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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 PACKARD LIBRARY
AND/OR COMMON MARYSVILLE CITY LIBRARY

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 301 4th Street
CITY, TOWN _____
STATE California VICINITY OF Post Office & Wells Fargo Bank
COUNTY CODE 06 Yuba County CODE 115
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT-1st

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 <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME CITY of MARYSVILLE
STREET & NUMBER 526 G Street
CITY, TOWN Marysville STATE California (95901)
VICINITY OF Yuba County Court House

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Yuba County Court House
STREET & NUMBER 215 5th Street
CITY, TOWN Marysville CA 95901 STATE California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Marysville City Library prior to 1973; now, Marysville-Yuba County Library
DATE _____
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Yuba County Court House STATE California
CITY, TOWN Marysville

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Marysville-Yuba County Library is a massive brick structure with stone block veneer. Although three stories high it appears from the exterior to be one-half stories. The stone block veneer is gray in color. Three tall windows dominate the lower southern exposure while a band of decorative small square windows in groupings of three form a border under the roof ledge on all sides.

An expanse of formal steps lead up to verandahs on either side of the south exposure. On both east and west sides, wide covered verandahs extend approximately one-half the length of the building, ending in glass enclosed vestibules that lead into the large main room where checkout counter stacks and large reading tables occupy the floor.

Four acanthus leafed finials, equally spaced, decorate roof ^{THE} of each verandah. A smaller drape trim borders the secondary set-back ^{LINE} immediately below the patterned square windows of the upper portion of the building.

On the north side, the main building presently houses offices, and reference library. This portion consists of the main floor, second floor and basement. The exterior is slightly less elaborate than the imposing main edifice with regularly spaced smaller windows on all three sides. This portion also lacks the decorative area of small square windows that tops the main building. Otherwise the treatment of the gray stone with parallel grooving is the same.

Simple rectangular stone-faced columns support the verandah roof below, which is ribbed decorative band having medallions over each column. The northernmost areas between the last two columns is glass enclosed forming the two vestibules. It is this entrance that the public uses.

The roof, it is assumed, is slate-now covered with red composition.

The basement area has high ceilings, concrete floors. There are several small rooms but basically the area is filled with reserve sacks.

The base area is approximately 4,800 sq. feet.

It has not been remodeled.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1977	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Construction: 1905-1906 BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Curlett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On October 10, 1900 John Q. Packard deeded to the City of Marysville Lots 7 and 8, Range D (northwest corner of 4th and C Sts.) on which he would build a library within 5 years. The City, by the deed, was to perpetually maintain the property and the building as a Library and reading room, free to the residents of the city.

Packard hired William Curlett, architect of San Francisco, to draw the plans. The building contract went to R. Dewar, San Francisco, at a cost of \$66,000. Work started in March, 1905, the corner stone, which is 4½ feet by 2 ¾ feet, was laid July 19, 1905. The last stone was put in place October 29, 1905 and the last nail on March 14, 1906.

The sandstone, of which the building is made, came from Mr. Packard's own land in Santa Cruz County, sent to San Francisco on his railroad to be cut, the shipped to Marysville.

The architecture is Italianate ^{IMPROPER TERM - SHOULD BE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE REVIVAL} Beaux Arts. It is a three story, fireproof, building; the basement of utility area and reading rooms, the main floor which has a reinforced concrete floor for book storage and reading, an upper level meeting room, and at the top there is a theatre. This theatre could accommodate 200 people. The stage is 9' deep and 18' wide, raised 2' above the floor, complete with dressing rooms.

The City supplied the furnishings and accepted the building on October 12, 1906, at which time it was opened to the public. It has been in continual use from that time.

The pedestal lights on the steps facing 4th Street were given by the Ladies Improvement Club in 1908.

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 Marysville Appeal, October 10, 1900 "Announcement of Gift to City by Packard"

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 Acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	0	6	2	2	1	5	0	4	3	3	3	0	3	0
ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northwest corner of 4th and C, Marysville, California

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anita Laney

2/15/77

ORGANIZATION

Friends of Old Marysville

DATE

916-742-8286

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1670, Marysville

TELEPHONE

CA 95901

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert Klade

MAY 16 1977

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *W. Ray Luce*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12.15.78

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William Curlett, Architect

William Curlett (1846-1914) trained for two years at Manchester Art Institute; then studied for three at an art school in Belfast. He emigrated to San Francisco in 1871 where he spent three years working under different architects. He then joined Augustus Laver, a partnership that ended in 1880. Directly after, Curlett was employed by the School Department of the City of San Francisco as the architect. He held this position for two terms.

Curlett established a firm with Cuthbertson in 1872 in San Francisco with a branch office in Los Angeles. (Though closely associated with San Francisco architecture, Curlett spent his later years in Los Angeles.)

Curlett's zeal and enthusiasm made him the first to spark the movement which resulted in the Pacific Coast Association of Architects. Other organizations to which he belonged included: California Chapter of American Institute of Architects (President State Board of Architects (President), Bohemian Club of San Francisco. He was also elected chairman of the Advisory Board of Architects for the 1915 Exposition. Due to business interests, he resigned from this position.

Curlett is responsible for some of the most beautiful and costly residences in California. He built San Francisco homes for Crocker, Robert Sherwood, W.H. Martin, and others. Also designed the Citizens Federal Savings Building; the Thomas Payne House (now an antique gallery); Douglass Hall in Menlo Park; the James C. Flood estate, "Linden Towers", in Atherton (with Laver and Lenzen); the State Bank Building in Sacramento (five stories, all of stone); the Lick-Wilmerding School in San Francisco (Colonial Revival, with McCaw); A Queen Anne House for Crocker in 1888 (with Cuthbertson); and the Los Angeles County Courthouse (Romanesque Revival, with Cuthbertson and Eisen).

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The Packard Library is a handsome example of Neo Classical Revival styling of the early 20th century. The style conveys the sense of dignity considered appropriate for major public buildings and civic monuments of the first two decades of the 20th century. The library's benefactor was one of Marysville's leading citizens at the turn of the century, and sought to create a facility which would be a major asset to the community. His selection of one of California's leading architects to design the library demonstrated his commitment to erecting a building of the highest quality for the local community. It remains the finest example of its type and period in the city of Marysville.