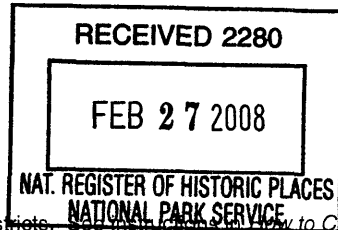


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. *Do not use this form to complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A).* Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lakeport Carnegie Library

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 200 Park Street  not for publication N/A

city or town Lakeport  vicinity N/A

state California code CA county Lake code 033 zip code 95453

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Wayne Childs 22 FEB 2008  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

California Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 4.10.08  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	2	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

California Carnegie Libraries

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/library

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Storage for City of Lakeport

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\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival (Type C)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

roof Shingle

walls Stucco

\_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1918-1921  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1918  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Ward and Blohme, Architect  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hinds and Randolph, Contractors  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Lake County Historic Courthouse Museum, Lakeport

Lakeport Carnegie Library  
Name of Property

Lake County, CA  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreege of Property** 2.50 acres (approximate)

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	10	507520	4321380	3	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marcia Sanderson and Pam Hawley, members

organization Friends of the Lake County Museum date October 19, 2007

street & number 2330 Westlake Drive telephone 707-279-4594/707-279-9269

city or town Kelseyville state CA zip code 95451

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

Name City of Lakeport c/o Jerry Gillham, City Manager

street & number 225 Park Street telephone 707-263-5615

city or town Lakeport state CA zip code 95453

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Summary

The Lakeport Carnegie Library was constructed in 1918. The Classical Revival style building is symmetrical in design and exhibits simple and dignified ornamentation which is consistent with Classical Revival Type C style architecture identified in the California Carnegie Library Multiple Property Submission. The library is located on 2.50-acre (approximate) property deeded to the town of Lakeport for a public park and to erect a public library. Additional park buildings that are non-contributing resources include a modern gazebo and a restroom dating to the 1980s.

Description

The Lakeport Carnegie Library is set within Library Park, a 2.50-acre (approximate) parcel situated on the western shore of Clear Lake which composes the parcel's eastern boundary. The parcel is additionally bounded by Third Street (north) First Street (south) and Park Street (west). The library building is centered on the western boundary and fronts on Park Street. The Lakeport Carnegie Library building is a good example of the Classical Revival Type C style architecture. The single-story building with basement is rectangular in plan and measures 28 feet by 52 feet. The building is surfaced with plaster and is covered by a hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The cornice is embellished with curved modillions. The symmetrically designed building has a central entrance accessed by a short flight of concrete steps with wide concrete block railings. The oversized primary entrance is a fourteen light door surrounded by decorate plasterwork. One over one wood-sash windows are symmetrically grouped in three on the all façade walls.

Mature landscaping surrounding the library building includes palm trees flanking the entrance and flowering shrubbery. Park grounds are dotted with mature trees and contain playgrounds and picnic tables. A modern concrete walking path follows the shoreline.

Alterations to the building are minimal. The original basement level door and access stairs (south wall) were replaced with a metal door and new access stairs. An additional basement level entry door accessed by concrete steps with metal railings was added to the building's northwest corner circa 1950. The building is currently vacant.

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Summary

The Lakeport Carnegie Library meets the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Submission, California Carnegie Libraries within the context of "Carnegie Library Development in California and the Architecture It Produced, 1899-1921." The Lakeport Carnegie Library meets the Multiple Property Submission, California Carnegie Libraries registration requirements under Criterion A, in the area of social history. Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Corporation provided funding for 1,681 public library buildings in 1,412 U.S. communities between 1889 and 1923. This philanthropy had a great impact on the growth of public library development in the United States. Free public libraries supported by local taxation had begun with Boston in 1849 and slowly spread throughout the country. Mr. Carnegie also attached two conditions to his offer of money for a public library building – the local community had to provide a suitable site and formally agree to continuously support the library through local tax funds. The Lakeport Carnegie Library also meets the Multiple Property Submission, California Carnegie Libraries registration requirements under Criterion C, in the area of architecture. Lakeport Carnegie Library is identified in the Multiple Property Submission, California Carnegie Libraries as one of the thirty-two Classical Revival Type C California Carnegies completed between 1903 and 1921 and is one of the twenty-three still extant. The property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance.

History of the Lakeport Carnegie Library

The siting of the Lakeport Carnegie Library is an episode in Lake County history that is an integral part of the role this building has played in the development of the Lakeport community as documented in an account given by L. J. Shuman, written in March, 1950, and published in the February 1988 issue of the Lake County Historical Society's *Pomo Bulletin* is included as follows:

“In the year 1914, the Yolo (County) Water and Power Company was proposing to impound the waters of Clear Lake to an elevation of no more than ten feet above the Government low water mark. White & Co., Investment Bankers of New York, were the financial agents of the water company. (The County of Lake had previously sold the water rights to Clear Lake, in Lake County, to the Yolo Water and Power Company.)

It was thought at the time that it would be good business for the company to build a dredger for future general operations in and around Clear Lake. Also at that time the Napa and Lakeport Railroad was proposing to build into Lake County; they

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claimed to own a strip of land in front of Lakeport on which it was proposed to build a depot. They contacted the water company to dredge a fill in front of the Town for a depot site. The company agreed to do this work under certain conditions, which is hereafter outlined:

The company (Yolo) was acquiring water rights around the lake and when it came to acquiring these rights to overflow the properties in front of the Town of Lakeport, it was confronted with two questions; first, should these rights be acquired by purchase and condemnation, or, second, fill in the water front by dredger building a levee and back of this by filling with a section pump. This second plan was adopted on the condition property holders along the waterfront would cooperate to help the project along. Engineers of the water company drew up plans outlining this operation in detail.

This plan, provided among other things, that a Public Park be created between First and Third streets; that the property holders between these streets, deed to the Town of Lakeport, for Public Park purposes, without charge the east 202 feet of their lots including in this 202 feet, an 80 foot street (now called Park Street) provided White & Co., at their own cost and expense would fill this property by dredger. It was further agreed, in this connection, that the City Council would abandon Second Street from the lake to the west side of Park (Street).

"It is to be noted that in conveying the deed for Park Purposes, the property owners inserted in the deed of conveyance this clause: the right given to the Town of Lakeport to erect a Public Library.

"It is fitting here to mention the property holders who were public spirited enough to convey and gift a portion of their property to the Town. They were the Farmers Savings Bank; the Bank of Lake; the Whitten heirs and A. (Aaron) Levy. ...

"Most of the above incidents happened during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917 and later. The fill for the park took much longer than anticipated...

"For years prior to 1916, public spirited citizens had kept up and maintained a private library for the community among whom was Mrs. Kate White, the later became the first librarian of the Carnegie Library....

"The writer of this short history lays claim to instituting the first steps to interest the Carnegie Foundation in donating funds for the community for a Public Library. This was done through Mr. A. S. White, of the firm of White & Co. of New York. On one of his trips east Mr. Roy Pike, President of the Yolo Water and Power Company sent a telegram to this writer, on Oct. 31, 1914, reading as follows:

Mr. White through some close associate has been working for the Lakeport Library with the Carnegie people, as per your request. We are confidentially advised today that the library will be granted but will not have matter in definite

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writing for some days. If there are any enlargements or additions to be considered, this is the time to take them up. Advise me by wire. Expect leave here Sunday. Best greetings. ROY M. PIKE

The writer replied to this telegram as follows:

Roy M. Pike, A. S. White, 30 Pine Street; New York. If other library data needed will gladly forward same. Please convey Mr. White sincere thanks of trustees for his efforts in our behalf. L. J. SHUMAN

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1914, a letter was received from the Carnegie Foundation of New York stating that they would donate to the City of Lakeport the sum of \$8000 with which to erect a Carnegie Free Public Library. This in accordance with the request which the writer had made as President of the Library Board.

In the meantime work was proceeding in dredging in the lake fill for the park and library. ....

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914 received form of a resolution from the Carnegie Foundation which was to be officially adopted by the Lakeport Town Council and executed by the Mayor and Town Clerk in which the Town agreed to raise by taxation, each year, a sum at least equal to 10% of the cost of the Library building. The building cost slightly in excess of \$8000. This resolution was presented to the Town Council, by this writer, and by the Council officially adopted and forwarded to the Carnegie Foundation in New York City.

No definite action was taken to erect this building until the middle of July 1917, due to the condition of the fill not being sufficiently dry on which to erect the building.

In June of 1917 bids were called for and on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1917 these bids were opened and the lowest of these went to Hinds & Randolph, Contractors. However their bid was in excess of \$8000. F. H Boggs, then Mayor telegraphed the Carnegie people stating the situation and asking permission to make some changes in the plans to which a favorable reply was received. However with certain changes made the cost was still \$500 in excess of the Carnegie gift. The writer and the Library Board deposited this amount with the Town Council and the Contractors were awarded to go ahead with the building. It was reported around that the Yolo Water Company paid this sum of \$500. Neither White & Co. nor the Water Company, nor ROY M. PIKE paid not one penny of this amount. The contract was awarded to Hinds & Randolph on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917 and the building was completed early in the year of 1918.



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Had it not been for the determination of a few Public spirited citizens of this community, Lakeport would never have had a beautiful Public Park and a Library building of which we can all be proud – two of the most popular places in the community. These will stand, for the future, while those who opposed will have long been forgotten. L. J. Shuman

The “Clear Lake Library Association” was formed as the Library Club by the Ladies Town Improvement Club (forerunner of the Lakeport Women’s Civic Club in 1906. This group instituted the movement to provide “a good circulating library of from 500 to 1,000 books for home use, to furnish valuable reference books for use of students, and maintain a reading room for country people waiting in town or strangers visiting here.” An account of this group’s involvement with and dedication to the concept of a public library is described in an article in the Lake County Historical Society’s *Pomo Bulletin*, February 1988 by Marion Geoble who was the County Historian at that time. Mrs. Geoble concludes with:

“Following the creation of the Town Park and the construction of the Carnegie Library, the Improvement Club apparently changed its name to the Lakeport Woman’s Civic Club, which was organized March 9, 1921, and continued on with their program of civic improvements, beautification, landscaping, and funding for books for the library.

Within a two years span, the Woman’s Civic Club had planted two blocks of street planting in front of the Library, and worked for a permanent bathing beach for the children. Trees and shrubs were planted during the years, and a large rose garden, that still has many of the original roses today. (1988)

The forerunners and the Carnegie Library served the population well for 80 years, and in 1986 a beautiful new library was completed and opened on High Street, Lakeport. From quarters covering about 100 square feet (in the Levy Building), to the Carnegie Library of 1,513, not including the above ground basement, to the new Lakeport Library containing 10,380 square feet of floor space – from the proud offering to the public of 500 books in 1906 to in excess of 66,000 books on file and the circulation of 200,000 books annually, plus the more than 100 years of Lake County Newspapers that have now been microfilmed and available for the use of the public in research, genealogy or general information. .... A truly amazing record of public service so graciously given to all.”

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## **Bibliography**

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## **Verbal Boundary Description**

Lake County Assessor Parcel Number 025-413-01.

## **Verbal Boundary Justification**

Lake County Assessor Parcel Number 025-413-01 is the parcel originally deeded to Lakeport for public park use and to erect a public library.

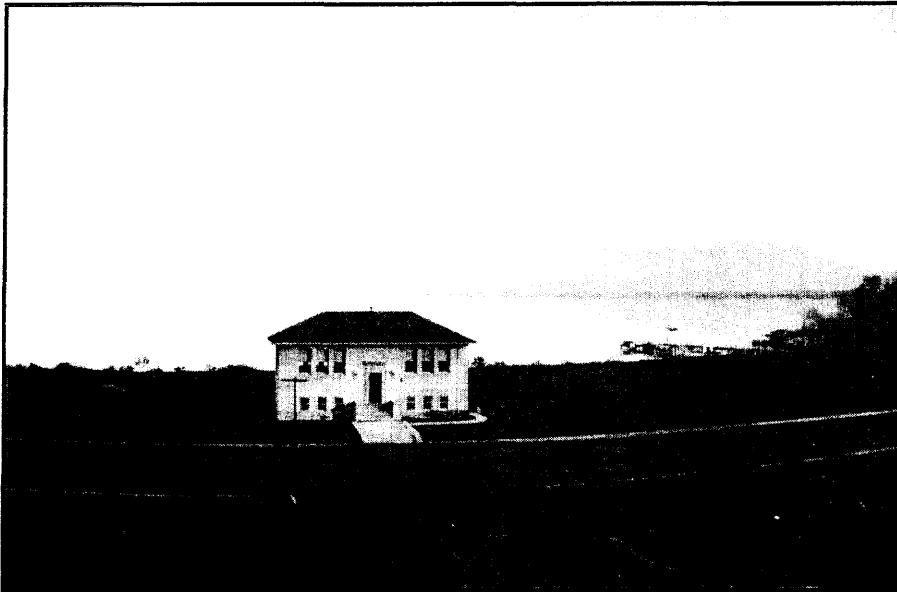
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(Lakeport Historic Courthouse Museum Photo Archives, Lakeport, California)



Lakeport Carnegie Library, 1950.  
(Lakeport Historic Courthouse Museum Photo Archives, Lakeport, California)

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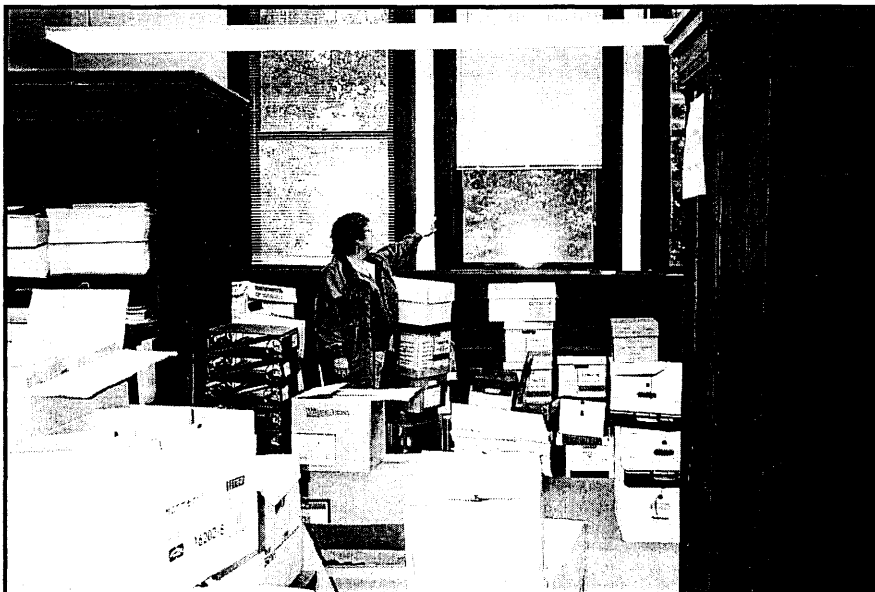
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Interior north wing.

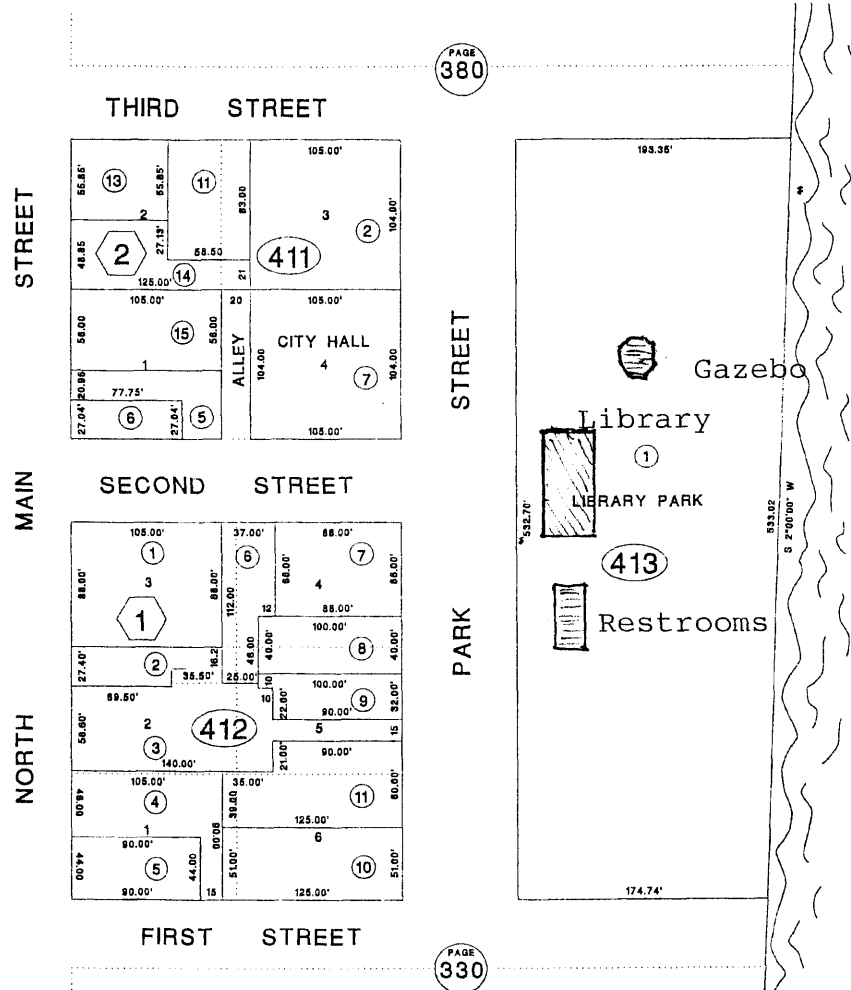
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