

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Forest City Public Library
NAME:

MULTIPLE Public Library Buildings in Iowa TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Winnebago

DATE RECEIVED: 1/20/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/06/16
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 84001609

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3.7.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED
from
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 3.7.16

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
1000 EAST 15TH AVENUE, SUITE 200, DES MOINES, IOWA 50319-0000
515.281.5600

TERRY D. BRUNSTAD, GOVERNOR
JAN 12 2016



January 12, 2016

Paul Loether, Chief
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street, N.W.-- 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

The following properties require delisting from the National Register.

- Forest City Public Library, 137 S. Clark Street, Forest City, Winnebago County, Iowa
- Van Patten House, 9 S. Linn Street, Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa
- Goodin Building, N. 106 Front Street, Farmington, Van Buren County, Iowa
- 103 Arlington, Davenport, Scott County, Iowa

Enclosed are copies of the notification letters to mayors of each city in which these properties are located, informing them of the SHPO's intent to delist.

Sincerely,

Steve King
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS

MARY COWNE, DIRECTOR
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KIM REYNOLDS, LT. GOVERNOR

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October 29, 2015

The Honorable Rick Sjeie
Forest City - City Hall
305 North Clark Street
P.O. Box 346
Forest City, Iowa 50436

Re: Forest City Public Library, 137 S. Clark St. Forest City, Winnebago County

Dear Mayor,

It has come to the attention of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the above referenced property was razed. We are providing notification that the SHPO will be requesting that the National Park Service delist/remove the property from the National Register of Historic Places. If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this letter we will move forward with the delisting.

If you have questions, Beth Foster Hill can be contacted at beth.foster@iowa.gov.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Foster
National Register Coordinator



for

Steve King
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

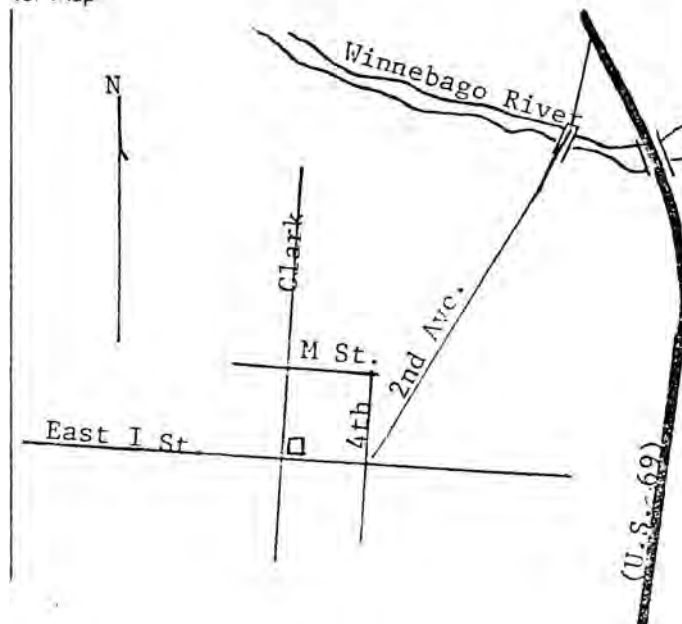
Identification

1. Site Name (first) Forest City Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Forest City Township _____ County Winnebago
3. Street Address _____
4. Legal Location _____
Urban: _____ subdivision _____ block _____ parcel _____ subparcel _____
Rural: _____ township _____ range _____ section _____ 1/4 section of 1/4 section _____
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 448260 northing 4790290; Acreage 0.9
6. Owner(s) Name _____
7. Owner(s) Address _____
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present insurance company office Original library

Description

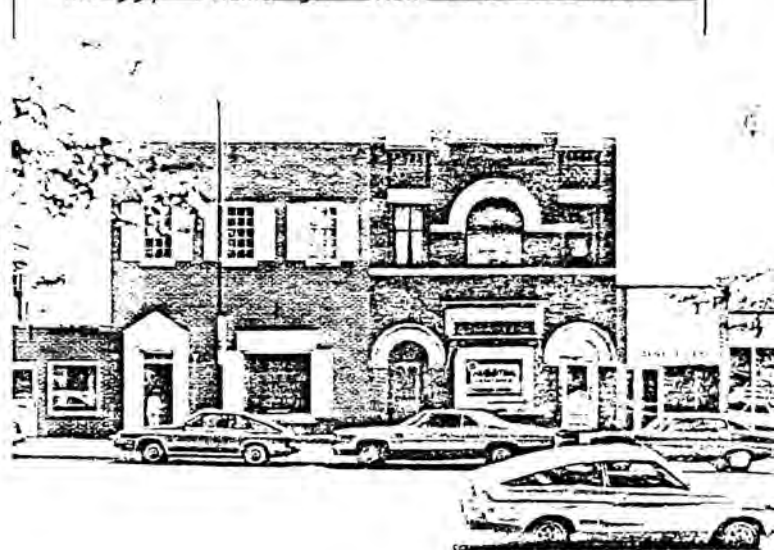
9. Date of Construction 1899 ~~xxxxx~~ Architect/Builder C.H. Lackore, Contractor
10. Building Type:
☐ single-family dwelling ☐ industrial ☐ other institutional ☐ religious
☐ multiple-family dwelling ☐ educational ☐ public ☐ agricultural
☒ commercial
11. Exterior Walls: ☐ clapboard ☐ stone ☒ brick ☐ board and batten ☐ shingles ☐ stucco
☐ other with 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: Parapet over center bay lowered; inscription panel removed; center window on ground floor partially bricked in.
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

Roll 557 Frame 9A View Front Facade



Significance

(Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural significance

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

The first Forest City Public Library is one of the few remaining pre-Carnegie buildings in Iowa. A street front building in the Richardsonian commercial style characteristic of the 1890's, its facade is an interesting exercise in layered transparency, overlapping bays and triangular configurations of round-arch and square-headed openings.

20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) Social/Humanitarian

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

The first public library at Forest City is one of two known instances (that are extant) in Iowa of the erection of a library building funded exclusively with public money during the formative period of Iowa library development. The other, at Des Moines, was built from tax levies. The Forest City library, however, was financed almost entirely with donations from townspeople, with the remainder coming from city funds, thus illustrating a high level of community support and self-reliance that required no assistance from a single wealthy benefactor. The building, opened in September 1899, served as a library until a new and larger one was erected in 1927.

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

--DHPFIR, G. Mansheim, June 1979.

--DHPLSQ-1, Mrs. Raymond Schmidt, Librarian.

Prepared by S. Klingensmith

Date August, 1980

Address 617 N. Cayuga, Ithaca, NY

Telephone 607 273-5684

Organization _____

For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

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 557/8A-12A.

- _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 2 of 10

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Public Library Buildings in Iowa Thematic Resources
State Iowa

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Council Bluff Free Public
Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Ret

12. Drake Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Ret

13. Eldon Carnegie Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Ret

14. Eldora Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Linda McClelland 5/23/83

15. Emmetsburg Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Linda McClelland 5/23/83

16. Ericson Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

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Linda McClelland 5/23/83

17. Estherville Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

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Ret

18. Fairfield Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Linda McClelland 5/23/83

19. Forest City Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

Attest

Beth Grover 4/5/84

20. Free Public Library

Substantive Review Keeper

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Forest City Public Library (First)

136 Clark Street

Forest City, Iowa

By: DMA

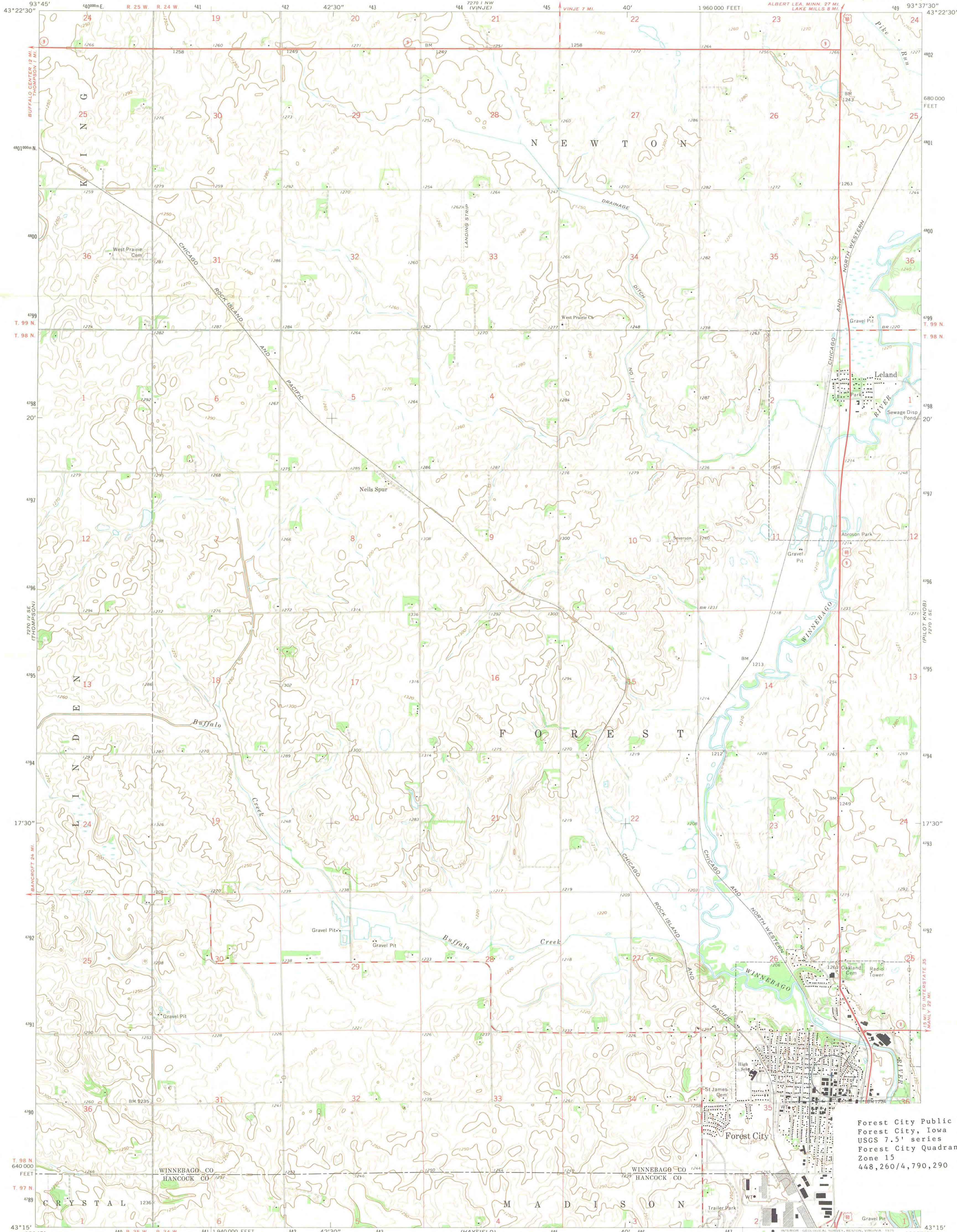
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View: north

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FOREST CITY QUADRANGLE
IOWA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



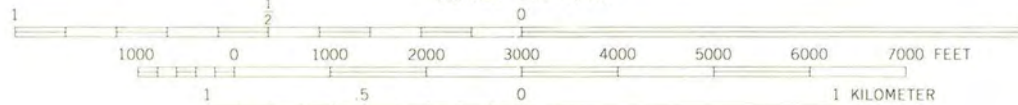
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1972

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Iowa coordinate system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND BY THE IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

Forest City Public Library
Forest City, Iowa
USGS 7.5' series
Forest City Quadrangle
Zone 15
448,260/4,790,290

FOREST CITY, IOWA
N4315-W9337.5/7.5

1972

AMS 7270 1 SW-SERIES V876

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Forest City Public Library (Public Library
Buildings in Iowa TR)
Winnebago County
IOWA

Working No. 4/8/83

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 5/5/83 - 5/23/83Action: ACCEPTRETURN 5/20/83REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

no vld, acreage
One of few Publicly funded libraries in Iowa
predating Carnegie sponsorship, 1899
bdg is also a good example in
Richardsonian Romanesque
style.

Recom./Criteria ReturnReviewer L. McDonaldDiscipline A. HistDate 5/20/83see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates

boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

X Average of nominated property _____

Please provide average

Geographic name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

X *Please provide V.B.D.*

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____

Linda McClelland

Date _____

5/20/83

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Forest City Public Library (Public Library
Buildings in Iowa TR)
Winnebago County
IOWA

Working No. 4/8/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/80
Date Due: 4/7/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-5-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☒ resubmission
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☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Technical corrections
provided by giving legal
description.
Average provided
by phone B.G.*

Recom./Criteria Accept H.C.
Reviewer Bushong
Discipline H. Stoner
Date 4/8/84
_____ see continuation sheet

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- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

X Acreage of nominated property _____ *Please provide acreage*
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References *Less than 1 - phone call to state, 4/9/84*
Verbal boundary description and justification *DS*

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- ☐ Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____