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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96001059 Date Listed: 10/8/96

Fell, Marian, Library Property Name

Indian River FLORIDA County State

Fellsmere MPS Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

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_____ Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

This nomination is amended to delete Community Planning and Development as an area of significance and add Social History to replace it.

This change has been confirmed with the Florida SHPO.

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The Marian Fell Library is located at 63 North Cypress Street in Fellsmere, Florida. The one-story, 800 square foot, frame building rests on rough face, cast block piers that alternate with a lattice infill. The exterior walls are covered with stucco. A hip roof with exposed rafter ends covers the irregularly-shaped, vernacular building. The building contributes to the Historic and Architectural Resources of Fellsmere, Florida multiple property group as an example of property type F.3, Public Buildings.

SETTING

Fellsmere is located ten miles north of Vero Beach in northern Indian River County. The Marian Fell Library lies one block north of County Road 512, midway between Colorado and New York avenues. The historic downtown lies two blocks east. Crepe myrtle and eleagus shrubs surround the foundation of the building. Vacant lots north of the library building are cleared, and contain oak and pine trees. Vacant lots are also to the south of the building, but are not maintained and are overgrown with vegetation. Residences are to the east and west.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The main (west) facade of the Marian Fell Library faces onto North Cypress Street. The recessed entrance is centrally located and marked by a slightly projecting, gabled portico (Photo 1). A flight of steps originally led to the portico. One side of the steps is now converted into a ramp for handicap access. Two simple Tuscan columns support the portico roof. Within the portico, oblique French entrance doors flank a large, fullheight, fixed central window with mullions. On each side of the portico is a 6/6, double hung, wood, sash window.

A stucco-covered, exterior brick chimney is located on the south elevation (Photo 2). It is flanked by 6/6, wood, double hung sash windows. The north elevation has identical windows (Photo 3).

Two shed roofed additions project from the rear (east) elevation of the library (Photo 2). The largest, built in 1930 to contain a kitchen, has pressed metal panel exterior walls;

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2/2, double hung, sash windows; and an entrance door. The smaller addition, built in 1940 to contain a restroom, is covered with wood drop siding and fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, sash windows. The original portion of the east elevation has a 6/6, double-hung, sash window and a 6-light, hopper window.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the Marian Fell Library is divided into the library space, a kitchen, and a restroom. The French entrance doors open directly into the undivided library space. This space has twelve-foot ceilings, walls and ceiling of plaster, and the original hanging light fixtures. Built-in shelving extends between the windows along the north wall and around the restroom door on the east wall (Photo 4). Movable stacks stand in the southeast corner. A fire place is located on the south wall, and a circulation desk accommodates patrons in front of the central, fixed window on the facade (Photo 5). All the doors have their original brass hardware.

A paneled wood door with divided lights and a transom opens into the kitchen addition of 1930. A solid, paneled, wood door provides access to the 1940 restroom addition. Both the kitchen and restroom have ten-foot high ceilings.

Marian Fell Library Name of Property

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

Bibilography

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

Record #

- 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

Indian River Co., Fl. County and State

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

Education

Architecture

Period of Significance

1915-1946

Significant Dates 1915 1930 1940

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

unknown/ unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- □ Federal agency
- Local government
- University
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Name of repository:

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Continuation Sheets		
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A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the p	property's location	1.
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Photographs		32
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Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress, Fellsmere, was built in 1915 and meets National Register criteria A and C. It is locally significant in the areas of community planning and development, and education. It is also a significant local example of vernacular architecture. The building contributes to the Historic and Architectural Resources of Fellsmere, Florida, Multiple Property submission under historic context I, Founding and Initial Period of Development, 1910-1919, and under property type F.3, Public Buildings.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Marian Fell Library is named for one of the daughters of E. Nelson Fell, the founder of Fellsmere. Born in 1886 in Cornwall, New York, Marian Fell was nearly as widely traveled as her father, Nelson Fell, a mining engineer. Her early education was acquired at private schools in the United States, Paris, and Russia. She spent nearly ten years at the family home in Narcoossee on East Lake Tohopekaliga in Osceola County before moving in 1898 with the family to Siberia, where she remained four years. Possessing remarkable intelligence and perseverance, she quickly absorbed the native language, and as part of her education translated Russian plays and stories into English. Between 1912 and 1916, Scribner's published five of Marian's translations, some of the first Russian literature to appear in the English language.

Around 1902, the Fells left Russia and established a permanent residence in Warrenton, Virginia. The development of Fellsmere several years later captured Marian's interest, and she often accompanied her father to the Florida settlement. There she apparently met Patrick Vans Agnew. They developed a relationship that resulted in marriage in 1914. Vans Agnew, a Kissimmee attorney, supervised the legal affairs of the Fellsmere Farms Company and served as Fellsmere's first city attorney. The couple resided briefly in Jacksonville before eventually settling in Winter Park.

Although she did not reside in Fellsmere, Marian remained intrigued with the Fellsmere settlement throughout her life. To promote literacy and culture in the community, she donated her publication royalties to the Fellsmere Library Association, which was formed in October 1914, for the construction of a library and

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the acquisition of books. The building was completed in April 1915. The opening remarks at the dedication ceremony were provided by Patrick Vans Agnew. Senator Nathan P. Bryan delivered the principal address. Because of Marian Fell's generosity in financing the construction of the library, the Association named the building in her honor.

The Library Association received the deed to the property from the Fellsmere Farms Company soon after completion of the building. Membership in the Library Association required a small fee, but the library facilities were open to the entire community. In 1918, the organization boasted seventy-six members with \$275 in revenue, and a collection of approximately 1,700 books. Several thousand books were circulated each year. The Association actively solicited book donations and periodically published new acquisitions, giving credit to each donor. Periodicals and area newspapers were available to patrons.

The building served as a popular site for lectures, recitals, and public meetings. The Association hosted canning demonstrations, flower shows, exotic food preparation, bird shows, and other cultural events. Subcommittees were established to organize periodic presentations on architecture, art, horticulture, and music. Literacy and lyceum courses were offered occasionally. Officers in the Florida Audubon Society, Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Florida State Board of Health presented lectures, and area woman's clubs occasionally held meetings in the library building.

Library association memberships declined in the 1920s and 1930s, a period when little development occurred in Fellsmere. Nevertheless, benefit parties, social gatherings, and fund raisers were periodically hosted by the Association. Because the library depended heavily upon volunteers for its operation, the hours were limited, usually restricted between four and eight hours each week. Between 1930 and 1940, kitchen and restroom additions were made to the building.

The Fellsmere Library Association continues to serve the cultural needs of Fellsmere, maintaining a collection of books, periodicals, and historical materials. It was awarded a small grant from the Division of Historical Resources in the 1980s to make repairs to the chimney and roof of the Marian Fell Library building.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

During the late nineteenth century, small communities in Florida often sought to provide their citizens with library facilities. These libraries were often located within buildings that served multiple functions, such as a community meeting hall or even a theater. Gradually those facilities were replaced by buildings designed to function more efficiently as book respositories, with greater attention paid to patron seating, study areas, and staff work areas. The Marian Fell Library is representative of library buildings developed in small Florida towns during the early twentieth century.

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Fire Insurance Map of Fellsmere, Florida. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1924.

Interview with Bettie Bock, member of Fellsmere Library Association, by Sherry Piland, 2 February 1996.

Marquis, Albert, ed. <u>Who's Who in America</u>. Vol. XI, 1920-21. Chicago: A. N. Marquis and Company, 1920-21.

Official Records

Deed and Mortgage Books. Indian River Courthouse, Vero Beach, Florida.

Deed, Incorporation, and Mortgage Books. St. Lucie County Courthouse, Fort Pierce, Florida.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Town of Fellsmere PBS 2-3 & 4, lots 21-26, Block 101.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property, as shown on the site plan, includes lots 21-26. This property has been historically associated with the Marian Fell Library. The building sits on lot 21. Lots 22-26, extending north of the Library to New York Avenue, are landscaped and provide a park-like setting for the library building. Lots 16-20, extending south from the library building, are under the same ownership. However, they are over-grown and are not landscaped. Since they do not contribute to the setting of the library building, these lots are excluded from the boundary.

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Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress Street 1. 2. Fellsmere, Indian River County, Florida Sidney Johnston 3. 4. 1995 Historic Property Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 1002, St. 5. Augustine, Fl. Main (west) facade, view looking east 6. 7. Photo 1 of 5 Numbers 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs. Rear (east) elevation on right, south elevation on left; 6. view looking northwest 7. Photo 2 of 5 Main (west) facade on right, north elevation on left; view 6. looking southeast 7. Photo 3 of 5 Interior detail, view looking east 6. 7. Photo 4 of 5

6. Interior detail, view looking southwest

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MARIAN FELL LIBRARY, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA Updated May 9, 2016

VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION DESCRIPTION

Lots 21 and 22 of Block 101, Town of Fellsmere, Florida, Deed No. 442 dated May 8, 1915, as recorded in the St. Lucie County, Florida, Deed Book 29, Page 8 (Note: Fellsmere was located in St. Lucie County until 1925 when Indian River County was established).

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The original lots, Lots 21 and 22 of Block 101, were deeded by Ernest H. Every, Vice President of the Fellsmere Farms Company on May 8, 1915 to the Fellsmere Library Association, Inc. (see attached deed). The library building was centered on the common lot line of Lots 21 and 22, Block 101, and has never been moved since it opened its doors to the public on May 1, 1915 (see attached aerial color photo from the Indian River County).

The Fellsmere Library Association acquired Lots 16-20 and 23-26, Block 101, Town of Fellsmere on April 3, 1978 by means of a warranty deed from Gulf + Western Industries, Inc. to the Fellsmere Library Association, Inc. as recorded in O.R. Book 566, Page 1368, Public Records of Indian River County, Florida (copy attached), almost 63 years after Lots 21 and 22 were acquired. Lots 16-20 are located south of Lot 21 and Lots 23-26 are located north of Lot 22. Lots 21 and 22, the original lots on which the Marian Fell Library has always been situated, are the only lots historically associated with the library building itself.

Unfortunately, when the Indian River County Historical Society applied for the National Register of Historic Places designation through the Florida Division of Historic Resources, it erroneously included Lots 23-26 in the legal description and that the library was only situated on Lot 21. In addressing these errors, the City of Fellsmere wants to emphasize that the original historical boundary for the Marian Fell Library includes only Lots 21 and 22, Block 101, in the Town of Fellsmere, and that the Marian Fell Library is located and centered on Lots 21 and 22.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Fell, Marian, Library NAME:

MULTIPLE Fellsmere MPS NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: FLORIDA, Indian River

DATE RECEIVED: 5/20/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/05/16 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001059

NOMINATOR: STATE

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Fell, Marian, Library NAME:

MULTIPLE Fellsmere MPS NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: FLORIDA, Indian River

DATE RECEIVED: 9/04/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/17/96 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/03/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/19/96 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

May 16, 2016

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs Department of the Interior 1201 Eye Street, N.W., 8th Floor Washington DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Please accept this additional information to two National Register of Historic Places nominations for the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and Marion Fell Library, both in the City of Fellsmere, and Indian River County.

Please do not hesitate to contact Bob Jones at <u>Robert.Jones@DOS.myflorida.com</u> or (850) 245.6349, if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Alissa Slade Lotane Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation & Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

