

NPS Form 10-900
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Garfield Park Branch Library_____

other name/site number: Garfield Park Library_____

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2. Location

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street & number: 705 Woodrow Avenue_____

not for publication: NA_

city/town: Santa Cruz_____

vicinity: NA

state: CA county: Santa Cruz_____ code: 087 zip code: 95060

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public-local_____

Category of Property: building_____

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
__1__	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
__1__	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: __0__

Name of related multiple property listing: California Carnegie Libraries

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: [Signature]

Date: February 13, 1992

California Office of Historic Preservation

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 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):

entered in the National Register

[Signature] 3/20/92

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Education Sub: Library

Current : Education Sub: Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Classical Revival

Other Description:

Materials: foundation stone roof asphalt
walls stucco other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : NA

Areas of Significance: Social History
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1915-1942

Significant Dates :

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Weeks, W.H., Architect
White, W.H., Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

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:

- x State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

Table with 4 columns: A, B, C, D. Values include 10, 585670, 4090440 and blank lines.

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Assessor's Parcel #004-173-09, County of Santa Cruz

Boundary Justification: This is the lot that has been historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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City or Town: Santa Cruz State: CA ZIP: 95060

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The Garfield Park Branch of the Santa Cruz Library exemplifies the application of Classical Revival and a variety of other elements to a very small building, stucco, one story over a low foundation. A gable roof slopes to the front and rear, with parapet gable ends. The gable roof is extended slightly over the central entrance. Above, a small pediment fits like a gablet. Below, a small classical entrance with fluted, tapered columns supports the entablature. The entrance frames a vestibule, beyond which is a wide wood-framed glass double door, flanked by panels, also glazed. On either side of the entrance are wide windows, a central wider section between narrow double hung windows, all under a transom with clathri design. On the left end there is an outside chimney between wide windows. Careful details are evident throughout: clathri on the wooden door panels; trim at windows and gable ends; exposed rafters under the eaves and their integration into the triptych pattern of the entablature; small diagonal brick pattern inserted on the chimney, and vertical row of bricks to create a courseline; interior woodwork and fireplace. A door has been added in the rear for a wheelchair ramp which crosses behind the building, but a few feet away and seeming apart from it. Also, stair hand rails have been added and window boxes removed. With these exceptions, the building is unaltered and its integrity has been well maintained. The size and style of the building are compatible with surrounding residences, but its classicism and park-like grounds convey dignity and public purpose.

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The Garfield Park Branch Library meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property nomination, California's Carnegie Libraries.

The City of Santa Cruz received a total of \$29,000 in Carnegie funds, \$20,000 for the main library and, later, \$3000 for each of three branches. All four buildings were designed by W.H. Weeks: the 1904 Romanesque Santa Cruz Main was his first Carnegie library commission and the 1921 Craftsman Santa Cruz East Side was his last. Neither remains today. In between he designed two small Santa Cruz branch buildings which are still standing, Garfield Park and Seabright.

Garfield Park still serves its neighborhood as a library, although in the aftermath of Proposition 13 tax-cutting, it was temporarily closed, re-opening only after an organized petition campaign by the Westside Neighbors Organization. The neighborhood had first exerted its energy to acquire a library in 1907, and in 1908 a trial library was started in a room built especially for it at the firehouse. Carnegie funding for branches was obtained in November 1913. After some controversy about the site, a 60'x100' lot was donated and the adjoining 40'x100' lot purchased. Weeks' plans were approved and the lowest bid was \$2615. The building opened in March, 1915.

Much subsequent work on the building, from roof repair to landscaping, has been accomplished by the Garfield Improvement Club. A 1982 "Good Times" article cited the Garfield branch for its willingness to augment its small but solid book collection to meet patrons' needs, as well as for its "homey atmosphere which is conducive to reading."

While the library continues to be significant to the community today, the period of significance has been ended at 1942, fifty years ago, because exceptional significance has not been established.

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