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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1890-1891, this is an attractive mass of rock-faced masonry, with a foundation of white Wauwatosa limestone which extends up to the bottoms of the first floor windows and a superstructure of buff Cleveland limestone. It is a two story building of Richardsonian Romanesque style and was designed by Walter Holbrook, of Milwaukee. At the left front is an octagonal tower with an octagonal-conical roof and at the right front is a square, three story tower with a pyramidal roof, and at each corner of this tower at third story level is a miniature, solid masonry circular tower with a spire-like conical roof. The building is quite typical of the Richardsonian Romanesque style in fenestration, irregularity of massing, and in the feeling of weight and massiveness it imparts.

The exterior has been relatively unaltered over the years except for a cleaning some ten or fifteen years ago which greatly enhanced its excellent coloring and the beauty of the stone. The interior has been altered to some extent by rearrangements to make more space available for use on the first floor and by constructing a balcony at second floor level to provide a separate children's library. The building has also been air conditioned in recent years.



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The library is named for H. H. Williams, who built it for the city. As a library it has served the community well over the years as an educational facility. In addition to the children's and adults' libraries, situated on second and first floors, respectively, it houses the Dodge County library in the basement and so is fully used. Its record of use is good and in 1966 it had 34,500 books and an annual circulation of 122,000. Some 12,000 books have been added since that time and circulation has varied within expected limits in the years since then. The library's acquisitions and use have been increasingly limited in recent years due to lack of space.

Architecturally, the Williams Free Library building is a fine example of Richardsonian Romanesque. The architect, Walter Holbrook, was a member of the noted Milwaukee firm of E. T. Mix and Company, one of Milwaukee's "big 3" architectural firms of the second half of the 19th century. Holbrook apparently joined the firm after the Civil War and eventually became chief designer. Edward Townsend Mix had left Milwaukee about one year before Holbrook designed the library for Beaver Dam. Holbrook's work on this building was exemplary, and Perrin states that it should "under all circumstances be preserved."

The Williams Free Library is perhaps Beaver Dam's outstanding landmark and one in which the community takes much pride..It has been designated an official landmark of the city by the Beaver Dam Landmarks Commission. Current plans call for the building of a new public library, but the people wish to preserve the present building. The choice to erect a new library was made in large part because it was felt undesirable to alter the fine old building by making an addition to it. The building will therefore be preserved in its original state on the outside, although some restoration and/or refurbishing may be necessary inside. Its most probable adaptive use will be that of housing the Dodge County Historical Society's headquarters and museum.



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