

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic Pasco Carnegie Library *(Carnegie Library of Washington)*
and/or Common Franklin County Historical Society

2. LOCATION

Street & Number 305 North Fourth Street Pasco 1:24 000
City, Town Pasco - vicinity of
State Washington County Franklin

UTM References:
Zone 11 Easting 338697
Northing 5121837
- not for publication

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership: public private both
Status: occupied unoccupied work in progress
Present Use: agriculture commercial educational entertainment government
industrial military museum park private residence
religious scientific transportation other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name Franklin County
Street & Number 412 West Clark
City, Town Pasco - vicinity of State Washington 99301

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Register nomination written by Gary C. Karnofski, Benton-Franklin Governmental Conference. December 1980.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

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7. DESCRIPTION

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed
Circle one: unaltered altered
Circle one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance
attach photo

The Pasco Carnegie Library is a rectangular building with a high-ceilinged main floor and a daylight basement. It has a gable roof with parapets at the ends. The principal facade is on the west and features a projecting central bay, which also has a parapet. Two flights of stairs rise from the sidewalk to an intermediate landing and, inside the building, to the main level. The exterior surface of the building is stucco and the roof is U-shaped tiles, both of which are characteristic of Mission style.

Verbal boundary description: Lots 17 and 18, block
7 of Gerry's Addition to the city of Pasco.

Acreage: Less than one.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates 1911

Builder/Architect C. Lewis Wilson & Co.
(Centralia, WA)

a. History

The history of Pasco's Carnegie library began a few years after the city was founded when the city council applied for a grant in 1909. The grant was awarded in 1910 and the city council promptly acquired the property and passed the necessary ordinances. The library building was completed and opened its doors in 1911. Community support was strong, perhaps because establishment of a library would be a sign that the community was to be a permanent settlement. The building served the community until the early 1960's as a library. It then was used for various purposes, including a western store, but the city retained ownership. It was recently turned over to Franklin County for use as an historical museum.

b. Evaluation of Significance

This building was an important part of the cultural and social life of Pasco and parts of Benton and Franklin counties. It was placed on the state register, but the state review board found it ineligible for the national register at its meeting on March 13, 1981 because it was not sufficiently important architecturally. **The nomination presented to the board did not include the information that the architect, C. Lewis Wilson, designed two of the state's finest courthouses, those of Pacific and Franklin counties.**