

HISTORIC NAME: Spring Valley Public Library

COUNTY: Fillmore

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CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Spring Valley City

LEGAL DESC.:

ADDRESS:

See below

201 South Broadway

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Education</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No _____ Restricted X

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

Public Library

OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1904

ORIGINAL USE: Public Library

ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Spring Valley

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: H.J. Amlic
(both)OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Spring Valley
Spring Valley, MN 55975ACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Fillmore County Historical Society,
Box 193, Preston, MN

UTM REFERENCE:

Spring Valley Quad.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Spring Valley Public Library occupies a prominent corner site on South Broadway at Main, just south of the community's commercial district and close to Spring Valley Creek in the area known as Spring Park. It is a brick structure, approximately 45 x 50 feet, with a tall single story on a raised Kasota stone basement. As a local version of Beaux Arts Classicism, it is characterized by paired columns in the prominent central projecting portico, the absolute symmetry on the primary (west) facade, prominent cornice, and arched and linteled window openings. One-over-one double-hung sash with transom are arranged in four bays on the north facade and symmetrically paired on the front facade; there are no windows on the east and south facades. The interior has been partially altered.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Spring Valley Public Library is significant as a virtually unaltered example of Beaux Arts Classicism in a small, rural community, and as a representative of the educational aspect of Spring Valley's prosperity and progressive aspirations at the turn of the century. The library was completed in 1904 with funding from an \$8,000 Carnegie grant. As such, it is a relatively early example of a Carnegie library in Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway in Spring Valley City, thence east 65 ft. along the south curb line of Main; thence due south 50 ft.; thence due west 65 ft. to the east curb line of Broadway; thence north along said curb line to the point of beginning.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Spring Valley Sun, December 29, 1903.

Stender, Mrs. Kenneth. Interview, February 11, 1981.