

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Carnegie Library

and/or common Carnegie Library

2. Location

street & number 001 U.S. 169 _____ not for publication

city, town Coleraine _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county Itasca code 061

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 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 type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" 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:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Coleraine

street & number City Hall

city, town Coleraine _____ vicinity of _____ state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Itasca County Court House

street & number

city, town Grand Rapids _____ state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ 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 library is a 1½ storey brick building, square in shape, with the front entrance on the southwest corner of the building, facing the southwest corner of the street intersection. The roof is flat and there are large windows on each wall.

The Carnegie Library is stylistically representative of the Neo-classic mode in architectural design, a style utilized extensively in public buildings erected during the first decades of the twentieth century. It is distinguished by a formal entry flanked by columns and crowned by a full pediment. The doorway is integrated within a keystoneed semicircular arch. Each of the principal facades are gabled by a full pediment. A sculptural cartouche occupies the center of the tympanum. Corners are articulated with brick quoins, and a low polygonal dome marks the intersection of the gable ridges. The building is in an excellent state of preservation and continues to serve its original function as a library and community center.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1912

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Carnegie Library signifies the policies of corporate paternalism that were practiced by the iron mining corporations until after the beginning of the union era in the 1930s. The library was built with funds from the Carnegie Endowment and was intended to serve as a major educational and social center for the offspring of industrial immigrants who had come to work in the mines. The institution was seen as a competitor with the educational and cultural institutions that the immigrants themselves created. The library served as a meeting place and a social center for the native Americans in the early days of the mining community. Similar structures were built across the Iron Range in this same period. In the setting of the Coleraine town area, dominated by U.S. Steel interests, the Carnegie Library takes on special significance as but one aspect of the entire planoply of corporate paternalistic policies that were intended to insure social, educational, and economic control of the miners and their community institutions.

The Carnegie donation for the library was \$15,000; other sources totaled \$2,537 for a grand total of \$17,537 for the construction of the building. The architects were Kinney and Halden of Minneapolis; the contractor was the A.C. Thomas Corporation of Blooming Prairie.

As was true of many other civic enterprises in the community, John C. Greenway was instrumental in the building's construction and the library's early operation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamppa, A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota (Eveleth: 1977).

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Bovey, Minn.-Itasca Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Zone				Easting				Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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 Charles Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society date September 10, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone 612-296-9070

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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 Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 6/10/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>W. Ray Luce</u>	date <u>7/17/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Kristin O'Connell</u>	date <u>7/14/80</u>
Chief of Preservation	

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Carnegie Library in Itasca County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002080

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Itasca

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Coleraine Carnegie Library

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: Clemson and Cole Aves. So.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988
Date