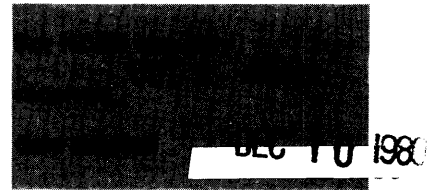


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Webster Parish Library Building

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 521 East - West Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Minden \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 4th - Buddy Leach

state Louisiana code 22 county Webster Parish code 119

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture _____ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial _____ park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational (library) _____ private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment _____ religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government _____ scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial _____ transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military _____ other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Webster Parish Police Jury

street & number P.O. Box 389

city, town Minden, \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Louisiana 71055

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Webster Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Minden \_\_\_\_\_ state Louisiana

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey \_\_\_\_\_ has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

date 1980 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge, \_\_\_\_\_ state Louisiana

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Webster Parish Library Building is set in a pretentious twentieth century suburban neighborhood of Minden. The two story cement stucco building is seven bays wide with arched fenestration on the first floor and double arched fenestration on the second. The red tile hip roof has extended rafter ends. Evidently there was originally a dining room, living room, kitchen, central stair hall, butler's pantry and music room. All the partitions and mantels have been removed, the ceiling has been lowered, and strip lighting has been installed. All that remains is the main stair and the servant's stair. To the rear of the house is a garage built in a similar style.

## 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
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<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** early 1920's **Builder/Architect** Builder - Joe G. Ferguson

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criterion C

The Webster Parish Library Building is significant in the area of architecture as a local example of the 1920's Spanish Colonial Revival. Although there are contemporaneous eclectic (mainly Georgian Revival) structures in Minden of greater pretention, the library is generally held to be the finest example of its particular style.

Although the interior features are lost, the exterior is the broadest and grandest of Mission Revival residences in Minden. No other example in the town can match its full two story seven bay facade and its triple arch entrance. The typical example in Minden, and indeed in Louisiana as a whole, has five bays or less, one story, and a single entrance door. It is therefore of outstanding significance within the context of Minden.

The Webster Parish Library Building was built in the early 1920's to be the home of Joe G. Ferguson, a wealthy lumberman in the area. It was deeded in 1963 to the Webster Parish Police Jury for the exclusive use of the parish library.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Letters from Thomas Lorraine Campbell, Official Webster Parish Historian, to Dan Hodson, February 9, April 28, 1980.

Conveyance Records, Webster Parish

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10. Geographical Data

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreege of nominated property approx. 1.4 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References

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B 

Zone				Easting				Northing					

C 

Zone				Easting				Northing					

D 

Zone				Easting				Northing					

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G 

Zone				Easting				Northing					

H 

Zone				Easting				Northing					

## Verbal boundary description and justification

See sketch map.

## 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 Dan Hodson, Surveyor Historic Sites

organization Coordinating and Development Council of Northwest LA date June 1980

street & number P.O. Box 37005 telephone 318/226-7557

city or town Shreveport, state Louisiana 71103

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9/22/80 *per phone call 11/21/80 - 154*

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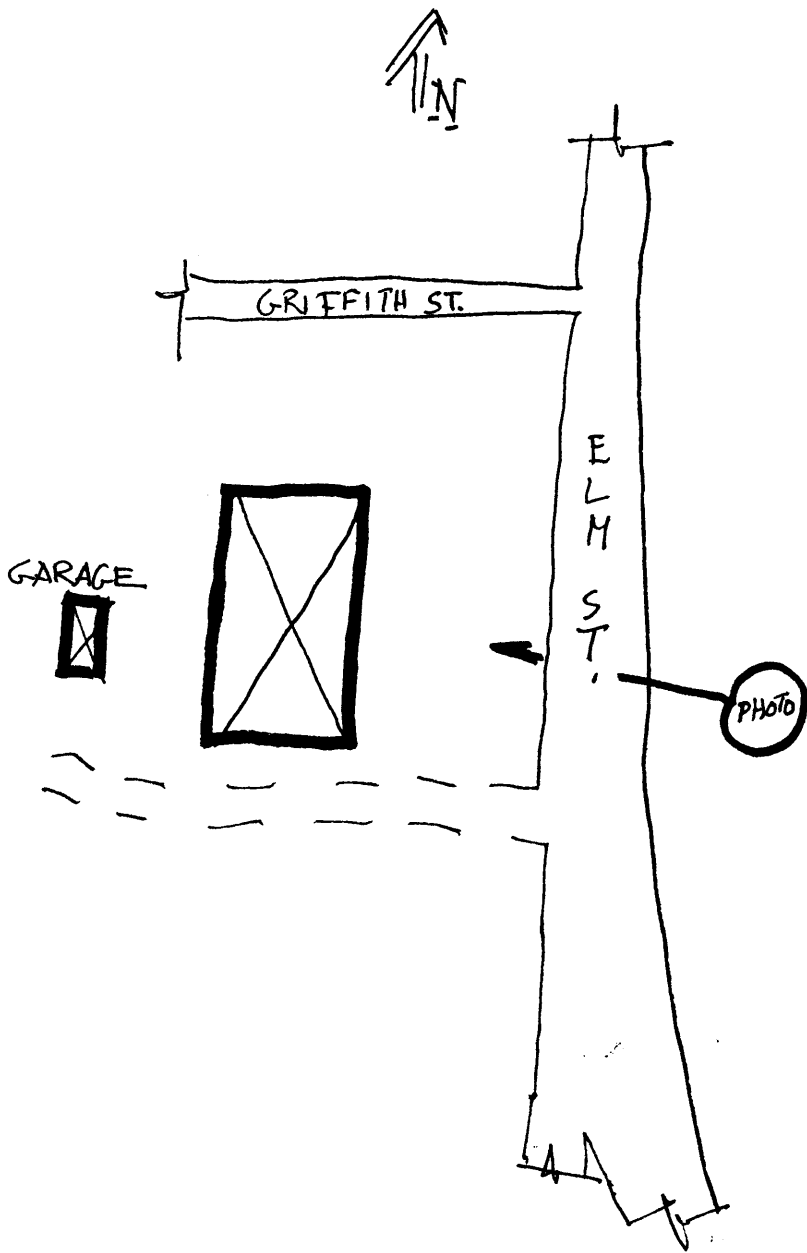
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] date 12/10/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration



OCT 6 1980

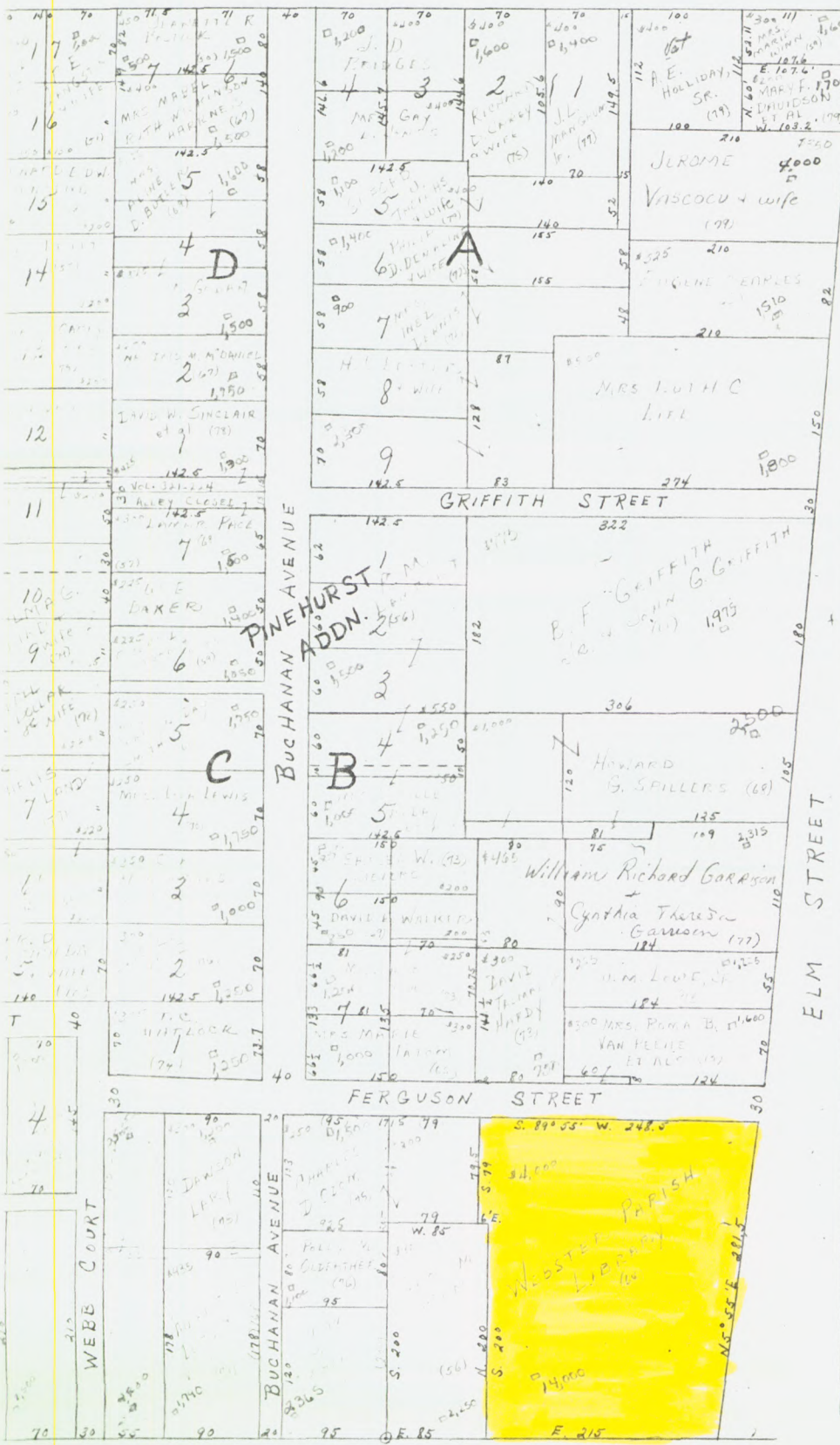
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