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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 Winfield Public (Carnegie) Library

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 1001 Millington Street

not for publication

city, town Winfield vicinity of

state Kansas code 20 county Cowley code 035

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Winfield

street & number 200 E. Ninth

city, town Winfield vicinity of

state Kansas 67156

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cowley County Clerk

street & number Cowley County Courthouse

city, town Winfield

state Kansas 67156

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kansas State Historical Society has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1985  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society, 120 West 10th Street

city, town Topeka

state Kansas 66612

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Winfield Public (Carnegie) Library (c. 1912) is located at 1001 Millington Street, in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas (pop. 10,736). The one-story, brick and limestone, eclectic Early Twentieth Century Commercial building stands on a corner lot one block south of Winfield's central business district. Its facade orientation is east. The building measures approximately sixty-five feet from north to south and forty-nine feet from east to west. The building maintains its original function as a library and retains a high degree of integrity.

The one-story, red brick and limestone building sits on a raised brick foundation with a limestone base. It is a rectangular structure with a truncated hipped roof. Three bays comprise the building's facade and rear, it is one bay deep. A parapetted entry pavilion projects slightly from the facade's center bay. A brick chimney rises from the center of the rear elevation. The original roofing material has been replaced with asphalt shingles. A small basement entryway projects from the northeastern corner of the building's rear.

A raised brick, geometric frieze with limestone medallions ornaments the building on all elevations. A dentilled cornice surmounts the frieze. Pressed copper guttering or ornamentation covers the projecting eaves on all elevations. A limestone watertable delineates the basement level from the first story level on all elevations.

The projecting entryway pavilion contains an arched doorway. Double wooden doors flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a fanlight stand within the doorway. The space is outlined with limestone blocks. Limestone carvings project from the spandrel areas of the door arch, above which stands a rectangular stone tablet bearing the inscription "Public Library Presented to the People of Winfield by Andrew Carnegie 1912." Additional limestone carving in the form of an applied parapet surmounts the tablet. Limestone pilasters with quoined shafts and emblematic capitals flank the pavilion. A limestone course caps the pavilion's parapet. Poured concrete steps lead up to the doorway.

Pairs of 1/1 double hung windows with transoms mark each of the two bays on the building's facade. Two, 1/1 double hung windows pierce the basement walls beneath each first level group. This treatment is consistent on all other elevations of the building, with three window groups piercing each level of the north, south, and west elevations. Brick panels stand beneath each first level group. The transoms are boarded over. Aluminum storm windows cover the original wooden units on the outside.

The interior of the building maintains its original three bay floorplan and vestibule entrance. A narrow stair leads to the basement from the vestibule. Marble stairs lead from the vestibule to the first floor space. The building retains its coffered ceiling on the first level. The interior woodwork, such as the door and window surrounds, beaming, stair railing and newel posts, and eclectic pillars, is retained, although it has been painted.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1912      **Builder/Architect** E.C. Smith & J.D. Parr

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Winfield Public (Carnegie) Library (c. 1912) is being nominated to the National Register as part of the Carnegie Libraries of Kansas thematic resources nomination (NR 1987) at the local level of significance under criteria A and C for its historical association with the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program and for its architectural significance as a new building type.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union organized and maintained Winfield's first library between 1880 and 1885, no other public libraries existed in Winfield until the advent of the Carnegie Library. Winfield applied for and was approved for a \$15,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program in 1902 but did not construct a library until 1912. This ten year delay may have been the result of no firm local commitment to the Program's requirements, since the applicant had to provide a site for the library and the applicant had to provide an annual endowment for the maintenance and improvement of the library.

The ten year construction delay very likely affected the style of the Winfield Library, as its eclectic, Twentieth Century Commercial appearance was virtually an untried style in 1902. However, its plan maintains the one-story, three bay by one bay form with a center entry pavilion and raised foundation found in most Carnegie libraries. C.E. Hair and Company of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma wrote to the Carnegie Corporation in June, 1911 that: "Our design (for the Winfield Carnegie Library) is a counterpart of one which we built in Illinois ..." however Smith and Parr Architects of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma are credited with the finished library.

The building retains a high degree of integrity and is currently used as the community's public library. Please see the cover nomination for additional information.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre.

Quadrangle name Winfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 

1	4	6	7	7	7	2	10	4	1	2	3	0	2	5
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

E 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

F 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

G 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property sits on the E.90' of Lots 17 & 18; Block 130, Original Townsite in Winfield, Kansas. The rectangular tract is bounded to the east by Millington, to the north by East 10th, and to the west and south by adjacent property lines.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Martha Hagedorn-Krass, Architectural Historian

organization Kansas State Historical Society date November 20, 1987

street & number 120 West 10th Street telephone 913-296-5264

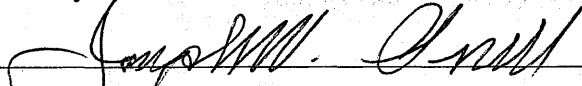
city or town Topeka state Kansas 66612

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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 

title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society date November 20, 1987

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

See Continuation sheet for listing date \_\_\_\_\_

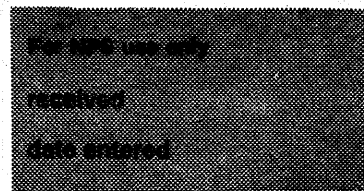
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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