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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Harper Memorial Library  
other names/site number American Red Cross Building (BL-44)

2. Location

street & number 300 East Church Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Maryville N/A vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		objects
		1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

*Herbert C. Beyer* Signature of certifying official Date 6/8/89  
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
 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:)

*Herbert C. Beyer* Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/Library

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Civic

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Brick

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roof OTHER/Rolledother Concrete

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Harper Memorial Library is a Colonial Revival, rectangular plan, one-story, three bay, brick building erected in 1931. The building has a raised brick basement, brick foundation, flat roof of rolled roofing, and is of stretcher bond construction. On the main (N) facade is a one story cast concrete elliptical portico with Corinthian motif columns, a frieze with inscribed name and a cornice with scroll brackets and dentils. The main entrance has an original multi-light glass and frame door, five-light sidelights, and arched elliptical transom. Windows on the side and rear facades are single light casement design with snap-in muntins added c. 1980. These windows have original arched transoms with concrete keystones.

On the main facade are two blind arches with concrete keystones and soldier and sailor brick coursing which flank the main entrance. On the main (N), west, and east facades is a concrete belt course which divides the first story from the basement level and near the roofline is a continuation of the concrete cornice with scroll brackets and dentils. At the rear facade is a Palladian window in the central bay. At the roofline is a concrete parapet. The interior retains original multi-light doors, arched openings, woodwork, including Doric entrance columns, and floor plan. Other interior details include Doric wood pilasters, and a plain wood cornice at the ceiling. The building is sited on an urban lot in the downtown area of Maryville.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1931  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1931  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Harper Memorial Library is significant under criterion C as a notable example of the Colonial Revival style of the early 20th century. The building was constructed with Federal influences such as an elliptical portico on the main facade and elliptical fanlight transom over the doorway. The building was constructed with horizontal massing and has a prominent Palladian window on the rear facade. The building is one of the best examples of the Colonial Revival style in the county.

In May of 1930, the Maryville Public Library Board met with Dora Reagan Harper to discuss the possibility of constructing a new library. Mrs. Harper intended the building to be a memorial to her husband, Andrew K. Harper, Maryville's first mayor in 1907, and to her sons who died in 1918. A deed of trust to the library building was made to the city commissioners in August 1930 and the building was dedicated in February of 1931. The building served as Maryville's main library facility for over fifty years before a new structure was built to the west of the downtown area. In January of 1983, the property was transferred to the American Red Cross who utilize the building as their headquarters.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Blount County Historic Trust. Back Home in Blount County: An Illustrated History of Its Communities. Salem, West Virginia: Walsworth Press, 1986.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times. 1960-1989, Maryville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A 1,7 23,15,0,0 3,9,6,0,8,5,0  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Maryville Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Harper Memorial Library is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 58-A, lot 5, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Harper Memorial Library includes the entire city lot which has been historically associated with the property.

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Harper Memorial Library  
300 E. Church, Maryville, Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

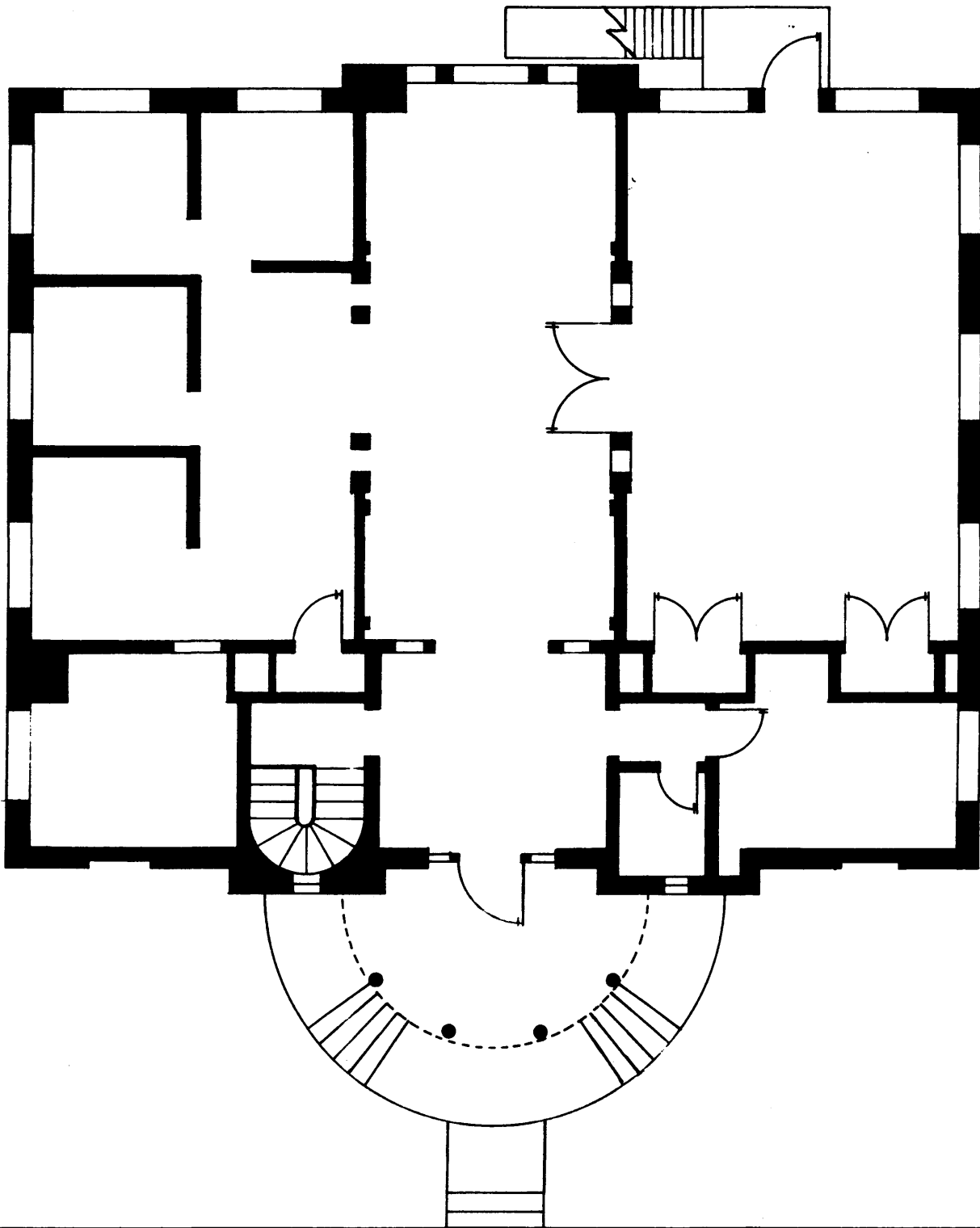
View: Northwest and northeast facades.  
Photo # 1

View: Southwest and southeast facades.  
Photo # 2

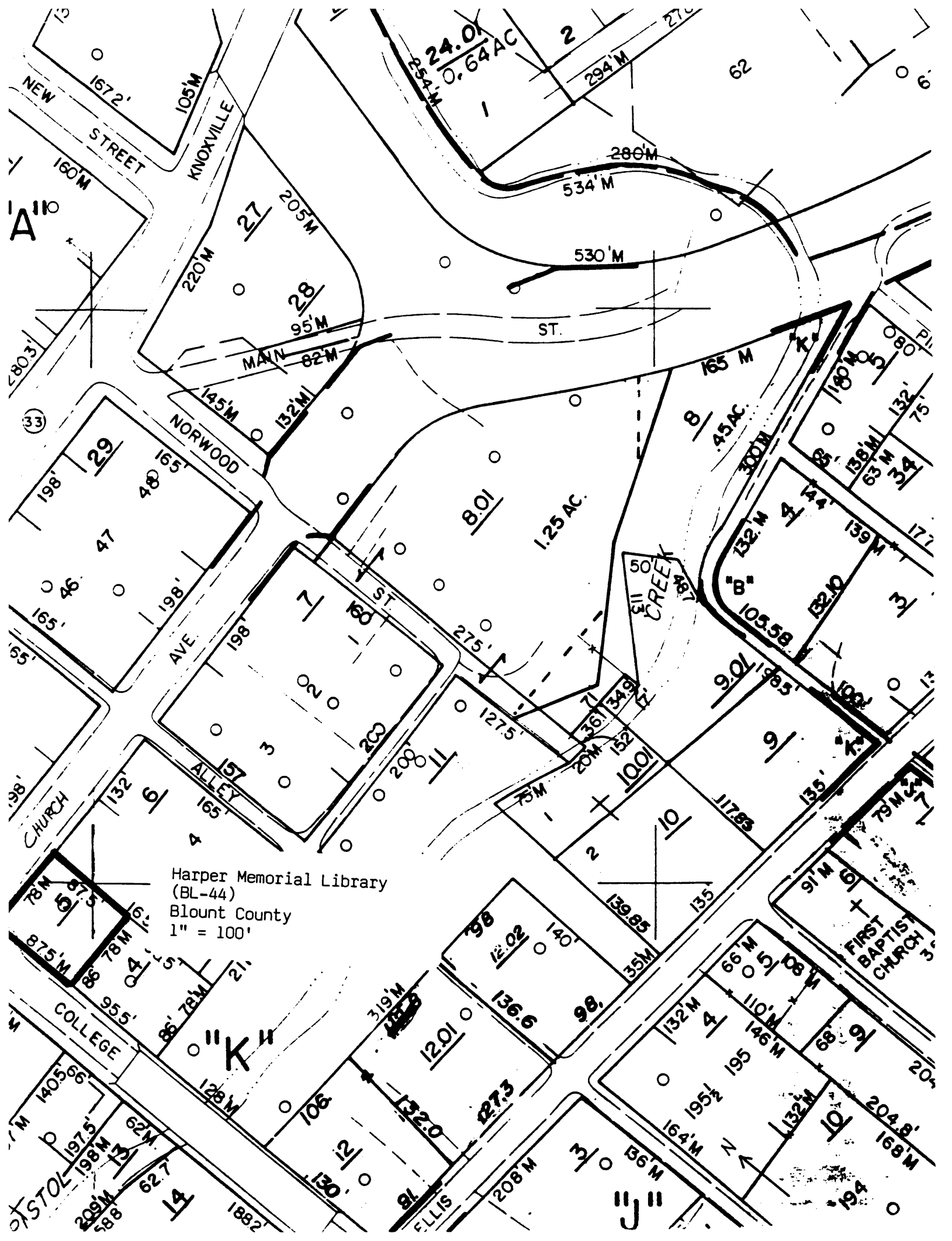
View: Interior of first floor.  
Photo # 3



FIRE ESCAPE



CHURCH STREET



Harper Memorial Library  
(BL-44)  
Blount County  
1" = 100'

24.0  
0.64 AC

1.25 AC

.45 AC

511  
50  
CREEK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A 10

(33)

STOL

ELLIS

NEW STREET

KNOXVILLE

NORWOOD AVE

CHURCH ALLEY

COLLEGE

STOL

ELLIS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH