

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number 56-012-010
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

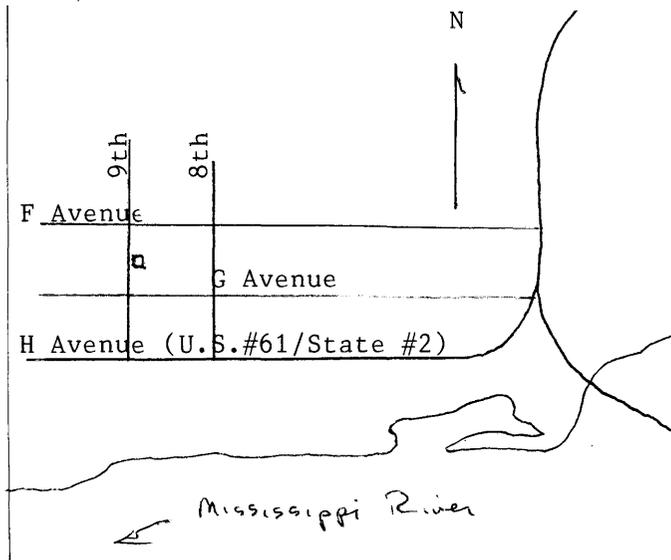
Identification

1. **Site Name** Cattermole Memorial Library
2. **Village/Town/City** Fort Madison Township _____ County Lee
3. **Street Address** 614 Seventh Street
4. **Legal Location** Orig. Town 20 N. S1' Lot 320,
Urban: Rural: subdivision township block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
W 45' of N47'
Lot 321
5. **UTM Location:** zone 15 easting 642970 northing 4499000; Acreage _____
6. **Owner(s) Name** City of Fort Madison
7. **Owner(s) Address** _____ Fort Madison Iowa 52627
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. **Use:** Present Library Original Library

Description

9. **Date of Construction** 1893 Architect/Builder J.C. Sunderland, Hannibal, MO
10. **Building Type:** Contractor _____
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. **Exterior Walls:** clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other with terracotta and stone trim
12. **Structural System:** wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
13. **Condition:** excellent good fair deteriorated
14. **Integrity:** original site moved—if so, when? _____
 Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:
Addition on rear (1954); ground floor loggia bricked in 1954.
15. **Related Outbuildings and Property:** barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. **Is the building endangered?** no yes—if so, why? _____
17. **Surroundings of the building:** open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo No
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Significance (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

20. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

The Cattermole Memorial Library is an excellent example of a public building in the characteristic 1890's melange of the Loire chateau and Richardsonian Romanesque styles.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) Social/humanitarian

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The Cattermole Library is the earliest extant instance in Iowa of local philanthropic support for the construction of a building designed exclusively for public library use. It was funded by Elizabeth Cattermole as a memorial to her husband Henry, whose substantial fortune was made in local pork packing and banking ventures. The city's first library was a reading room established by the White Ribbon Society, a local temperance group, in the late 1870's. Its popularity led in 1884 to the founding of the "City Circulation Library", the collection of which formed the nucleus of the Cattermole Library's holdings when it opened to the public in 1894.

22. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

- Koch, L.P. Early History of the Cattermole Memorial Library. Type-written manuscript. n.d.
- DHPLSQ-1, Wayne Hanway, Director
- Prints of architect's drawings in possession of Cattermole Memorial Library.

Prepared by _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Organization _____

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1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

2. Subject Traces

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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