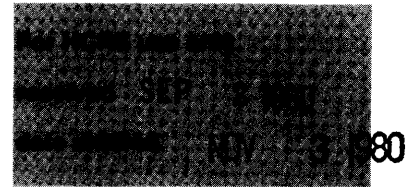


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Little Falls Carnegie Library

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 108 3rd Street NE not for publication

city, town Little Falls vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Morrison code 097

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Little Falls

street & number City Hall

city, town Little Falls vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds - Morrison County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Little Falls state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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 Little Falls Carnegie Library is a two story brick and stone structure executed in a restrained Craftsman style. The high basement level is constructed of a local field stone laid in random pattern. The main level is of a pressed buff-colored brick; this level is separated from the basement by a water table of rock-faced gray granite blocks. The whole is covered by a dormered, intersecting gable roof. The design relies primarily upon the simplicity of its materials as is evidenced by the relative lack of exterior ornamentation. A hint of ornamental expression is noted in the large barges on the gables and dormers and in the granite quoining which enframes the front entrance.

The building is erected on the cruciform plan. This plan is especially evident in the interior arrangement of spaces and functions. Upon entering the main floor, one is confronted by a centrally located circulation area with reading rooms to right and left and stacks to the rear. The lower level served originally as an auditorium and club room; it is currently used as the children's room. The attic space is a large, finished area and is used primarily for storage.

The building continues to serve its original function as a community library. It retains near-total design integrity, including interior woodwork, mantels, and a large number of furnishings. The building is well maintained and in an excellent state of preservation.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input 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 1904-5

Builder/Architect Fremont Orff

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Carnegie Public Library is significant as one of the best-preserved and most architecturally distinctive of the 65 libraries in Minnesota endowed by Andrew Carnegie. Constructed in 1905 according to the plans of Minneapolis architect, Fremont Orff, the building's Craftsman style distinguishes it from the characteristic Neo-Classic style of most other Carnegie libraries. Its present use as a library, virtually without physical alteration, testifies to the continuing and important role which it has played in the community. Interestingly, the contributors who matched the original Carnegie grant included Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., and members of the Weyerhaeuser and Musser families, all of whom played important roles in the history of the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Archives, Public Library, Little Falls, Minnesota.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nomlnated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Little Falls East

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	3	9	4	7	6	0	5	0	9	2	1	4	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

B

Zone		Easting						Northing					

C

Zone		Easting						Northing					

D

Zone		Easting						Northing					

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Zone		Easting						Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1, 2, and north 45' of Lot 3, Block 42 of the original plat of Little Falls.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles W. Nelson and Charles W. Skrief

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date 10 March 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone 612-296-9070

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley
date 8/14/80

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

John W. Ray
Keeper of the National Register

date

11/3/80

Attest:

Linda Hunt McClelland
Chief of Registration

date

10-3-80