

# Iowa Site Inventory

Division of Historic Preservation  
Iowa State Historical Department  
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 54-028-002  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification

1. Site Name Sigourney Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Sigourney Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Keokuk
3. Street Address 203 N. Jefferson Street
4. Legal Location \_\_\_\_\_  

Urban:	subdivision	block	parcel	subparcel
Rural:	township	range	section	% section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 566660 northing 45760030; Acreage 2/
6. Owner(s) Name City of Sigourney
7. Owner(s) Address \_\_\_\_\_  

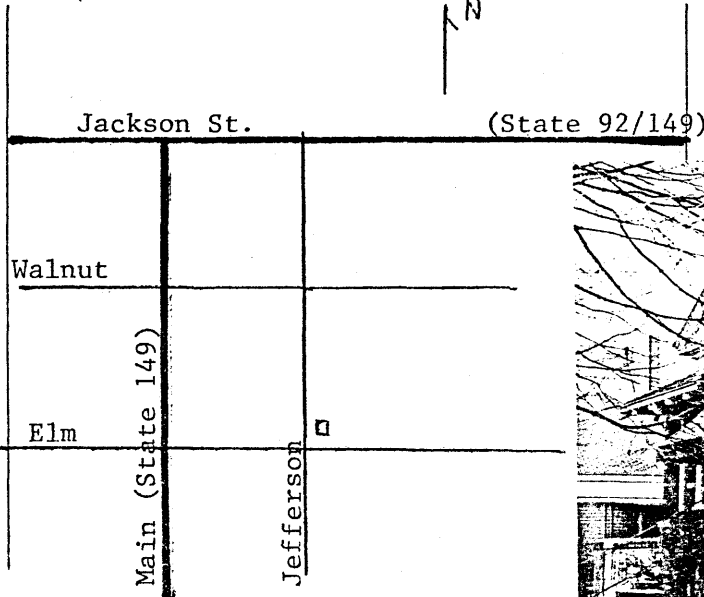
(Street address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
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8. Use: Present library Original library

## Description

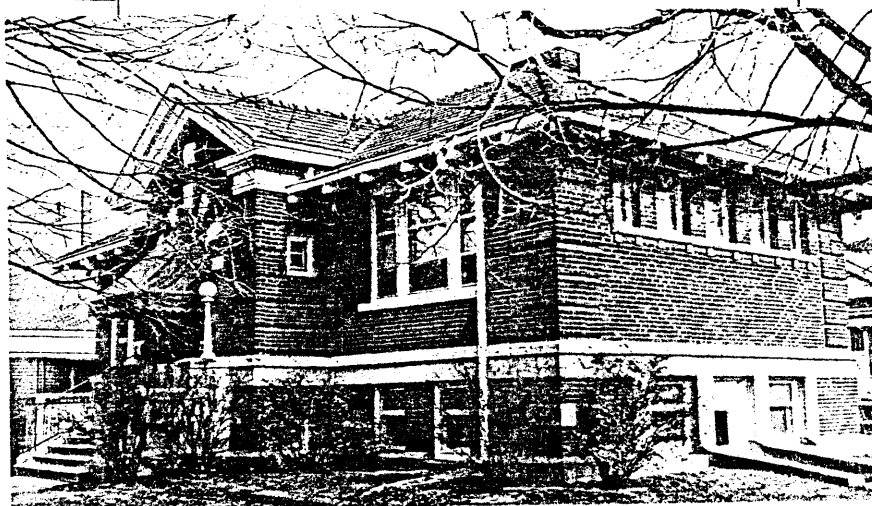
9. Date of Construction 1913-14 Architect/Builder Yorck Patton, Holmes & Flynn, Chicago
10. Building Type:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
11. Exterior Walls:  clapboard  stone  brick  board and batten  shingles  stucco  
 other with trim in stone and wood
12. Structural System:  wood frame with interlocking joints  wood frame with light members (balloon frame)  
 masonry load-bearing walls  iron frame  steel frame with curtain walls  reinforced concrete  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
13. Condition:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
14. Integrity:  original site  moved—if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:  
The building is virtually intact.
15. Related Outbuildings and Property:  barn  other farm structures  carriage house  garage  privy  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
16. Is the building endangered?  no  yes—if so, why? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Surroundings of the building:  open land  woodland  scattered outbuildings  densely built-up  commercial  
 industrial  residential  other \_\_\_\_\_

18. Map



19. Photo Roll SJKneg Frame \_\_\_\_\_ View W (front) & S elev.



# Significance

(Indicate sources of information for all statements)

## 19. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

The Sigourney Public Library is a highly interesting amalgamation of bungalowoid rusticity and understated Georgian propriety. The hipped roof covering the body of the building terminates in eaves studded with bared rafters. These project far enough to hide the tops of the windows. The center pavilion features a round-arched doorway framed with a modified Gibbs surround and an open pediment with an intricately molded, denticular cornice. The only unexpected feature of the plan, which conforms to Type I is the location of the fireplace at center rear behind the librarian's desk.

## 20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

- Sigourney News-Review, 16 April 1975.
- DHPLSQ-1, Lucille Jones, Librarian.

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

## For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

### 1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: \_\_\_\_\_
- Determination of Eligibility

### Review and Compliance Project:

- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Subject Traces

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Photo Images NONE

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