

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wallace Carnegie Library

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

City Park

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wallace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

CODE

016

COUNTY

Shoshone

CODE

079

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDEN
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATIO
- Other Library

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

City of Wallace

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Wallace

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho 83873

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Shoshone County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Wallace

STATE

Idaho 83873

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Idaho Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1972

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE  
Idaho

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building has served Wallace as a library since its construction, which was completed in April, 1911. The style chosen was appropriate to the idea that the Renaissance has supplied us with the proper template for an educational setting. The library building has been given the shape of a porticoed, five-bay fronted, neo-classical brick rectangular prism with a low-pitched hipped roof. The building has a single elevated story with a high basement on the English Renaissance plan. The basement level is delineated by indentations in imitation of Renaissance stone rustication. The basement windows are rectangular double-hung sash and are headed by a continuous water table of concrete at the floor line of the upper story. The upper story window surrounds are of quoined brickwork complementary to the corner and portico quoined pilaster-strips and pavilion. Entrance to the building is through the portico which is at the upper floor level at the top of a flight of concrete steps. The gabled portico is in the Ionic order with a pillar, and Ionic capitals representing wisdom on either side of the double-door entrance supporting an entablature. A lower entablature is supported by acanthus leaf consoles and brackets. An egg-and-dart moulded door surround and beveled glass transom in classical fretwork design further classicize the entrance. The portico pediment is surmounted by anthemion and encases an elaborate cartouche.

The location of this building next to the high school and its historic architectural statement recommend it as an important element in the life of Wallace.

# 3 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1911      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wallace Carnegie Library is significant as a local rendition of the type of architecture recommended by Carnegie advisors as appropriate for small-town libraries, given expression in a revival of the English Renaissance style. The two impulses work well together in this mining-town structure. The de-emphasized entry hall and raised main floor windows suggested by Carnegie fit the elegant detailing and careful symmetry influenced, through the English Renaissance and American Colonial Revival, by Palladio.

The Carnegie Library in Idaho typically was cast in a Renaissance or Neo-classical mode and featured the symmetry of a central entrance flanked by matching bays. Among Idaho Carnegie libraries, the Wallace library is a relatively small and modest example in which the entry receives the greatest attention to style and detail.

The City of Wallace received its \$12,000 grant for a Carnegie Library in 1910, and in March of that year passed the ordinance necessary to support the library with a yearly \$1,200 and a site for the structure. The library was completed in the following year, and the city was given assistance in furnishing the structure by the Wallace Study Club.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ordinance No. 42. City of Wallace, Idaho. 14 March, 1910.

Wallace Daily Press-Times. 1911.

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**ASSEMBLY NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Wallace

QUADRANGLE SCALE 15 minute

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,1 5,8,0 9,7,5 5,2 5,8 2,2,5

B                  

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                  

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nomination includes the Wallace Carnegie Library and the property on which it stands: beginning at a point one foot north and 101.5 feet west of the intersection of Fifth and River Streets running thence west 100 feet; thence north 100 feet; thence east 100 feet;

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Richard Briggs, Architectural Historian  
Jennifer Eastman Attebery, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society

DATE 24 Dec 80

STREET & NUMBER 610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE 334-3356

CITY OR TOWN Boise

STATE Idaho 83702

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL    STATE    LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Marie Wells* 24 Dec 80

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Barbara Ann Paul*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/3/81

ATTEST: *Anna Jane Sage*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION  
*Regional Coordinator*

DATE 1-29-81

HR-8-300A  
11/78)

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (Continued):

thence south 100 feet to the place of beginning, containing an area of  
0.229 acres.