

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 36-010-001
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

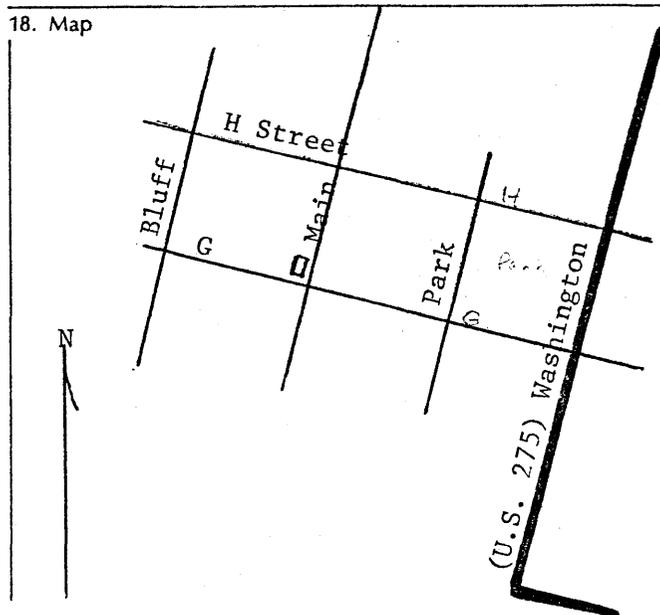
Identification

1. Site Name Hamburg Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Hamburg Township _____ County Fremont
3. Street Address 1301 Main Street
4. Legal Location _____
Urban: subdivision OT Rural: township 41 5,6
block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 275180 northing 4498230; Acreage <1
6. Owner(s) Name City of Hamburg
7. Owner(s) Address _____
(Street address) Hamburg, Iowa 51640 (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present library Original library

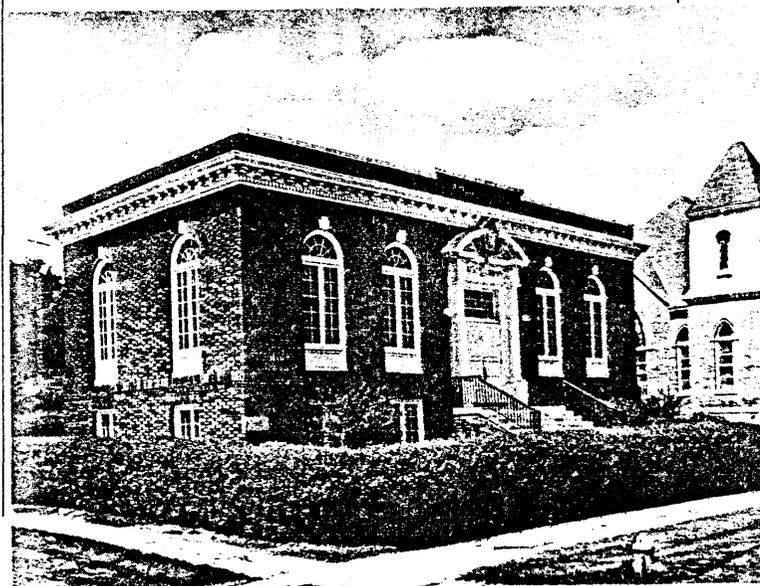
Description

9. Date of Construction 1915-20(est.) Architect/Builder not known
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other with wood trim
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:
The building is excellently preserved.
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



19. Photo Roll 422 Frame 4 View SE corner



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 Hamburg Public Library is one of the better Iowan examples of a small library which affects the Georgian Revival style. Its character is one of straightforward correctness and simple domesticity. The five-bay facade is nicely proportioned and lacks the central pavilion (implied perhaps by the slight raising of the parapet over the center bay) which would lend the building a pronounced public character. The problem of an adequate visual base is solved by the slight projection of the basement and by the several soldier courses at water-table level (see the libraries at Montezuma and Greenfield, both buildings similar in form, which do not solve this problem). The plan conforms to Type I.

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, F. Hunter, June 1979.

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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 454/23-40; 455/13-33

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