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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

\*\* Hutchinson Free Public Library

AND/OR COMMON

Hutchinson Public Library

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hutchinson VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Minnesota

22

McLeod

085

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: Library

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Hutchinson

STREET & NUMBER

37 Washington Avenue West

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Hutchinson VICINITY OF

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

McLeod County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Glencoe

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Minnesota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

October, 1976

FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

STATE

St. Paul

Minnesota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in a prominent location within Hutchinson's Public Square, the Hutchinson Public Library is a one story on a high basement rectangular building of buff colored brick and limestone construction. The front facade of the library is five bays wide. The combination gable and hip roof is of asphalt shingle with ornamental crested ridges.

Neo-Classic exterior ornamentation consists of a full pediment over the recessed entry, Roman doric columns at the entry, Roman doric pilasters at each corner of the building, a limestone sill course, limestone linteled windows and doors and a full entablature.

Library facilities are housed on the first floor with offices occupying the basement level. The central or main section of the first floor contains a series of columns forming an impressive colonnaded atrium. Open stacks and reading rooms are arranged to the north and south of this colonnade.

The library is in an excellent state of preservation.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1904-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT E.S. Stebbins

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Hutchinson Public Library lies both in the role that it has played in the intellectual and cultural growth of the town of Hutchinson and in the architectural style which it represents.

The Hutchinson Public Library had its origin in 1874, when the project for a public library was first broached by the town's earliest settlers. Prior to the construction of this building in 1904 the library was housed in the back room of a local drug store and in the public school. In 1903, A.J. Carnegie donated \$10,000 to the town of Hutchinson for a public library building. Hutchinson voted to accept the gift and to construct the building in the public square. E.S. Stebbins, a prominent Minnesota architect during the last quarter of the nineteenth century was commissioned to design the library. In June of 1904 the Neo-Classic library was formally dedicated.

In November of 1976 the Hutchinson City Council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the nomination of the library to the National Register of Historic Places and stated its interest in preserving the building for future generations to enjoy.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Curtiss-Wedge, Franklyn, History of McLeod County, Chicago and Winona: 1917
2. Newspaper Collections, Hutchinson Public Library, Hutchinson, Minnesota.
3. Historical Records, Hutchinson Public Library, Hutchinson, Minnesota.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one city block  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	3 9 1 - 6 0 0	4 9 7, 1 0, 3 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth, State Historic Preservation Department

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Minnesota Historical Society

7 April 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Building 25, Fort Snelling

612-726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

St. Paul

Minnesota

# 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

*Russell W. Fridley*

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley

DATE

State Historic Preservation Officer

5-19-77

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

ATTEST:

*W. M. ...*  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12/12/77  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 DATE 12-8-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Hutchinson Free Public Library in  
McLeod County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 77001507

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** McLeod

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Hutchinson Carnegie Library

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:** Main St.

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
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**Date**