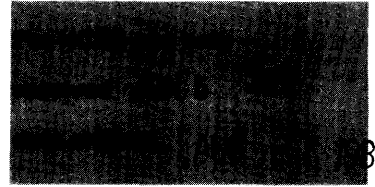


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 Phillips County Carnegie Library

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South 1st Street West _____ not for publication

city, town Malta _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Eastern

state Montana code 30 county Phillips code 015

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"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Phillips County

street & number

city, town Malta _____ vicinity of _____ state Montana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Phillips County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Malta _____ state Montana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

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 Phillips County Carnegie Library resembles many of the other Carnegie libraries constructed in Montana in its simple, block geometrical massing and classical ornamentation. The building is raised one-half story above grade. It is constructed in tan brick on a stone foundation and measures 34' x 62'.

The entrance is centrally located with a triangular, dentiled pediment over the double doors and fanlight. The words "Carnegie Library" are carved in sandstone above the doorway along with the date "1917". The building has a simply ornamented cornice stretching around the entire structure 24 inches below the flat roof.

The windows on the main floor are slightly inset and framed by arching endset brickwork. Four sets of large paired single hung windows with a six-light fanlight above are on the northern and southern facades. Three such arched windows are on both the east and west sides of the building. The lower level is lit by paired double hung, one-over-one windows, spaced in conjunction with the arches above.

The main floor of the interior is a large open space where the stacks and study tables were located. The librarian's desk was set near the doorway as recommended by the Carnegie Foundation Guidelines on library construction. In the basement there is a large public meeting room and a small apartment, occupied until recently by the librarian.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1917 **Builder/Architect** Sherry/F.F. Bossuot

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Phillips County Carnegie Library was constructed only three years after Phillips County was founded. The town of Malta at this time was a small trading center for the surrounding cattle ranching and homestead farm operations. A balcony office in the downtown drug store had been used as the town library. The new Carnegie Library was the last of seventeen Carnegie libraries constructed in Montana. Built in 1917, the Phillips County Library bears the mark in its simple, straightforward design and maximization of interior space of numerous Carnegie libraries in the state.

The county petitioned to the Carnegie Foundation for a grant to build the library in 1916. Carnegie grants supported the construction of 1679 libraries in 1412 communities throughout the country. Two thirds of these were built at a cost less than \$20,000. The conditions of the grant were such that the town would furnish the site and pledge a sum equal to 10% of construction cost annually for maintenance. Usually Carnegie did not purchase books or subsidize the operating costs, feeling that this was the responsibility of the community. The county commissioners accepted the \$15,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation on March 5, 1917 and guaranteed to allot \$1,500 per year for building maintenance. F.F. Bossuot, a local architect, drew up the plans which were approved by the Foundation. The Sherry Construction Company broke ground soon afterwards. The new library opened on January 9, 1918.

The upper floor of the building housed the book stacks and study tables; the lower level was used as a large meeting room with one section partitioned off and made into living quarters for the librarian.

The library was moved to a new location in May 1978. The local historical society plans to use the building as a museum to display artifacts found in the Phillips County area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

County Commissioner's Proceedings Book #1
Copy of letter from Mrs. R. Brandt

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre **UTM NOT VERIFIED**
Quadrangle name Malta West Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

A	<u>1</u> <u>3</u>	<u>2</u> <u>8</u> <u>6</u> <u>9</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u>	<u>5</u> <u>3</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>7</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Carnegie Library Building is located on Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 Trafton's First Addition, Malta, Montana. Lots 20, 21, 22, 23 are included in the property. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18 T.30N., R.30E.

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

state	<u>None</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles G. Barnard and William Cotter

organization Phillips County Historical Society date _____

street & number _____ telephone 673-4117 or 654-1615

city or town Malta state Montana

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

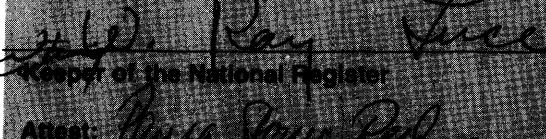
national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.


State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Montana SHPO date 5-29-80

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

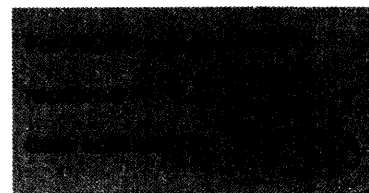
 date 8/27/80

Representative of the National Register

Attest:  date 9/2/80

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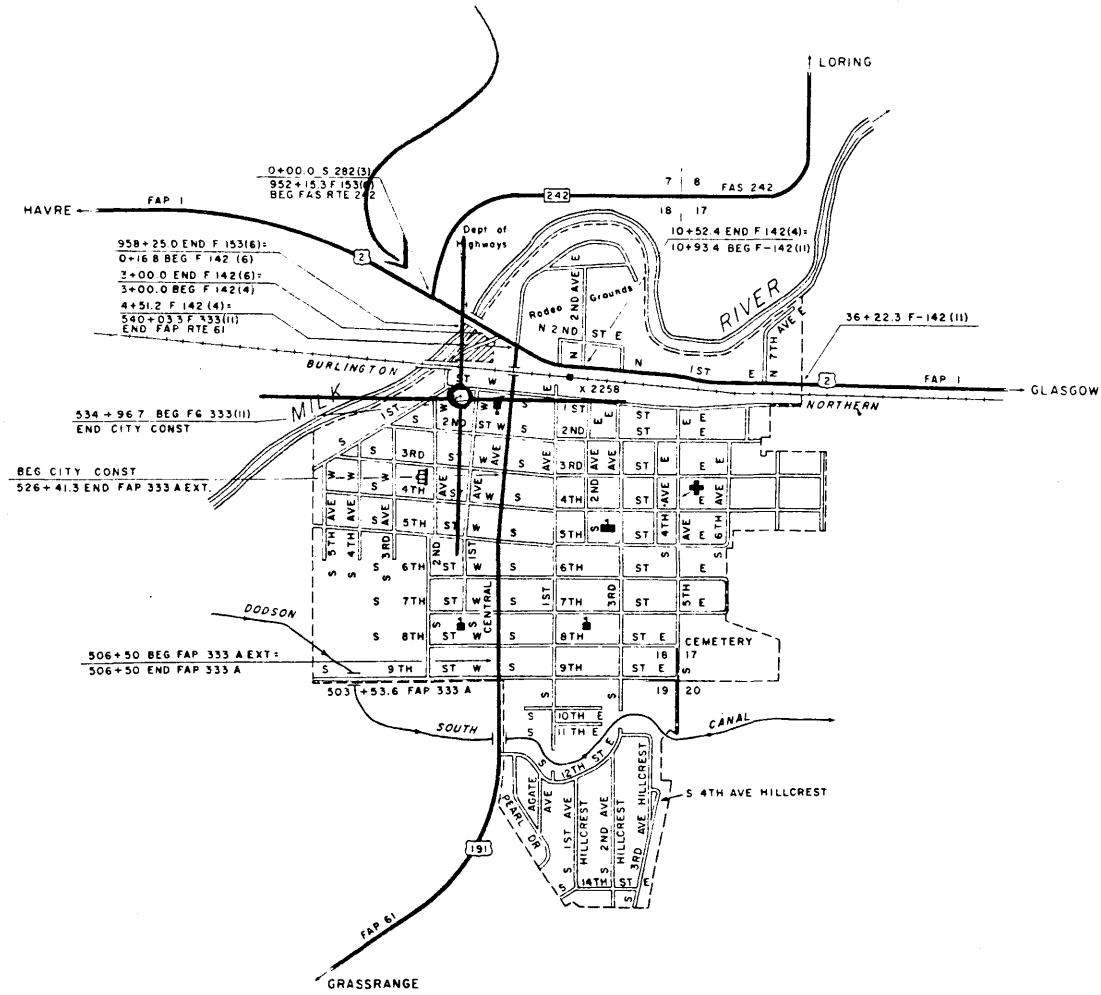
PHILLIPS COUNTY CARNAGIE LIBRARY:

Boundary justification:

The nominated property includes lots 7,8,9,10, 20,21,22,23, of Tafton's first addition, Malta, Montana. This includes the site upon which the library is built as well as the parking lot behind the building. All nominated property is owned by Phillips County.

Correction: Because the nominated property is a library, its association with education, science, politics/government, and conservation is inferred but not direct. Please delete these categories from the "areas of significance" section, item 8.

PHILLIPS COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY



LEGEND

- Corporate Boundary Line
- ▭ Central Business District
- ⋯ Non-existent Dedicated Street
- ⊕ Railroad and Station
- x 5000 Elevation
- ⌚ Court House
- ⌚ Post Office
- ⊕ Hospital
- ⌚ Elementary School
- ⌚ High School

FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

- FAI Federal Aid Interstate System
- FAP Federal Aid Primary System
- FAS Federal Aid Secondary System
- 30 Interstate Highway Route Marker
- 89 U.S. Highway Route Marker
- 13 State Highway Route Marker
- 479 Other Highway Route Marker
- ==== Projected Road
- ==== Graded and Drained Road
- ==== Gravel Road
- ==== Paved Road
- ==== Divided Road - Traffic Flow



CITY PLAT MALTA PHILLIPS COUNTY MONTANA

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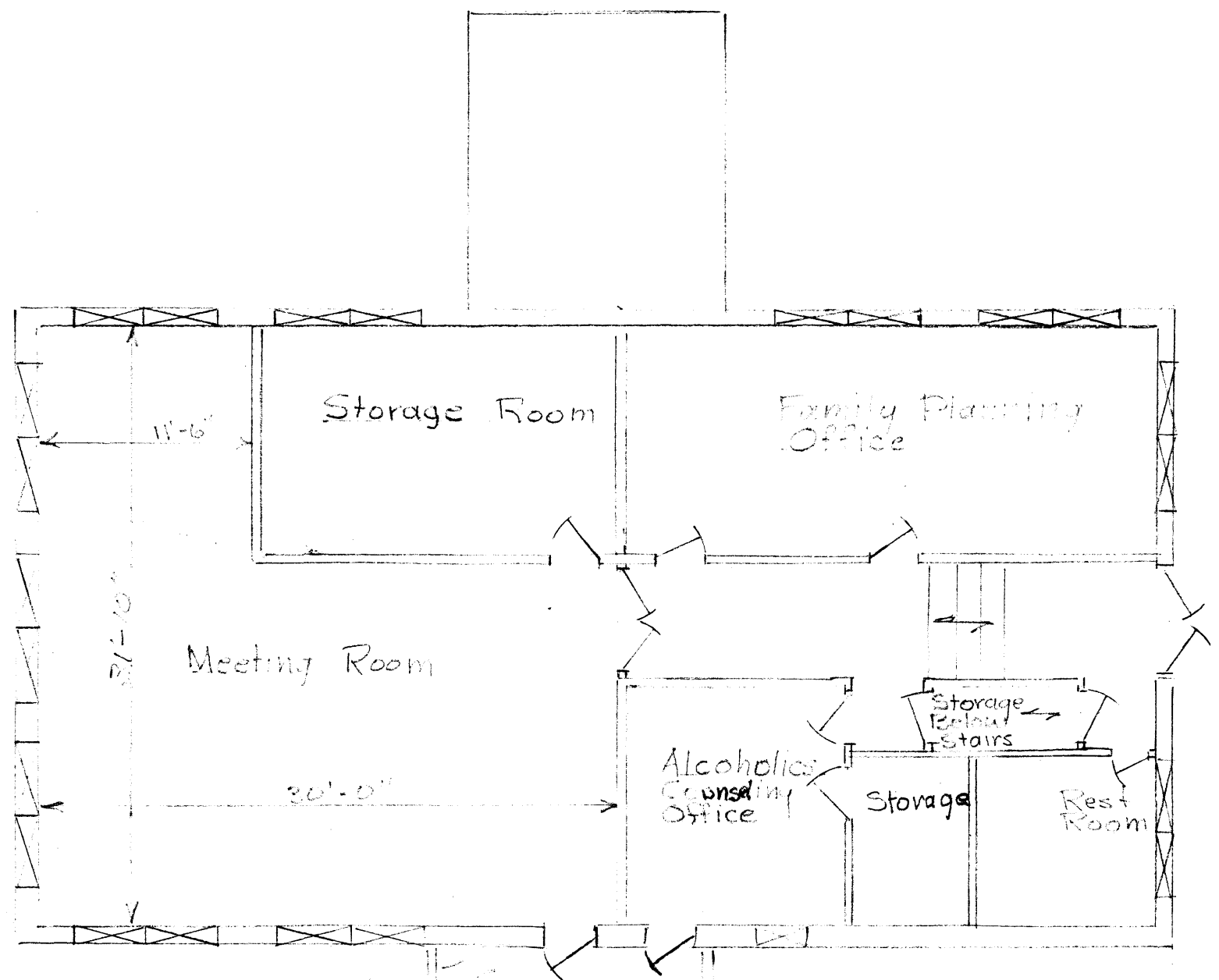


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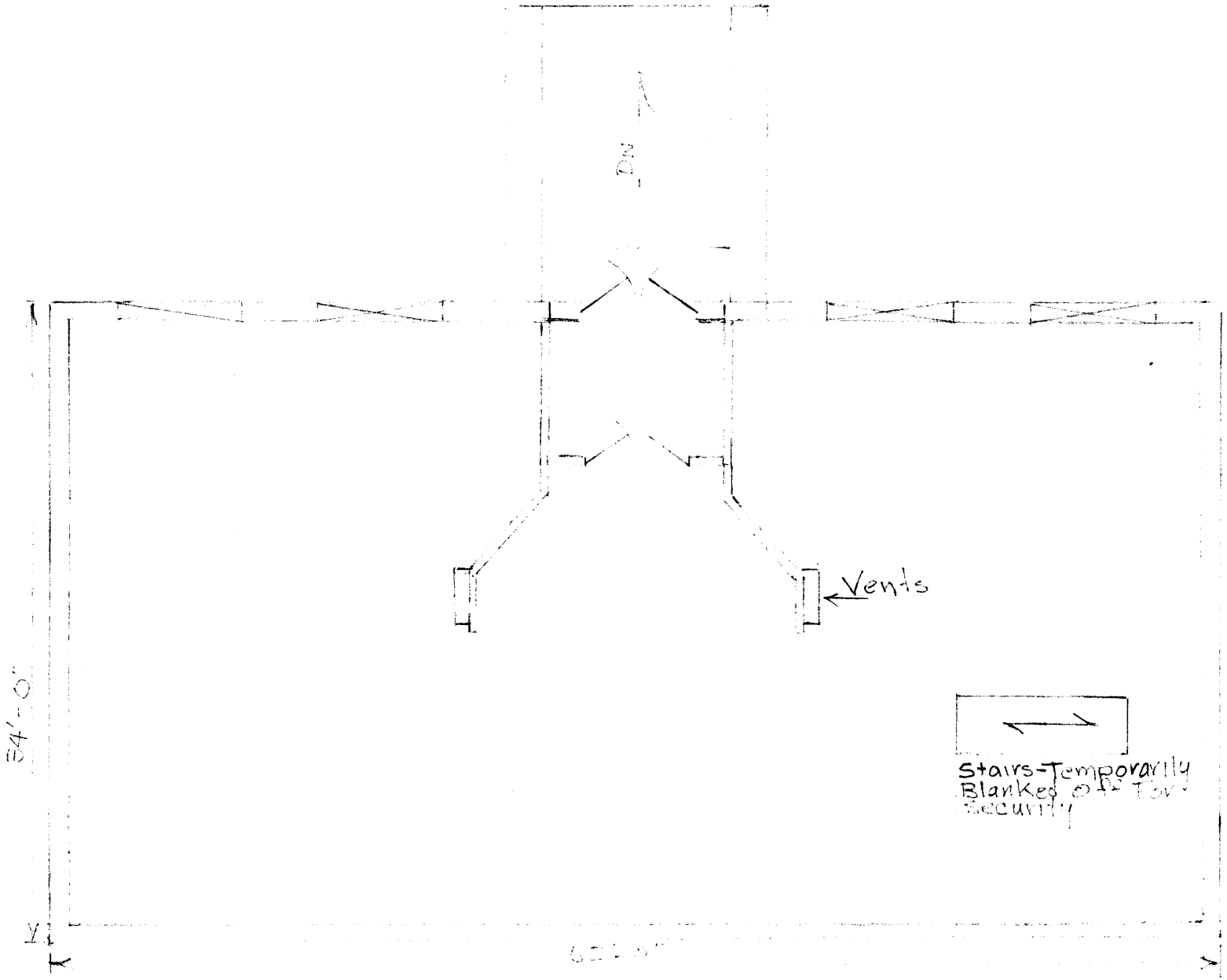
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1968 USGS BASE





Phillips County Carnegie Library
Ground Floor
by C. C. Barnard
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"
Nov. 24, 1975



Phillips County Carnegie Library
Library Floor
by C.G. Barnard
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"
Nov. 24, 1979