

HISTORIC NAME: Glenwood Public Library

COUNTY: Pope FEB 17 1982

CURRENT NAME: Glenwood Public Library

CITY/TWP.: Glenwood City

LEGAL DESC.: Original plat, Block 25, Lot 5

ADDRESS: 108 SE First Avenue

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No _____ Restricted X PRESENT USE: Public Library

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1908 ORIGINAL USE: Public Library
A.S.Foss, Elbow Lake, Arch.

ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Glenwood ARCHITECT/BUILDER: J.H.Olson, Willmar, Bldr.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Glenwood City Hall, Glenwood, MN 56334	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pope County Historical Society Highway 104 South, Glenwood, MN 56334	UTM REFERENCE: GLENWOOD, MN QUAD 15-313930-5057610
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DESCRIPTION: The Glenwood Public Library is located on Southeast First Avenue, directly across from the Pope County Courthouse block. The Neo-Classical Revival building is a one stor rectangular structure on a raised foundation. The hipped rppf is brpken at the front by a gable-roofed entrance pavillion. Lower wall surfaces and water table are of concrete; the upper walls are of light brick. Symmetrically placed rectangular windows at the main level are in recessed panels; the sash in these windows has been replaced, The entrance pavillion houses a recessed entrance with the name "Carnegie" over the door and two concrete Doric columns. A complete pediment at the top of the pavillion features three projecting acanthus leaves at the points of the pediment. A dentillated cornice and wide freize board circumvent the structure, with the words "Glenwood Public Library" on the freize of the pavillion. The interior of the building retains most original structural features.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Glenwood Public Library is significant as one of the most architecturally distinctive buildings in Pope County, and as the county's only representative of the Carnegie Library phenomena. The building was completed in 1908 according to the designs of A.S. Foss of Elbow Lake, Minnesota. Often, the small libraries constructed with Carnegie support represent a level of architectural sophistication which has conferred on them a kind of local landmark status. The modest but nicely detailed Neo-Classic Glenwood Library has escaped demolition or significant alteration, and it continues to hold this position in the community today. The County had no public library before the Carnegie structure was built, and the building continues to house the only public library in Pope County.

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