

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Lavonia Carnegie Library ✓
STREET ADDRESS: Hartwell Road ✓
PRESENT OWNER: City of Lavonia; Herman Ayers Mayor
CITY: Lavonia
CURRENT USE: Library
U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE: Lavonia, Ga.-S.C.
V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 313-003-001

HISTORIC NAME: Lavonia Carnegie Library
CITY: Lavonia
MAILING ADDRESS: City Hall
STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30553
ACREAGE: Less than one
U. T. M. REFERENCE:
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II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION:

One-story yellow brick Renaissance Revival-styled library. Structure has multi-level roof line with three pediments on front facade and back. The larger central pediment is elevated and rests on semi-circular arch with a sun motif and Ionic-type pilasters beside the arch. The front door and some windows have fan lights. Front door has voussiors with keystone and radiating brickwork. This radiating brickwork is also repeated over several windows. Overall plan is symmetrical with two wings on each side of the structure and a rear wing. The rear wing was added in 1979. Structure was rehabilitated in 1979 and original character was retained. Structure is in good condition.

The structure is located on a 0.24 acre tract which adjoins school property and is surrounded by several large hardwood trees. The structure is located at a curve in Vickery Street, before it becomes Hartwell Road. This location makes the structure a focal point at the terminus of Vickery Street.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Lavonia
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Based on standard plans of the Carnegie Foundation
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1911

ORIGINAL USE: Library
HISTORIC ACREAGE: Less than one acre
DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1979

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):

In 1904 the Lavonia Woman's Club began the first effort toward establishing a local library by purchasing 18 books and circulating them among the membership. With the purchase

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of additional books a small library was established in 1908 in a rented room with Miss Leila Stovall as the first paid librarian. In 1909 the Woman's Club petitioned Mr. Andrew Carnegie and the town officials for a building to house this library and make it more useful to the town and surrounding community. This request was granted with the following conditions: Mr. Carnegie would give \$5,000 for the erection of a building if the town council would give \$500 a year for 10 years for books and maintenance, and at the end of the 10-year period the city would have complete control of the library. The request was granted and the present Carnegie Library was constructed in 1911. The library was built adjacent to the school on land donated by Mr. R. T. Poole. The city operated the library until 1974 when it became a branch of the Athens, (Georgia) Regional Library. In 1979 the library was completely renovated using Local Public Works money.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Social/Humanitarian LEVEL: Local
Local History

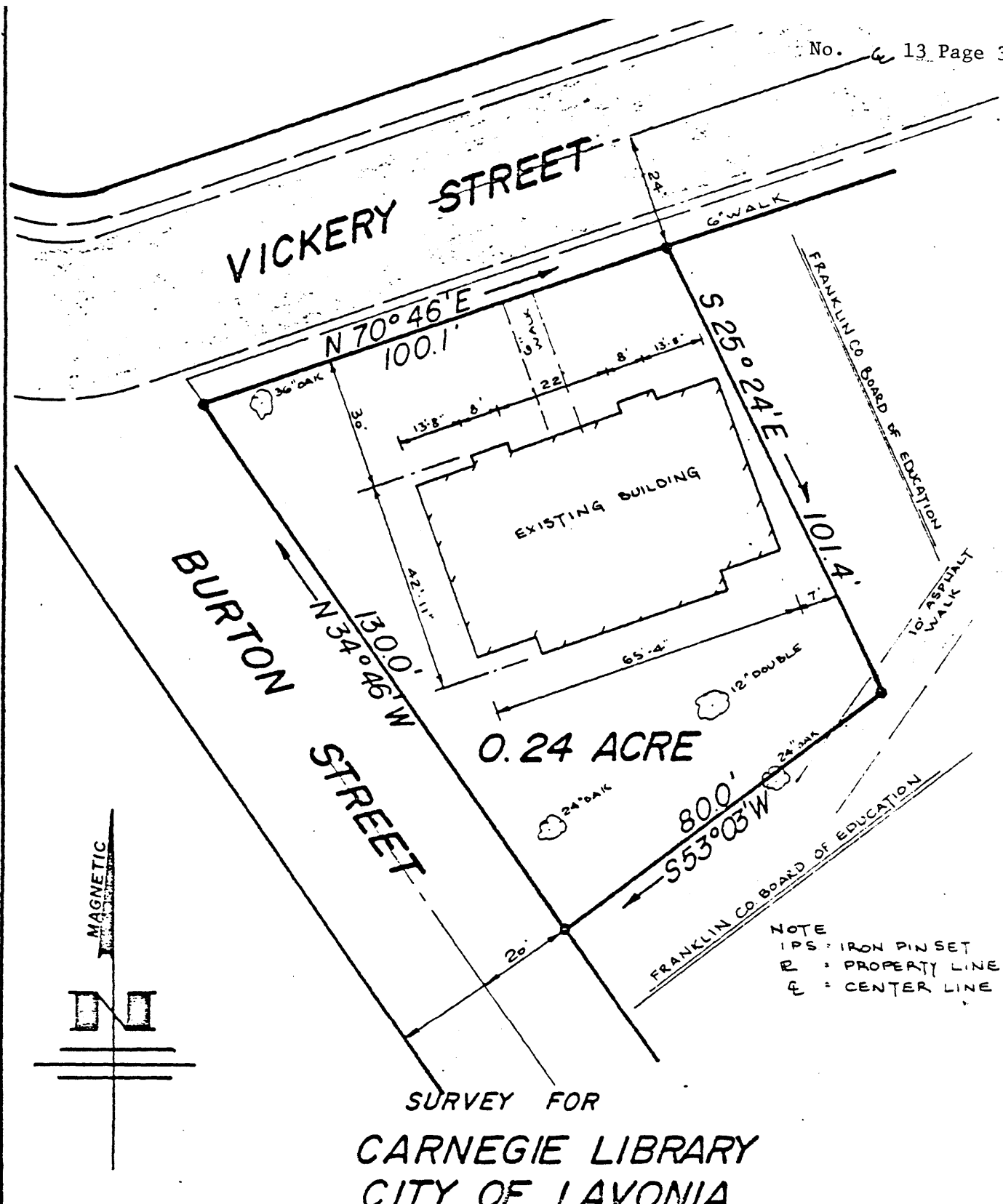
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):

Architecturally, this building is significant as a major institutional building in Lavonia and the only example of a library in the multiple resource area. It is one of the best examples of the influence of high-style architectural design in the multiple resource area, rivaled only by one of the local churches and one or two residences. It is somewhat more picturesquely massed and elaborately detailed than other small-town Carnegie libraries in Georgia. In a community dominated by vernacular architecture, it clearly stands as a major historic landmark. In the area of social/humanitarian history, the library is significant as one of only 20 Carnegie Libraries in the State of Georgia. It was established through the usual process of applying to the Carnegie Foundation, providing local matching funds, and making a long-term commitment to library operation. In terms of local history, the library is significant as a major local cultural and educational institution in the small town of Lavonia. It was one of the few such "urban" amenities available in early 20th century Lavonia.

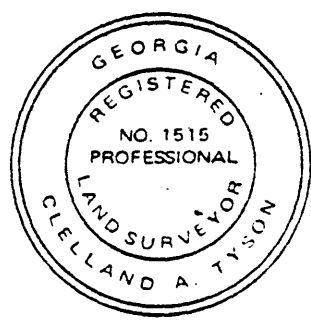
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Georgia Department of Natural Resources

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Chamber of Commerce Committee
History of Libraries



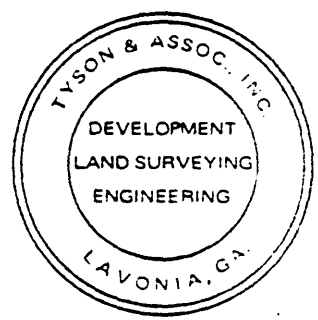
SURVEY FOR
CARNEGIE LIBRARY
CITY OF LAVONIA



0.24 ACRE IN
 CITY OF LAVONIA,
 BRYANTS (206) G.M.D.

LAND LOT:	CC: G.K.
DISTRICT:	DRWN: L.S.
COUNTY: FRANKLIN, GA.	CHKD: C.T.
SURVEYED: NOV 24, '76	JOB NO:
SCALE: 1" = 30'	FILE NO:

REVISIONS:



IN MY OPINION, THIS PLAT IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE LAND PLATTED AND HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF LAW

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