

Historic Name: Redwood Falls Public Library

Common Name:

Owner's Name and Address: City of Redwood Falls
Box 21
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

County: Redwood
Community: Redwood Falls

Address/Legal Desc.:
334 S. Jefferson

Classification:

Building **Structure** _____ **Object** _____ **District** _____

Acreage:
Less than one acre

Condition:

Excellent **Good** _____ **Fair** _____ **Deteriorated** _____

Verbal Boundary Desc.:

Redwood Falls Plat
Lots 9, 10
Block 11

Open to the Public:

Yes **No** _____

Visible from the road:

Yes **No** _____

Occupied:

Yes **No** _____

Present Use:

Public Library

History:

Date Constructed: 1904

Original Owner: City of Redwood Falls

UIM Reference:
Redwood Falls Quad., 15 Min.

Architect/Builder: Rockey, Church and Pass

Original Use: Public Library

Lat. Long.
44° 32' 19" 95° 07' 00"

Description:

The Redwood Falls Public Library, a Neo-Classic building located adjacent to the county courthouse square, was designed by Mankato architects Rockey, Church, and Pass. The hiproofed structure has a pedimented and colonaded portico with a recessed entrance. Spherical finials surmount each of the four corners of the building. The rusticated base and continuous lintels are of native North Redwood granite and the upper portion of the building is of pressed brick.

The interior of the building was recently renovated in a manner sympathetic to the original architectural detailings. The renovation was executed by the original design firm, now operating under the name of Rockey, Church, and Teschner.

Level of Significance:

Local _____
State _____
Nation _____

Status:

Survey _____ **Date** _____
Local _____
State _____
Nat'l. Reg. _____
Nat'l. Land. _____
HABS/HAER _____

Significance:

Early educational buildings have been among the county's most imposing townsite structures, both because of their size and siting and because of their architectural style detailing. However, most of the original two-to-three story brick school buildings have lost much of their structural and siting integrity due to extensive expansion and remodeling.

The Redwood Falls Public Library is the only example of such early educational buildings which retains near total exterior design integrity. Its location adjacent to the courthouse square with streets on three sides of the site give the structure a high three-dimensional visibility. It is also one of the few buildings in the county making extensive use of locally quarried granite.

The library was constructed with both Carnegie funds and a local donation from the Gilfillan family. The city has demonstrated its commitment to the continuing use of the building by the recent interior renovation project.

The Redwood Falls Public Library is significant as a well-preserved example of a dominant image of early city educational buildings in the county.

Theme/s:

Primary Education
Secondary _____
Other _____

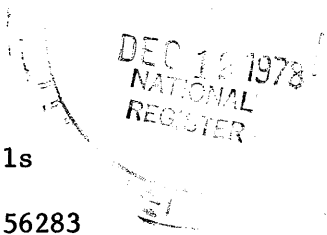
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Note: These changes apply to
Redwood Falls Public Library in
Redwood County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002139

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Redwood

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Redwood Falls Carnegie Library

CITY: Redwood Falls

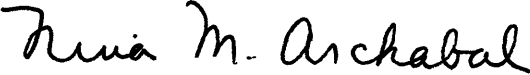
VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Property is located in the city of Redwood Falls,
not in Ramsey Park.



Nina M. Archabal
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date