

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC *W.M.*

Carnegie Free Public Library

AND/OR COMMON

Kampeska Heritage Museum

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

25 1st Avenue S.E.

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Watertown

__ VICINITY OF

1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

South Dakota

CODE

046

COUNTY

Codington

CODE

029

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Watertown (leased to Codington Co. Historical Soc.)

STREET & NUMBER

23 2nd St. N.E.

CITY, TOWN

Watertown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Codington Co. Courthouse Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Watertown

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March 1975

__ FEDERAL STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center USD Alumni House

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

ATAO

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carnegie Free Public Library building, erected in 1905, is a Neo-Classical design comprising a main floor, level, and a high basement. As increased use of the building caused crowded conditions, a mezzanine floor area was erected at the northwest quarter of the first floor.

The exterior walls are of brick with a horizontal rebated joint at each seventh course. The cornice section is a continuous line of alternate indentations (dentils) forming the cornice.

About the exterior wall of the building there is a cut stone belt course at the level of the floor line.

The windows are double hung with a rounded top sash with the glass in the top sash divided and set with leaded joints. At the head of the windows there are four courses of formal brick curved as are the window tops. There is a continuous stone belt course about the building at the level of the window sill.

The outside building dimensions are approximately 55 x 59'. The division of areas at the interior of the building are separated by wood colonnade ornamental columns topped by a wood cornice. Except for minor necessary maintenance, the building retains its original appearance, with the exception of the original entry doors. There are also a few broken windows which can easily be corrected. At the center of the main floor level there is a hexagonal glass skylight, raised above the ceiling level, which admits natural light to the interior of the building.

The floor and roof systems are of wood joists carried on steel beams and columns and appear to be in sound condition.

The first floor level is about 6'6" above the sidewalk level. At the entrance there is a covered portico which has an ornamental cornice and is supported on round stone columns. The columns have a scrolled ornamental stone cap and a base plinth.

The present lighting is by fluorescent fixtures; the heating is steam radiation furnished from the city central steam systems.

Some improvements were made, including the replacement of old wooden front steps with more secure cement, covering the wooden floors with inlaid linoleum, and separation of the children's department from the adult. Children's department was established in the basement of the building, and there was continued physical improvement by an overall redecoration project, and an enlargement of the Children's department.

A souvenir in the historic files is a picture postcard view of a trim, new

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building of Neo-Classical styling. Elm trees grow along one side and a residence nestles close to the other. Dirt streets of a young town cross in front of it. Except for the trees, the house and unpaved roads, the picture could have been taken yesterday.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Carnegie Public Library in Watertown, South Dakota, made a significant contribution to the general cultural enlightenment of the people of the area. Its collections included literature, local and national history as well as periodicals and newspapers. Of special importance to the Watertown area, which is a major farming region, was the library's role in the dissemination of information relating to crops, husbandry and general agricultural problems. Local support and interest in the structure remained high until 1967, when a new library was constructed to keep up with the increased pressure for a larger facility.

The exterior of the Carnegie Library has retained most of its original appearance. No additions or alterations blemish the local adaptation of a Neo-Classical design. Its Ionic columns and brick work still convey the impression originally intended.

Local interest in a library led to a public meeting on April 22, 1899, which established a Public Library Association, incorporated under state law. Initially the library was housed in the City Hall, but in 1903 City Alderman C.H. Tuck moved that a petition be made to the Carnegie Corporation for a permanent library building. The City obtained the corner lot at Maple Street and First Avenue Southeast for \$1300, and the Carnegie grant of \$10,000 soon followed. L.E. Brickell received the contract to construct the \$12,272 building. He completed the project in 1906 and the city moved the books to the new building. A budget of \$2500 was issued for maintenance and upkeep.

The library served Watertown and surrounding areas until 1967 when the new library was completed. At present the Kampeska Heritage Museum occupies the old library. Its exhibits include a variety of bird specimens, Indian artifacts, historic documents, and other items relating to Watertown's past.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The Making of Watertown," DACOTAH MAGAZINE. December 1907.
 "Watertown History" a paper presented to Mr. Cross of SDSU for American West class
 January 3, 1968.
 Pictorial reviews of Watertown and Codington County, 1916.
 Watertown Library History (Pamphlets written by various Librarians)
 Historical material related to the settling of Codington County, Wright Tarbell.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than an acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,4	6,4,8,9,8,0	4,9,7,3,2,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Harold Gray/Scott Gerloff

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

April, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

USD-Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605-677-5315

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

alt Pres Director

DATE

1-13-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2/18/76

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

6-19-76

Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

JUL 6 1987

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Carnegie Free Public Library

STATE SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY Codington

Date/Signature

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Change of address approval

for Keeper *Alora Byers* 7/6/87
Attest _____

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Carnegie Free Public Library
Amendment

AMENDMENT TO NOMINATION: CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1. Carnegie Free Public Library (Kampeska Heritage Museum).
NRIS Reference No. 76001715.24
2. Recent NRIS print-outs indicated a need to clarify the address/location of this property. Apparently, the address was incorrectly recorded at the time of entry. The proper address for this property is:

27 First Avenue, SE
Watertown
First Congr. District
Codington County Code: 029
South Dakota Code: 046

All other items of the original nomination should remain unchanged.

11. FORM PREPARED BY:

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South Dakota State Historical Preservation Center
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phone: 605-677-5314.

June 30, 1987.

12. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state X local.

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Deputy SHPO

title

6-30-87
date