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The Pathfinder Club of Morrilton, Arkansas, founded in 1894, had as its primary goal the establishment of a free public library for Morrilton.

The first established collection was housed in private homes. Then a small unused building was used. During this period "The Porter Collection" (1600 plus rare books collected world-wide) was added to the library.

The need for a permanent building and a place to have the rare book collection resulted in an application to the Carnegie Foundation. The application was approved and, in 1916, as nearly as can be established, the total collection was moved into the new building. This building is still in use as the Conway County Library.

The Conway County Library is typical of the Carnegie libraries built during the 1901-1917 time period.

The building is located on a small corner lot, faces north, and is in the approximate center of the business community.

Its general characteristics are:

- a. rectangular in shape 30 ft by 50 ft, with a total of 3,000 square feet area.
- b. two stores with one and a half stores above ground.
- c. the outside walls are straight, broken only by windows and entrances.
- d. construction is of red brick, 3 and 2 bricks thickness, with a concrete base ranging up to 18 inches thick.
- e. it has a hipped roof of heavy red tile.

Some of its specific features are:

- a. There are no porches, other than a small covering over the front entrance, no stoops, attached sheds or out buildings. Four large arched windows and a double glass door entrance on the front facing north and a double glass door at east basement entrance. Small windows are on three sides at ground and ceiling level.
- b. there is one small, but tall, chimney.

The Conway County Library was remodeled in 1971-72. No outside alterations were made except to replace the front double doors, the east double doors with glass doors and widen the back door entrance to accommodate double wood doors. A ramp was made to this entrance.

All the original windows were used and all outside wood areas were painted.

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Inside, the entrance vestibule was removed, a stairway was opened on the south side to the basement, the upstairs floor was carpeted, all walls, basement and top floor, were paneled, the basement floor was tiled and all wood-work painted or stained.

The top floor ceiling was dropped 18 inches, all lights were recessed and two outside heating and/or cooling units were installed.

The entire remodeling project was done with an eye towards bringing about a blend of the old and the new.

The Conway County Library is situated on the corner of Church and Division Street. It is next door to a church, across the street from a church and 2 blocks from 2 church building. Church street itself has many 1900-1940 style houses, one of which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (Aycock-Jamell House, 5-13-76).

The building is on a small lot and no expansion or additional building can be done.

During remodeling, the grounds were landscaped and a small parking lot in the rear was graveled.

The building, location is 1 block from the center of the business community, faces the community and is easily seen from the center of the community.

The building remains in good condition. It will require painting of all outside white surfaces in the near future.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		INVENTION		Library

SPECIFIC DATES

PERIOD

1916

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Harding

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Conway County Library is one of the most outstanding early buildings in Morrilton, Arkansas. It is representative of the early efforts of a group of dedicated women to establish library service for the city of Morrilton. Their efforts were recorded in the brick that make a building that was meant to last.

Designed by architect Thomas Harding, the original board of trustees represented the leaders of the community. The name of the contractor was not available.

The Pathfinder Club was instrumental in getting this building erected and, after it was built, contributed to its bookstock.

The collection was moved into the new building in 1916. It remains basically the way it was built. It is an example of the early 1900's type of library architecture.

Throughout its history the building has remained the library for Morrilton and later as the library for Morrilton and Conway County. The basement was used for civic clubs, civic meetings and some public functions. Since remodeling the basement became a part of the library and is used by the extension department, offices, workroom and to house The Porter Collection of over 1600 rare books.

Architecturally, the building shows the style of such structures which was the vogue of the early 20th century.

During the ceremonies to celebrate the remodeling of the Conway County Library, Mrs. Karl Neal, Librarian and Executive Secretary to the Arkansas Library Commission in her address remarked that one of the reasons some state money was given for the remodeling was because this building is a state historical landmark.

It is believed that this building is one of two Carnegie buildings in the state still in use strictly as a library.

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August 10, 1977

Mr. Bill Green, Librarian Conway County Library Morrilton, AR 72110

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Conway County Library Morrilton, Conway County

Dear Mr. Green:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Conway County Library which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects, and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find a information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination, please contact Dianna Kirk of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days, your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places

Yes No

Comments:

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Signature



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



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November 1, 1977

Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the National Register National Park Service-National Register Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed you will find the nominations for the properties listed below which have been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee.

Battery C
Magnolia Company Filling Station
Clanton-Whitney House
Faulkner County Library
Conway County Library
Wilson House
James Peter Faucette House

Howell-Garner-Monfee House
Old Bethel Methodist Church
Richmond-Tufts House
Zeb Ward Building
King-Whatley Building
Columbia County Courthouse
Main Street Historic District

I hereby certify that the persons listed in Section 4 of the nominations are the legal owners of the properties.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley

State Historic Preservation Officer

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