

Iowa Site Inventory

Division of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 97-030-010

District Name _____

Map Reference # _____

Identification

1. Site Name Sioux City Public Library (Smith Villa Branch)
2. Village/Town/City Sioux City Township _____ County Woodbury
3. Street Address 1509 George
4. Legal Location _____

Urban: Rural:	subdivision township	block range	parcel section	subparcel ¼ section of ¼ section
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5. UTM Location: zone 14 easting 711400 northing 4709000; Acreage 2/
6. Owner(s) Name City of Sioux City
7. Owner(s) Address _____

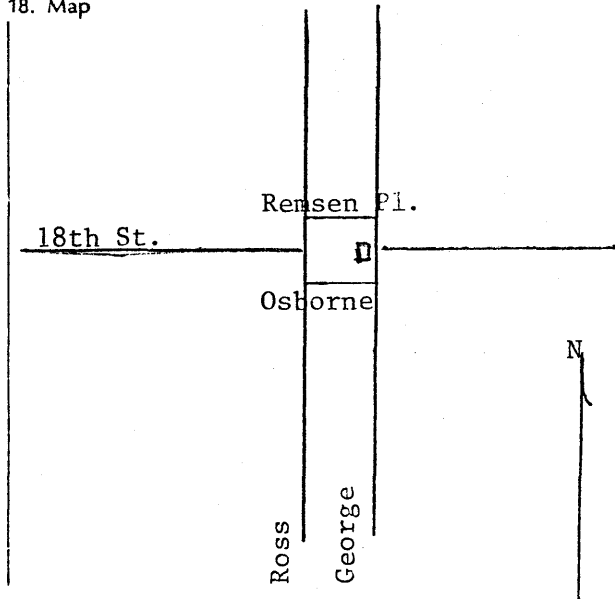
(Street address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
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8. Use: Present library Original library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1927 Architect/Builder XXXX William Steele, Sioux City (?)
10. Building Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
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:
Small canopy removed from entrance.
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 672 Frame 7 View from NE



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 Smith Villa Branch of the Sioux City Public Library is a good example of the provincial Prairie School style. Erected in 1927, long after the style had died out in Chicago, its place of origin, the building is a significant reminder of the tenacity of this native architectural movement in the midwestern hinterlands. The Smith Villa Branch is virtually identical to the Fairmount Branch, built in the same year.

20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) _____

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

--Sioux City Sunday Journal. 4 December 1977.

--DHPFIR, G. Mansheim, August 1979.

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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 672/2-16; 675/30A-36A.

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