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# DATA SHEET

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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### NAME

HISTORIC  ~~AND/OR COMMON~~ Carnegie Library *Mr.*

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 321 Tenth Street

CITY, TOWN: Sheldon VICINITY OF: Sixth

STATE: Iowa COUNTY: O'Brien CODE: 141

NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

### CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: City of Sheldon

STREET & NUMBER: Community Building

CITY, TOWN: Sheldon VICINITY OF: Iowa

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: O'Brien County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Primghar STATE: Iowa

### REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE:

DATE:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

CITY, TOWN: STATE:

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# 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

The Sheldon Carnegie Library is a one-story building in the Beaux Arts style, 54' x 60'. The raised foundation is of rusticated limestone, the building itself of yellow brick. A brick chimney is located at the west rear of the tiled hip roof.

The symmetrical facade features a projecting entrance pavilion with classical pediment. Its Ionic cornice has a full entablature, with a pulvinated frieze, triple architrave, egg-and-dart molding and dentils. Two Tuscan columns are set within rusticated sandstone pilasters. These frame a semicircular doorway of rusticated ashlar.

The building itself has two windows in each side wall, and on on each side of the front pavilion, all bearing label molds. A series of six narrow, rectangular windows is placed across the back, with plain stone lintels. There are modillion blocks on the cornice.

The floor plan is typical of Carnegie libraries. The entrance opens into a large reception area; stack areas and reading rooms open off this area on each side and at the rear, through arched entryways. Ceilings are 14' high, walls are plastered.

A low, flat-roofed garage of concrete block is attached to the rear of the building.

# 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 · 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This library is an excellent example of the local adaptation of the Beaux Arts style, taking a potentially massive design and reducing it to a scale more appropriate to a small town. Care was taken, however, to preserve in the cornice-work and other classical detailing many features typical of the style.

The importance of Andrew Carnegie's libraries to small towns such as Sheldon is difficult to overestimate. Without the funds contributed by Carnegie, many communities would have found neither the resources nor the enthusiasm for such a costly venture. Carnegie's generosity thus encouraged the accumulation and use of intellectual resources, and sustained the belief that knowledge should, and could, be accessible to all.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of the Sheldon Library Board of Trustees.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 268050 4784510  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ralph C. Hollander

ORGANIZATION

Sheldon Historical Society

DATE

June 1976

STREET & NUMBER

702 Ninth Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Sheldon,

STATE

Iowa 51201

# 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

*Adrian A. Anderson*

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

11/2/76

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

CHIEF DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/11/99

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3.18.17