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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
Marcus P. Beebe Library
AND/OR COMMON
Ipswich Public Library

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Main Street and Second Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Ipswich

STATE
South Dakota

VICINITY OF
2nd

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

COUNTY
Edmunds

CODE
046

CODE
045

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Library |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
City of Ipswich

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Ipswich

STATE
South Dakota

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Edmunds County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
2nd Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Ipswich

STATE
South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE
October 1975

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN
Vermillion

STATE
South Dakota

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Marcus P. Beebe Library is a one and one-half story, half-timbered Tudor Revival building built in 1930 and 1931. The exterior walls are made of local prairie granite, with little or no cutting done to the stone. It is virtually unchanged since its dedication on August 21, 1931.

The building is located on the corner of the half-block on Main Street given to the city park. The walk leading to it from the sidewalk is laid with Italian, Belgian, and Austrian marble and Mexican onyx. The lobby floor and stairs to the basement are laid with the same materials.

The west facade or front of the building features a protruding gabled entranceway, offset to the left. Double oak arched doors are hung on wrought iron hinges. Small, arched, leaded and stained glass windows flank the floorway on each side. A plain sawn wood bargeboard with a small ornament at the peak completes the entrance gable.

To the right of the entrance is a five sashed window, projecting at the top from the pitched roof. Each window is topped by a transom and all of the windows contain stained, leaded glass. The windows appear to be supported by six projecting wooden beams set beneath the sill. Three squared barred windows just above ground level are set directly beneath the large upper windows. To the left of the entrance is the stone base of the fireplace chimney. It is topped by two triangular stacks and finished with two round chimney pots.

The roof is pitched and covered with the original red, gray and buff asbestos and cement shingles. The two side gables and the three rear ones, as well as the front one, are brick, covered with buff oriental stucco and relieved by brown painted wood half-facings.

The north facade has a single story bay window, holding four windows. The south facade has two triple-sashed windows, similar to the front ones. Four projecting wooden beams protrude from the stone work, beneath each of these windows.

The interior of the building features Napoleon gray marble stairs to the main reading room, a stone-work fireplace and brown quarter-sawn oak shelving and beam work. The oak woodwork and most of the furniture is the original by Dakota Sash & Door Company of Aberdeen, South Dakota. The basement of the building houses the Edmunds County Museum, temporarily closed.

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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Marcus P. Beebe library is two-fold. It is architecturally significant in its use of native materials and as the only example of the Tudor Revival style in Ipswich, South Dakota. Its significance to the community is obvious as it has served as the town's public library since its dedication in 1931. Although the building is not quite fifty years old, it is still one of the more important architectural landmarks in the city.

The design of the building is by Allen E. Erickson of Chicago. The stone walls were laid and pointed by P.A. Lundblom & Son. All other work except the roof and tile floor was done by local people under the supervision of John D. Williams, Ipswich builder.

The building was erected by the heirs of Marcus P. Beebe in 1931 in recognition of his love for his community, from the considerable wealth he had acquired there. At its dedication, South Dakotan Warren E. Green other dignitaries spoke at the ceremonies.

Marcus P. Beebe came to Edmunds County in 1883, the year of its organization. He acquired large land holdings and was instrumental in founding and later owning the banking institution which became the Ipswich State Bank. Through these ventures he became a wealthy man and he and his family are responsible for four of the most significant buildings in Ipswich. All are built of native granite. They are the Beebe home, the Ipswich State Bank building, the Ipswich Baptist Church and the M.P. Beebe Library. He was actively involved in the affairs of his community until his death in 1914. He has left an indelible and valuable mark on Ipswich, South Dakota.

The bronze plaque inside the library lobby reads:

This library was built in 1930 as a tribute to the memory of Marcus P. Beebe, 1854-1914 A Pioneer of 1883 by his wife Leota P. Beebe and their children Inez Beebe Perish Gertrude Beebe Mears M. Plin Beebe Hiram E. Beebe Marjorie Beebe Beardsley His Faith in God, his Country and The Great North West never faltered.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Earle T. Crissman, Valley City, North Dakota: Brown Lithographing Company, 1958.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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| C | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | D | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Longitude 99° 1' 31"

Latitude 45° 26' 15"

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

Larry Hoyle

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

701 Mulberry Street

CITY OR TOWN

Yankton

TELEPHONE

STATE

South Dakota

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John J. Little

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

30 Aug 76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Pettig

DATE

11/16/77

ATTEST:

Charles A. [Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11-11-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER