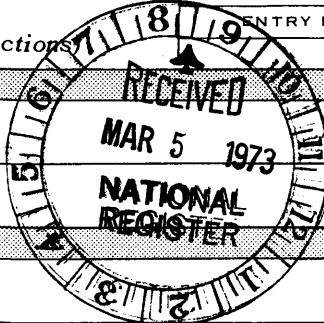


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:<br><b>South Dakota</b> |                    |
| COUNTY:<br><b>Minnehaha</b>   |                    |
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|                               | <b>MAR 14 1973</b> |



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Sioux Falls Public Library**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
*usethr* **Carnegie Free Public Library**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**235 West 10th Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Sioux Falls**

|                               |                    |                             |                     |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| STATE:<br><b>South Dakota</b> | CODE:<br><b>46</b> | COUNTY:<br><b>Minnehaha</b> | CODE:<br><b>099</b> |
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br>_____<br>_____                          |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**City of Sioux Falls**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**224 West 9th Street**

|                                     |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| CITY OR TOWN:<br><b>Sioux Falls</b> | STATE:<br><b>South Dakota</b> | CODE:<br><b>46</b> |
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Minnehaha County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**415 North Dakota**

|                                     |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| CITY OR TOWN:<br><b>Sioux Falls</b> | STATE:<br><b>South Dakota</b> | CODE:<br><b>46</b> |
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**None**

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE: |
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7. DESCRIPTION

|           |                                    |   |                                |   |                                |                                    |
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| CONDITION | (Check One)                        |   |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                        |   |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Library's dimensions are 79'10" in length and 90'4" in width. The apse measures 80'4" across, with a diameter of 36'. It has one story and a basement. The date of construction is 1903.

Architecturally, the library is a study in adaptation. Cost, function, and the public image of a library building were considerations made by the architect, Joseph Schwartz. The result is a building bearing the dignity of ancient Greece, the practicality of Romanesque lighting, and the economy of local materials.

Constructed of a purple quartzite of local origin, the building exhibits massive Romanesque characteristics as well as typical Greek pediment and pillasters. The low-hipped roof is centered by a pediment with a simple denticular cornice which is carried along the library's main wing. Pillasters stand at each corner with two on either side of the doorway. Capitals are very simple as are the shafts and bases. Between each of the doorway's twin pediments are small, decorative windows. The main windows are multiple with stone mullion and transom. Upper panes are decorated in a simple geometric design. Basement windows are small and almost square. The apse section is devoid of decorative features with the exception of two horizons below the eaves. Windows here are double and arranged in vertical pairs. The intervening sill is inset to emphasize the vertical effect. Basement windows around the apse are single, but of the same width and are centered with those above.

Most of the interior walls are of plaster and the wood trim is of a light, so-called "golden" oak. There is a tile-faced fireplace in one of the rooms. Overall, the finishes are largely utilitarian.

The building has been remarkably well maintained and as a result is in good condition. No major alterations on the original building have been made.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **built in 1903**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sioux Falls Public Library, other than being a familiar local landmark, is an interesting blend of Greek and Romanesque architectural types. Pediments and pilasters go well with the large multiple windows and dark rough-hewn stone. It is obvious that function as well as the image of a "temple of Knowledge" was served here. To Sioux Falls, the building is unique. It is the only stone structure in the city reflecting a Greek influence. It contrasts significantly with others of quartzite construction which are either Romanesque or, truthfully, non-descript.

The stone itself is almost literally the cornerstone of the community. It came from local quarries during the latter 19th and early 20th century, a time of growth for Sioux Falls. Virtually all of the important early buildings, both public and private, used this material in their construction. The stone quarries closed around 1910 and, except for a brief period in the 1920's, the material was never again used for building. Any quartzite structure, therefore, is immediately recognized as part of the city's heritage.

The Sioux Falls Public Library has served residents for over 60 years and presents an attractive and interesting setting in the midst of less asthetic urban growth.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bragstad, R. E., Sioux Falls in Retrospect, Garretson, SD, Sanders Printing Company, 1967, p. 59-60, 64, 123.

Set of plans prepared by the architect, Joseph Schwartz.

Smith, Minnehaha County History.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/3

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mr. Paul Putz, Research Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **South Dakota Historic Preservation**      DATE: **2-21-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**W. H. Over Dakota Museum, University of South Dakota**

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion**      STATE: **South Dakota**      CODE: **46**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *Dr. James L. Gillihan*  
Title State Liaison Officer

Date 2-28-73

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

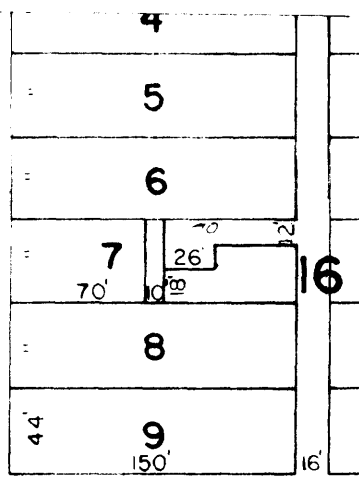
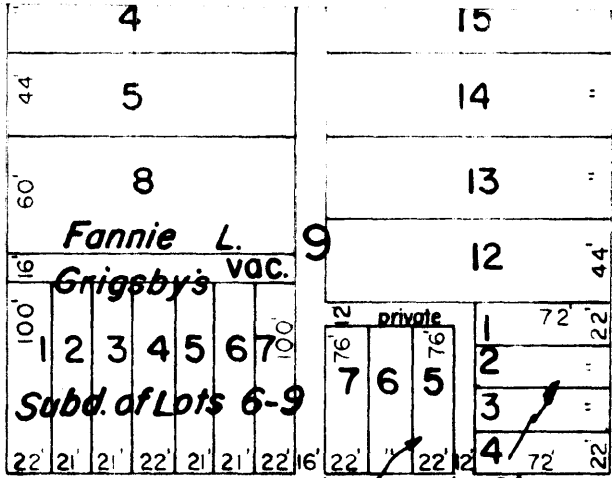
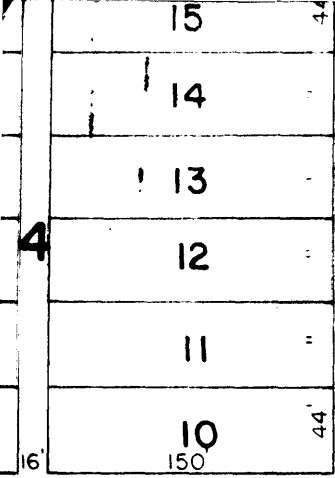
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert H. Utley*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/14/73

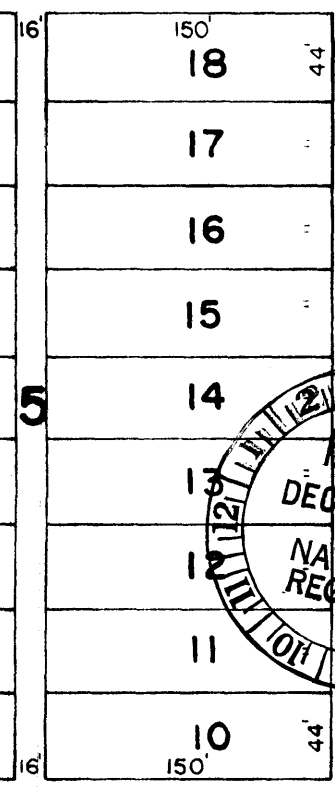
ATTEST:  
*W.D. Mumby*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-9-73

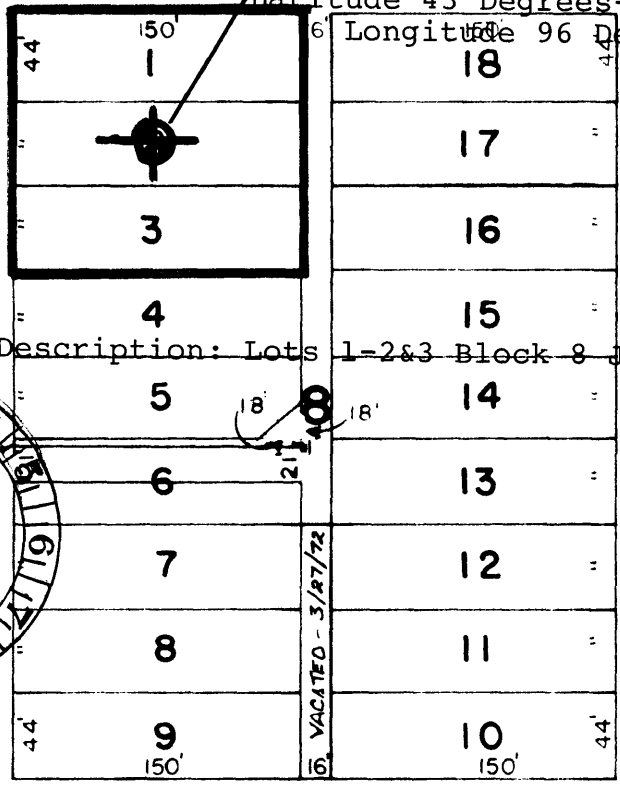


**TENTH STREET**

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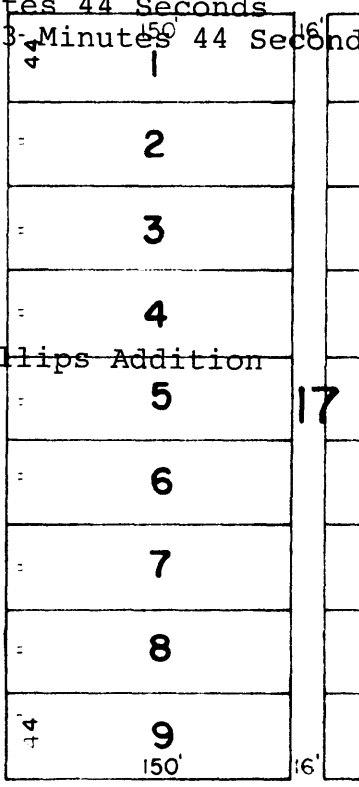
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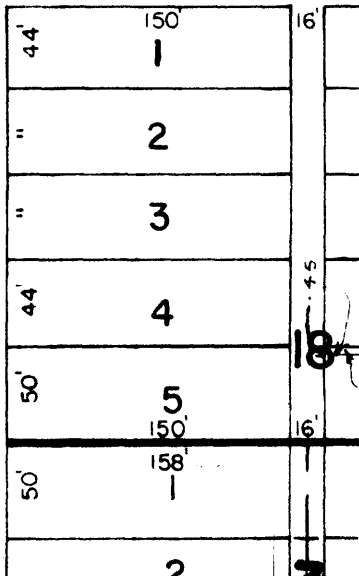
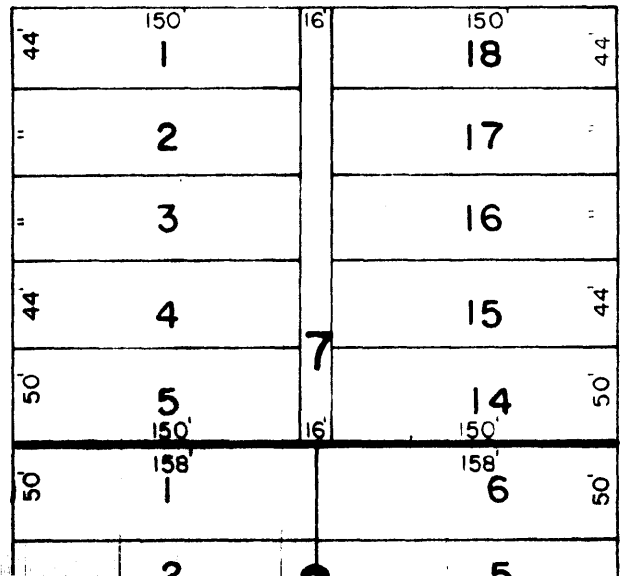
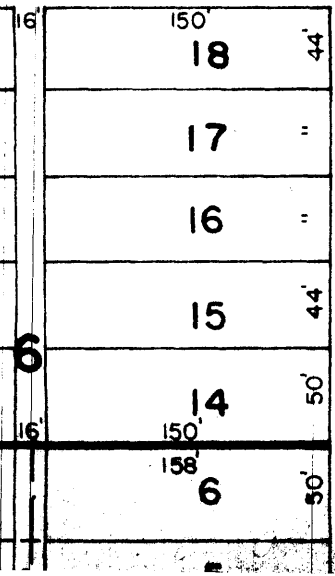
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**MAIN AVE.**



**ELEVENTH STREET**



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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|--|------------------------------|-----------|------|
| <b>1. NAME</b>                         |                              |           |      |
| COMMON:                                | Sioux Falls Public Library   |           |      |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:                       | Carnegie Free Public Library |           |      |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>                     |                              |           |      |
| STREET AND NUMBER:                     |                              |           |      |
| 235 West 10th Street                   |                              |           |      |
| CITY OR TOWN:                          |                              |           |      |
| Sioux Falls                            |                              |           |      |
| STATE:                                 | CODE                         | COUNTY:   | CODE |
| South Dakota                           | 49 96                        | Minnehaha | 099  |
| <b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>                |                              |           |      |
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| Plat book of the City of Sioux Falls   |                              |           |      |
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| <b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>                 |                              |           |      |
| TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS             |                              |           |      |
| 1. Property boundaries where required. |                              |           |      |
| 2. North arrow.                        |                              |           |      |
| 3. Latitude and longitude reference.   |                              |           |      |

