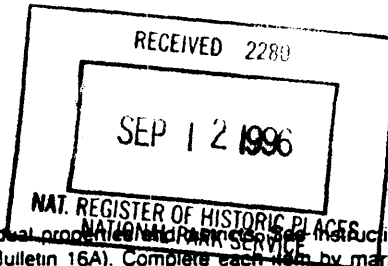


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Riverbank Branch Library

other names/site number Riverbank Carnegie Library

2. Location

street & number 3237 Santa Fe Street not for publication

city or town Riverbank vicinity

state CA code CA county Stanislaus code 099 zip code 95367

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally, statewide, locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Marcel Abeyta, Deputy SHPO 9/9/96
Signature of certifying official Title Date

California Office of Historic Preservation
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, explain _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

10-10-96

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
	1	objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Carnegie Library Development in California
and the Architecture it Produced, 1899-1921

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: Library

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other brick chimney

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Education

Period of Significance

1921-1946

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Mr. Hoose, architect

Mr. Miller, builder

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification Stanislaus Co. Assessor's Parcel # 132-10-46

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

This is the parcel historically associated with the library.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Allen Dunkin, President

organization Riverbank Historical Society date March 13, 1996

street & number 6418 Central Avenue telephone (209) 869-2102

city or town Riverbank state CA zip code 95367

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Riverbank

street & number 6707 Third Street telephone (209) 869-7120

city or town Riverbank state CA zip code 95367

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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Riverbank Carnegie building, now the Riverbank Museum, is a wood frame Craftsman bungalow, one story under a gable roof truncated with a slight hip at the ends. The central entrance is under an extension of the gable roof, supported by two (2) heavy wooden columns to create a small porch. Wide bargeboards are shaped where they extend beyond the eaves at the gable end. Three low, wide steps lead to the porch, where the entrance is through a French door. On either side of the porch are tall narrow triplet windows under transoms, below tiny gabled vents in the roof. On the left side of the building, five windows are grouped, their transoms shaped into a segmented arch under the truncated gable end. A brick chimney occupies the right end of the building. Under the front and side windows are long flower boxes supported by heavy shaped brackets. The building is clad in a wide shiplap under a composition shingle roof. The low foundation is concrete. The building has been well maintained and its integrity of style and craftsmanship preserved. It is located on a main thoroughfare with mixed uses, although generally commercial. Its immediate neighbors are City Hall to the east and to the west a tiny shop and residential uses. The site is marked by two tall trees, one planted in 1926 and the other pre-dates the construction of the building.

The building is virtually unaltered on the exterior. Screens were placed over the windows many years ago.

Also on the property is a concrete picnic table with benches. It was placed in front of the library in the 1980s.

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The Riverbank Library meets the requirements for National Register nomination as set forth in the Multiple Property nomination entitled "Carnegie Library Development in California and the Architecture it Produced, 1899-1921."

Among the last of the Carnegie library buildings to be completed in California was Riverbank's in September of 1921. Santa Cruz-East Side (no longer standing) also was completed in September, and Orosi, in Tulare County, followed in November. These three, plus the Carnegie in the town of Yolo, Yolo County, are also the only examples of the Craftsman style among the California Carnegies. The Yolo, Orosi and Riverbank buildings are extant.

Riverbank's history began with the 1895 extension of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley (later the Santa Fe) railroad. In 1901 the Oakdale Irrigation Company brought water to outlying farms. At that time there were 500 residents in the unincorporated town and environs. Agriculture, commerce and the railroad provided the principal forms of employment. Riverbank incorporated in 1922.

The first library in Riverbank was established June 30, 1912. Consisting of four or five shelves of books in the corner of a store, "The Mission Shop," this library served the community until the store burned down in a fire which destroyed most of Riverbank's commercial buildings in 1917.

In June 1917, Stanislaus County was granted \$3000 from the Carnegie Corporation for each of the branch libraries in Riverbank and Patterson. Each community was to provide a site, while the Board of Supervisors were to maintain the buildings and collections.

Building plans were delayed by the war. At its conclusion, when Riverbank seemed slow to move, Patterson requested Riverbank's \$3000 to supplement its own funds. Spurred to action, Riverbank found a site, chosen in part because of a large oak tree, and paid for it through citizen contributions. Additional gifts and memorial tree plantings over the years now enhance the property and are identified in library records.

The Riverbank Carnegie Library was the community's only library until the construction of the new county library in 1978. Today the building houses the Riverbank Museum. The period of significance has arbitrarily been ended in 1946, fifty years ago.

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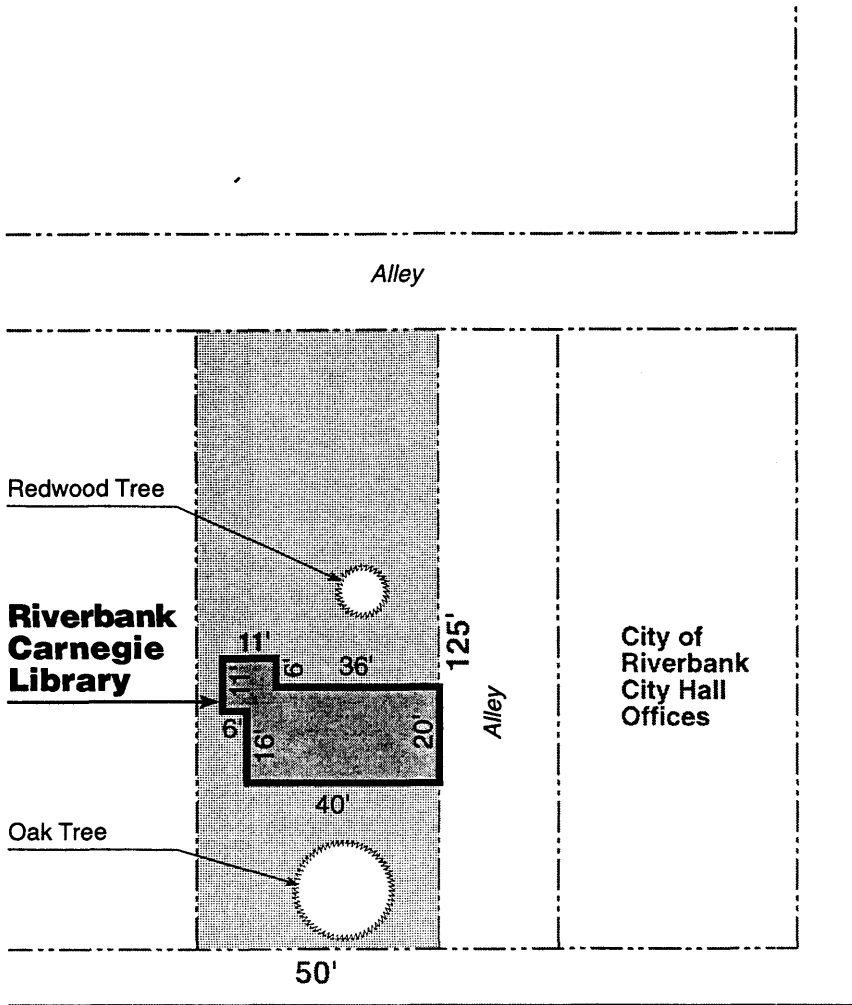
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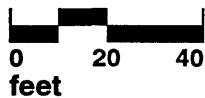
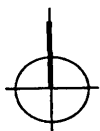
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Santa Fe Street

3rd Street



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Stanislaus Co. CA*

**City of Riverbank, California
Carnegie Library Site Plan**