

Photo of the Month

Rogers Post Office Building (120 W. Poplar)



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A post office was first established in Rogers in 1881, the same year the town was founded. But by 1913 the town had grown, and Congress provided \$70,000 for land and construction of a post office building.

A site at the corner of Poplar and Second Streets was chosen and construction completed in 1919. That post office, seen in this circa 1960 photo, was the center for much of Rogers town life.

As Rogers rapidly expanded in the late 1950s and early 1960s, especially with the introduction of new businesses like Daisy Manufacturing, an even larger post office was needed. A new building was erected on Walnut Street in 1963. (The current post office opened on Eighth Street in 1994.)

Meanwhile, this building was renovated, thanks in part to over \$100,000 donated by the Hough-Kimble Foundation (chaired by Daisy head Cass Hough), and the Rogers-Hough Memorial Library moved in. Its dedication in 1964 was a major event. The library remained here until it moved to its present location on South Dixieland Road in 1993.

The building was then renovated, with \$145,000 in improvements coming from the City of Rogers and grants from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and the Museum's endowment fund. In 1996 it became home to the Education Annex of the Rogers Historical Museum. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.