

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 44-006-012
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

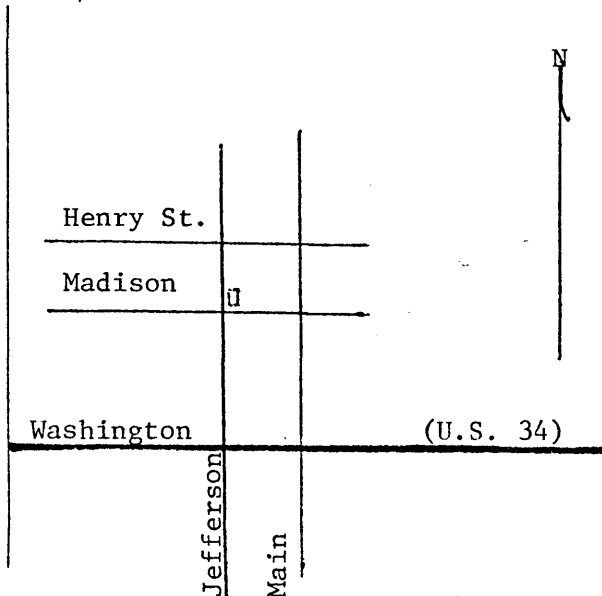
Identification

- Site Name Mount Pleasant Public Library
- Village/Town/City Mount Pleasant Township _____ County Henry
- Street Address 200 N. Main Street
- Legal Location OT 13 4
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
Rural: township range section % section of % section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 621000 northing 4533000; Acreage - / -
- Owner(s) Name City of Mount Pleasant
- Owner(s) Address _____
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641
- Use: Present library Original library

Description

- Date of Construction 1903-04 Architect/Builder xxxx Patton & Miller, Chicago
- Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
- Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other with stone tower and trim
- 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 _____
- Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 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:
Addition to rear (1926, Dougher, Rich & Woodburn, Des Moines), original bookstack remodeled into a reference/reading room; front door (CONTINUED)
- Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
- Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
- Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll SJKneg Frame _____ View looking E (W facade)



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

One of the small number of Iowa libraries consisting of an asymmetrical grouping of intersecting gables, the Mount Pleasant Public Library is an adaptation of Richardson's small libraries, particularly the Crane Library at Quincy, Massachusetts (1880-83). Built in brick, with only certain elements highlighted in rough stone, it lacks the heavily textured and sculptural qualities of its prototypes (note that the front door is set in line with the plane of the wall). Laid out on the symmetrical sexpartite plan (Type III), it does not offer the sense of dynamic balance found in Richardson's libraries, which are entirely different in plan. Mount Pleasant is, instead, quiet and contained, and a successful work of architecture in its own right.

20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) _____

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

- DHPFIR, G. Mansheim, July 1979.
- DHPLSQ-1, Florence Jennings, Co-Director.
- Prints of architect's drawings in possession of Mount Pleasant Public Library

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Organization _____

For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

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 File-SJK's negs;

638/19A-30A.

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14. replaced with aluminum frame (recently). The addition is sympathetically designed.