

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 7-028-009
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

Identification

1. Site Name Waterloo Public Library - West Branch
2. Village/Town/City Waterloo Township _____ County Black Hawk
3. Street Address 528 W. 4th Street
4. Legal Location Orig. Waterloo West 30 SE120'SW20'L8, SE120'L9

Urban:	subdivision	block	parcel
Rural:	township	range	section
			subparcel
			1/4 section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 553980 northing 4704440; Acreage _____
6. Owner(s) Name City of Waterloo
7. Owner(s) Address _____

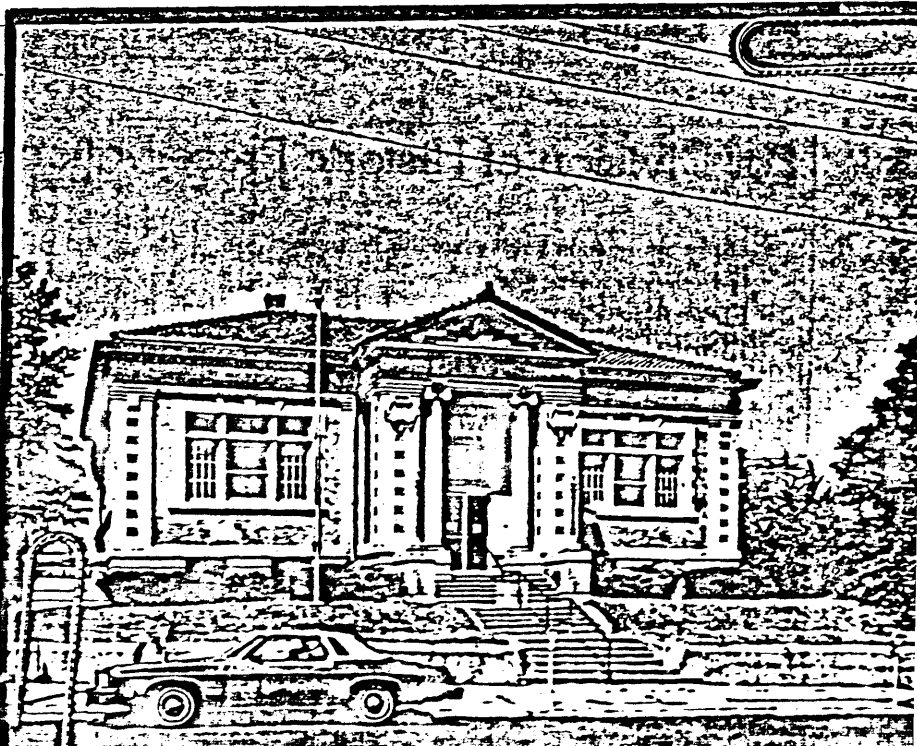
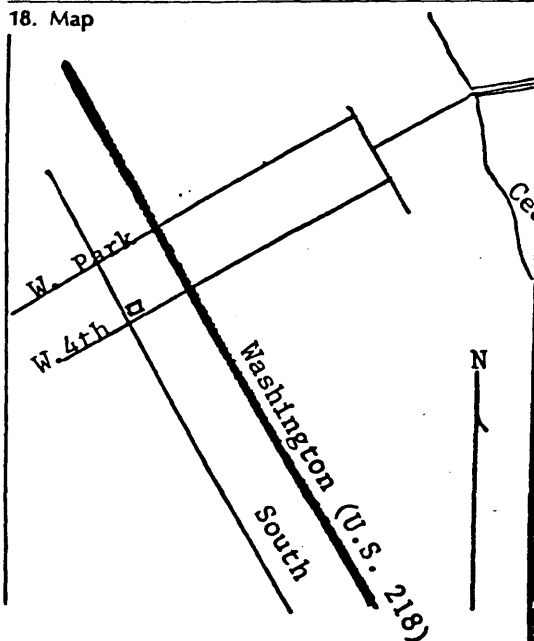
	Waterloo, Iowa 50703	
(Street address)	(City)	(State)
		(Zip)
8. Use: Present library Original library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1906 Architect/BUILDER J.G. Ralston, Waterloo
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 addition on rear (1967); interior remodeled (recently); front door replaced with aluminum frame (recently).
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



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 West Branch building of the Waterloo Public Library is a hipped-bl library executed in a skillful, if somewhat eccentric, classical style exterior is notable for the play of materials and relief over the surf which give the building a sense of warmth and liveliness. These phenom may be seen particularly in such features as: the corner piers, with vertical bands of brick squares set into the stone; the pulvinated frie the curious raised voussoirs of the window surrounds; and the guttae dripping from the corners of the inscription panel, which tend to merge the Ionic capitals underneath them.

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.):

- DHPFIR, S. Dennett, H. Muessig, 1978.
- For other sources see Waterloo-Main Library.

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Organization _____

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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 322/3; 325/1-4; 326/4-13; 329/28-31.

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