

Iowa Site Inventory

Division of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 23-014-010

District Name _____

Map Reference # _____

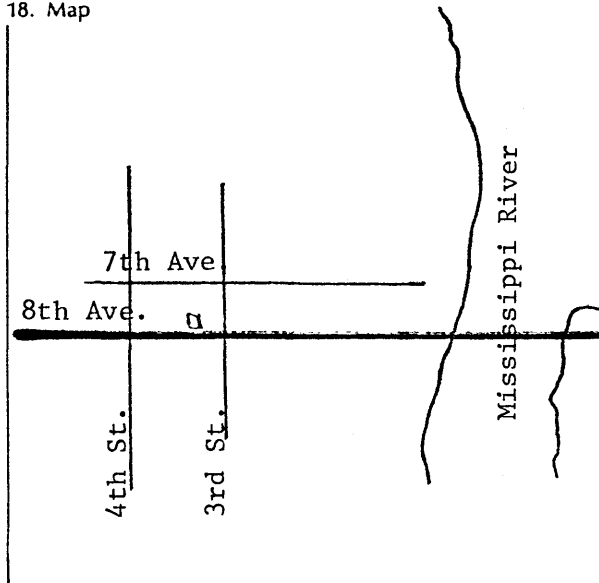
Identification

1. Site Name Clinton Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Clinton Township _____ County Clinton
3. Street Address 306 Eighth Avenue South
4. Legal Location _____ OT 23 1,2
Urban: subdivision block range parcel section
Rural: township subparcel
¼ section of ¼ section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 733200 northing 4635390; Acreage 2.1
6. Owner(s) Name City of Clinton
7. Owner(s) Address _____ Clinton, Iowa 52732 _____
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present library Original library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1903-04 Architect/Builder Patton and Miller, Chicago
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
12. Structural System: wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. Integrity: original site moved—if so, when? _____
Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site: Original radiating stack replaced with a two-level stack(1968); front door replaced(1960's); elevator installed in front vestibule(recently).
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo



Significance

(Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

The Clinton Public Library is of two stories and conforms to Plan Type III. The bookstack, at rear center, which originally radiated, projects slightly from the rear of the building. The front elevation culminates in a projecting center pavilion, faced with a giant portico in the Doric order. The building is in the restrained, but elegant, French-inspired, classical style which Patton and Miller used for most of their larger Iowa libraries (see Mason City, old; Marshalltown; Council Bluffs). Noteworthy features are the concave side walls of the pavilion, which give the building a slight feeling of Baroque exuberance, and the insertion of spandrel panels between the first- and second-story windows, which results in a tightly articulated facade and a pleasing balance of vertical and horizontal.

20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) _____

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21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

- The Inland Architect and News Record. vol.41. March, 1903. Architect's rendering.
- Wolfe, Patrick B., ed. Wolfe's History of Clinton County, Iowa. Vol.I. Indianapolis: B.F. Bowen and Co., 1911. pp.361-364.
- DHPFIR, G. Mansheim, D. Cohen, June 1979.

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Organization _____

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1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

2. Subject Traces

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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