

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89002102

Date Listed: 12/27/89

Maquoketa Free Public Library
Property Name

Jackson
County

IA
State

Maquoketa 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.

Beth Boland
Signature of the Keeper

12/27/89
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Item #8: Significance:

Architecture is an area of significance.

The period of significance is 1903.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Maquoketa Free Public Library
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number NW corner Second & Pleasant not for publication
city, town Maquoketa vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52060

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ 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
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historical Resources of Maquoketa, IA 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.

David [Signature] 11/1/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Bureau of Historic Preservation
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.
 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:)

Beth Boland 12/27/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/Library

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals

foundation Limestone

Classical Revival

walls Brick

roof Asphalt shingles

other Bedford stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Maquoketa Public Library is located at the corner of Second and Pleasant, one block west of the main business district, at the east end of a potential historic residential district. The building sets on a high stone foundation, with walls of brown pressed brick with Bedford stone trim. The building, 40' x 70', faces east and has a symmetrical facade. The portico projects slightly and has four Ionic columns. It is a very good example of a simple classical revival design from the first part of this century. Many libraries from this period were designed by Patton and Miller. Though this building was designed by Harry Netcott of Independence, IA, it shares many of the characteristics of a Patton and Miller design known as the Chariton Plan because it was first used for the library in Chariton, IA. Both the interior and exterior of this building retain a high degree of integrity.

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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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Communication
Social History

1900-1922

1903/04

Cultural Affiliation

N.A.

Significant Person

Andrew Carnegie

Architect/Builder

Arch: Harry Netcott, Independence,
Iowa

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

The Maquoketa Public Library is significant under criterion A as an example of the public buildings which were constructed during the "Comfortable Years" and as part of the public library movement and the Carnegie library group. It is significant under criterion C because it illustrates the impact of aesthetics on building design, and it represents a popular style for libraries of the period.

This library exemplifies the type of growth found during the "Comfortable Years." Maquoketa had reached the point in its development when it could afford to add new buildings to serve a specific purpose (a city hall and a public library), and was interested in the image these buildings created. By chance, it was also at the time that Andrew Carnegie was providing funds for the construction of libraries to communities across the country. This is one of 101 Carnegie libraries built in the state of Iowa. There had been a Maquoketa Literary Society as early as 1851. In 1885 the Boardman Library Institute was founded and it merged with the Free Public Library when the new building was completed. The building and lot cost \$15,000. Carnegie provided \$12,000 of this, and the rest was raised by public contribution and entertainments. One of the fund raisers was a winter carnival called the Nijni Novgorad, which was held at the Rice Opera House. Skits were performed and food from around the world was sold. \$700 was raised. The construction of this building was an important part of the "Comfortable Years," and it continues to play an important role in the community.

Architecturally the Maquoketa Public Library is very similar in design to several others around the state from the same period. Most of these libraries favored the classical style that had been popularized by the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The symmetry, classical columns and high foundation all lent a dignity to the building that was deemed appropriate. While libraries in larger towns were often constructed of limestone, Maquoketa followed the pattern of smaller communities and built of brick. The integrity of this building is outstanding. Around the middle of the century the roofline was slightly altered when a new roof was added. On the interior, few, if any changes have been made. The rotunda on the main floor features monumental columns, reading areas (with fireplaces) flank the rotunda, and the circulation desk is centrally located against the west wall.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maquoketa Excelsior, April 3, 1903, p 2 c 1
April 10, 1903, p 2 c 1
April 24, 1903, p 2 c 2
May 8, 1903, p2 c 1
May 15, 1903, p 2 c 2
May 22, 1903, p 2 c 1
May 29, 1903, p 3 c 4
June 5, 1903, p 2 c 1
July 24, 1903, p 2 c 3
September 4, 1903, p 2 c 1
September 18, 1903, p 2 c 2 & 3
September 25, 1903, p 2 c1
September 23, 1903, p 1 c 3, 4, 5 & photo
Jackson Sentinel, Centennial Souvenir Edition, 1854-1954, Sec I, p 3

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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 #

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 one acre.

UTM References

A 15 693030 4659740
Zone Easting Northing
C

B Zone Easting Northing
D

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Verbal Boundary Description

Shaw's Add E 60' of S 120' Lot 43 Blk 3
Sec 24 T84N R2E

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the lot historically associated with the building.

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