delivery in the city and a new post office. Door to door mail delivery began in Kerrville on January 1, 1930, with two deliveries a day

"Through rain or snow."

After an 11 year quest, finally Kerrville was allotted a federal building In July 1931. In February 1933 the property was purchased and in September 1935, Templeton-Cannon of San Angelo was given the construction contract. The building was dedicated July 4, 1936, with Postmaster Guber Gibson serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Twice-a-day delivery continued until 1950.

In 1999 the Post Office moved south of the river and the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center purchased the property.

