

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 6-026-009

District Name _____

Map Reference # _____

Identification

1. Site Name Vinton Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Vinton Township _____ County Benton
3. Street Address 510 2nd Ave.
4. Legal Location Tilford's Add. 4 2

Urban:	subdivision	block	parcel	subparcel
Rural:	township	range	section	% section of % section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 580770 northing 4668480; Acreage 2.1
6. Owner(s) Name City of Vinton
7. Owner(s) Address _____

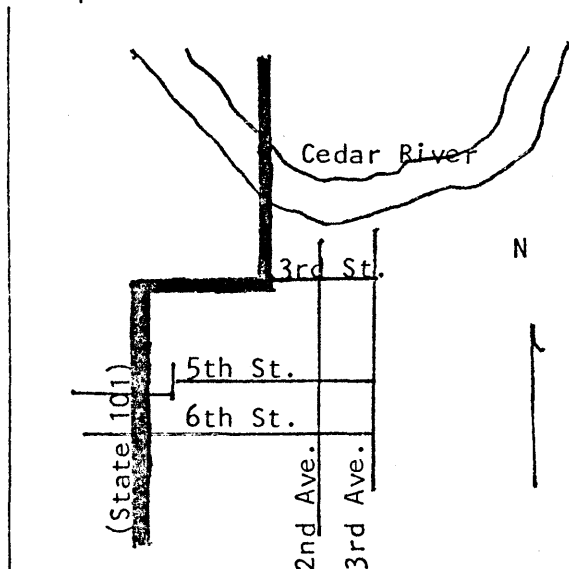
(Street address)	<u>Vinton</u>	<u>IA</u>	<u>52349</u>
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
8. Use: Present Library Original Library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1903-1904 Architect/Builder Patton & Miller, Chicago-Architects
10. Building Type:

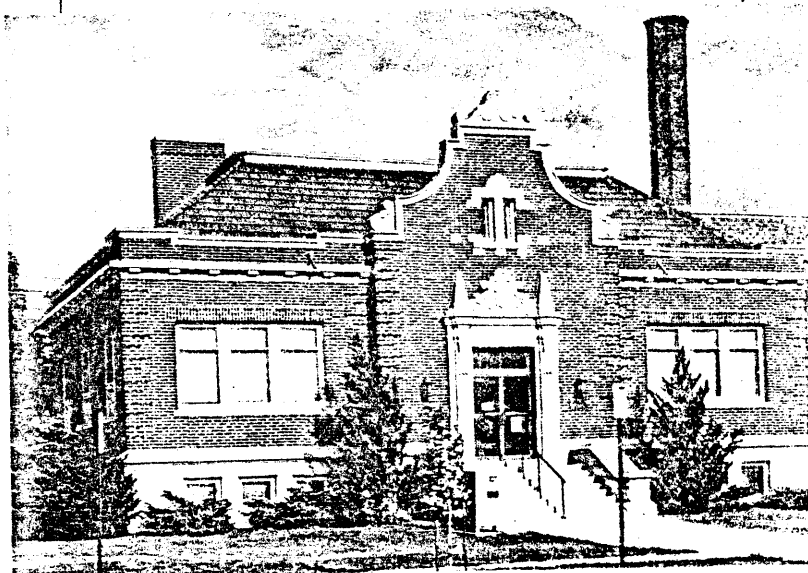
<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other with stone 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:
Front door replaced with aluminum frame (recently), the building is, however, virtually intact.
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 319 Frame 1 View West elevation



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 Vinton Public Library is an architecturally competent and extremely well preserved example of the hipped block type of library which affects a Northern Renaissance style. The full parapet, used in conjunction with a high hipped roof with a deck, is unusual (see Shenandoah, also by Patton and Miller, 1904-05, which has the same combination of features) and gives the building a quality of stolid self-containment. This is mitigated by the shaped Flemish gable, which soars to an incredible height. The strapwork detail of the gable and the doorframe is well executed. The plan corresponds to Type III.

20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) Social/Humanitarian

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This is one of 22 public libraries in Iowa constructed with Carnegie grants made in 1903, the year which marks the highest point in Carnegie giving, both nationally and in the state. Andrew Carnegie's library program, which funded over 1600 buildings, 101 in Iowa, between 1889 and 1919, has been accorded recognition by historians of the Progressive Era, and of the public library movement. The 22 libraries in Iowa funded in 1903 (21 of which are extant) make up nearly one fourth of the state's Carnegie libraries and serve as effective illustrations of the widespread popularity and impact of the Carnegie program in Iowa's public library development.

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

- Hill, Luther B., ed. History of Benton County, Iowa. Vol. 1. Chicago, Lewis Publishing Co., 1910. pp. 328-329.
- DHPFIR, S. Dennett, H. Muessig
- Prints of architect's drawings in possession of Vinton Public 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 319/1; 327/44 & 1; 328/2-10; 329/11-15

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