

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 75 East Center Street
Panguitch, Garfield County, Utah UTM: 12 373820 4186940

Name of Structure: Panguitch Carnegie Library T. R. S.

Present Owner: (Carnegie Library TR) Panguitch City Corporation

Owner Address: 55 South Main, Panguitch, Utah 84759

Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #:
Legal Description Kind of Building:

Commencing 151 feet west of Southeast corner of Block 28, North 100 feet, West 80 feet, South 100 feet, East 80 feet to beginning. Less than one acre.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Panguitch City Corporation Construction Date: c. 1918 Demolition Date:

Original Use: Education - Library Present Use: Education - Library

Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not of the	<input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/> District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributory	Historic Period	<input type="checkbox"/> National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		<input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory		<input type="checkbox"/> State Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Thematic

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1983 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: 1983 Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other Views: Front Side Rear Other

Research Sources:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U of U Library
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map	<input type="checkbox"/> City Directories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society	<input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews	<input type="checkbox"/> USU Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index	<input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives	<input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories	<input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Bobinski, George S. Carnegie Libraries. Chicago: American Library Association, 1969.

Hepworth, Bobbee McGee. "Carnegie Libraries in Utah." Unpublished research paper Brigham Young University, 1976. Available at University of Utah Library.

A History of Garfield County. Panguitch, Utah: Garfield County Chapter of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1949.

Architect/Builder: Isaac L. Wright/unknown

Building Materials: Masonry - Brick

Building Type/Style: Classical Revival influence

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The Panguitch Carnegie Library is a one story rectangular brick building with a raised basement and a flat roof. It was designed in no particular style, but the balance of the decorative elements and openings on the facade, and the suggestion of a classical portico in the frontispiece of the entrance give it a slightly classical flavor.

The facade is symmetrical, with a raised entrance centered between two bands of windows. There are three panels per window band, and each band has a transom with an elliptical upper edge. Each transom is accented by squares of stick work. Above the windows are decorative ledges supported by brackets. Below the windows are pairs of double hung sash basement windows. An arch motif links the openings on the facade. The transom over the entrance is arched, as is the opening of the frontispiece, the transoms over the large front windows, and the contrasting dark brick relieving arches of the large front and basement windows. The most prominent feature on the facade is the brick and frame frontispiece at the entrance. Brick piers frame the entrance and are topped by truncated frame piers and an entablature with dentils under the cornice.

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Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

1918

Built c. 1918, the Panguitch Carnegie Library is significant as one of sixteen remaining Carnegie libraries of the twenty-three built in Utah. Thirteen of the sixteen library buildings maintain their original integrity and are included in the Carnegie Library Thematic Resource Nomination. In addition to making significant contributions to public education in their respective communities, these libraries are Utah's representatives of the important nation-wide Carnegie library program, and they document its unparalleled effect in the establishment of community-supported, free public libraries in Utah.

The Panguitch Carnegie Library was built c. 1918 with a \$6,000 grant from millionaire/philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Carnegie funded the construction of over 1650 library buildings in the U.S., 23 of which were built in Utah communities. The conditions upon which all Carnegie grants were given were that the recipient community donate the building site and provide an annual maintenance budget of at least 10% of the grant amount.

The Panguitch Carnegie Library was one of the smallest of the Carnegie libraries built in the state. The \$6000 grant received by the town was much less than the \$10,000 or more that was given to 17 of the 23 Utah towns that built Carnegie libraries. Parowan also received \$6000, and Tooele received only \$5000. The property upon which the library was built was purchased by the city in February 1916, soon after the city received the Carnegie grant.¹ Architect of the building was probably Isaac L. Wright of Richfield,² who worked in the Richfield area from about 1912 to 1919.³ The library building was evidently completed in 1918, as indicated by the minutes of the city council meeting of May 22, 1918 in which the lighting and furnishing of the building was discussed.

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Panguitch Carnegie Library
Description continued:

No alterations have been made to the exterior of the building, therefore it maintains its original integrity.

Panguitch Carnegie Library
History continued:

The Panguitch Carnegie Library was apparently not the first library to be established in the town⁴ but it has certainly been the most long-lasting, having continued to serve as the town's library up to the present. The building has also served the city in other capacities, although auxiliary uses of Carnegie library buildings were disapproved of by the Carnegie Library Board. The basement and west room of the building have been used extensively for city meetings and even as city offices.⁵

Footnotes

¹George S. Bobinski, Carnegie Libraries (Chicago: American Library Association, 1969) pp. 207-242. Another source claims that the grant was given by Carnegie in 1908, but there is no other evidence to support such an early date. See A History of Garfield County (Panguitch, Utah: Garfield County Chapter of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1949) p. 314.

²Bobbee McGee Hepworth, Carnegie Libraries in Utah, (unpublished research paper, BYU, 1976) p. 97. The architect for the building is identified here as "I.B. Wright of Richfield."

³Architects File, Utah State Historical Society.

⁴Hepworth, ("Carnegie Libraries in Utah," p. 21) claims that Panguitch was one of the 18 Carnegie library towns in Utah which already had functioning libraries before the establishment of their Carnegie libraries.

⁵A History of Garfield County, (Panguitch, Utah: Garfield County Chapter of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1949) p. 314.