

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Burlington Carnegie Library *(Carnegie Library of Washington)*

and/or Common

Burlington Little School

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 550125

Street & Number

Mount Vernon

Northing 5369190

901 Fairhaven Street

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- not for publication

City, Town

Burlington

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98223

County

Skagit

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership:

public

private

both

Status:

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Present Use:

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

City of Burlington

Street & Number

City, Town

Burlington

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98233

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Russo, Marjorie. "Burlington Carnegie Library." Typescript on file at Burlington Public Library.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

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Organization

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Date

August 1981

Street & Number

111 West 21st Avenue

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City or Town

Olympia,

State

Washington 98504

## 7. DESCRIPTION

Condition:      excellent      good      fair      deteriorated      ruins      unexposed  
Circle one:      unaltered      altered  
Circle one:      original site      moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance  
attach photo

The old Burlington library is a small rectangular building with a hip roof of composition shingles. It has one story over a daylight basement. The building is rough-textured stucco with an ornamental spandrel of red bricks between the two floors and under the window sills. A centrally-located, gable-roofed projection on the south facade forms the main entrance and is flanked by trios of windows. Fenestration on the other facades is also regularly spaced.

Verbal boundary description:

SE corner of Block 35, Plat of Burlington (#4076)

Acreage: Less than one

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Specific dates	1916	Builder/Architect	Blackwell & Baker
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### a. History

Burlington's first library was established in 1911 by the Alpha Club, an organization founded for that purpose earlier that year. The club operated the library until 1916 and continued to support it thereafter. Local philanthropists made donations to form an endowment for the purchase of books. In order to qualify for a Carnegie grant, the city pledged to support a library and obtained a lot on one corner of the school grounds. The new building was dedicated in 1916 and served the community for over 60 years. Objections to the old building were that there was only one entrance, there were too many stairs and there was too little space. A new facility opened in 1979 across the street from the old building. It is still owned by the city, but is now used as a private school.

### b. Evaluation of Significance

The Burlington Carnegie library has played an important role in the intellectual life of the town for most of the twentieth century.