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## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Auburn Public Library

other names/site number Old Auburn Library

### 2. Location

street & number 175 Almond Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Auburn

☐ vicinity

state CA code CA county Placer code 061 zip code 95603

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination     request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

    national     statewide x local

Julia W. Clark State Historic Preservation Officer  
Signature of certifying official/Title

14 FEB 2011  
Date

California Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

X

entered in the National Register

    determined eligible for the National Register

    determined not eligible for the National Register

    removed from the National Register

    other (explain:)

[Signature]  
Signature of the Keeper

3/31/2011  
Date of Action

## 5. Classification

### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

### Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		district
		site
		structure
		object
1	0	<b>Total</b>

### Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn

0

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Education

Government

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Recreation/Culture

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals

Classical Revival

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: concrete

walls: Brick covered with concrete

roof:

other:

Narrative Description

## Summary Paragraph

Auburn Public Library building completed in 1909 was designed in the Classical Revival style. Local architect Allen D. Fellows incorporated simplicity of form and lines and a full height entry porch with two Doric columns and square pilasters that support the entablature for the Classic look. It is located at the top of the hill in the "Almond Heights" district on Almond Street. The location near the top of the hill adds prominence to this two story brick and masonry Carnegie Library.

## Narrative Description

The Classical Revival style Auburn Public Library building is located on the top of the hill on Almond Street in a residential neighborhood known originally as Almond Heights. The slope of the hill descends sharply behind the building so that the basement is almost grade level on the west elevation and is grade level in the rear, or north elevation. The plinth course runs approximately five feet above the ground on the east (uphill) elevation, while on the west elevation (downhill) the plinth course is approximately seven feet above the ground level.

The building is a two story, brick and concrete, symmetrical structure with a flat roof. A cornice with wide trim and dentils below continues around the structure approximately two feet below the roofline. Below the dentils four rows of bricks projected at varying depths appear to rest on the stylized Tuscan capitals of the corner pilasters.

The main entrance in the center and entrance to the basement level (in the southwest corner) are on the south elevation which faces Almond Street. The main floor entrance, on the second level, is reached by eight concrete steps to a landing and a doorway inside the full height pedimented portico entry. The portico is framed with two large pilasters that extend from the plinth course to the roof with two Doric columns between the pilasters and the door. The architrave and frieze depths are exaggerated. Dentils adorn the pediment and frieze. On the frieze are the words "Auburn Public Library" in raised letters. Above the door and below a cornice held by brackets are the words "Free To All" in the same raised letter style. An aluminum framed glass door and transom light has replaced the original wood paired doors and transom at the front entrance. Single light, double hung, wood framed windows flank the portico, with concrete lintel above and concrete projecting sill below. Brick pilasters define all four corners of the building.

The lower level is accessed by an aluminum framed glass door on the west side of the south elevation of the building directly under the window of the upper story. Under the window on the east side of the building below the plinth is a wood framed casement window with six lights, half the size of the upper window.

Paint analysis in 1999 revealed the original colors, and the exterior of the building was repainted in its original pale gray-pink with white trim. Original concrete walkways to the main door and the lower level door and concrete coping for landscaping remain in place.

The east elevation contains six wood framed, double hung windows on the upper story and six casement windows directly below the upper windows are at ground level. The upper windows are single lights while the lower windows have eight lights. A concrete driveway for the neighboring house runs along the east elevation.

The windows on the west elevation repeat the fenestration of the east elevation with the exception of the lower windows that are wood framed, double hung with eight lights. The north elevation upper level contains four, wood framed, single light windows. The two center windows are approximately six inches narrower than the rest of the windows in the building. This is to accommodate the room that was used for the librarian's office. The two outer windows are the same materials and size as the rest of the upper level windows. The lower level contains a double aluminum framed glass door in the center below the two center windows on the upper level, and two casement wood framed windows with eight lights on either side directly below the upper windows.

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### Building Interior

On the south elevation the front door opens to a landing approximately four feet by seven feet that is tiled with 6 inch terra cotta tiles. Five carpeted stairs lead up to another landing and a pair of doors that provide entry to the main library room. The stairway is lined with beadboard wainscoting trimmed with six inch molding both along the top and bottom. The woodwork is painted white. The walls are painted the same grey-pink as the exterior. The double entry swinging doors are wood framed with one light and two horizontal panels each, and are painted white.

The entry projects into the center of main floor approximately ten feet. On either side of the entry are two square Doric pilasters. Four square Doric columns form a ten foot square in the center of the main room. Opposite from the entry and three feet beyond the columns is the librarian's office. The doorway is flanked by two Doric pilasters. The four pilasters and four columns support exposed beams trimmed with crown molding that run the length and width of the room. The ceiling is at least twelve feet high. All of the wooden trim is painted white and the walls are grey-pink on this level.

The main library room encompasses the majority of the upstairs of the building. The room is carpeted over the original wood floors. Six inch baseboard trim and fourteen inch crown molding is throughout the interior. The windows have six inch divided band trim with crown molding.

The librarian's office is entered through a door directly across from the main entrance. A four light, frosted glass, wood framed window approximately six foot high by three foot wide is next to the doorway. A wood framed, frosted glass, transom is above the doorway. Inside the office are two windows opposite the door that look out to the north and into the back yard. The walls adjacent to the doors and windows each have built in book cases with crown molding that matches the crown molding in the main room.

To the left of the librarian's office, in the northwest corner, is a doorway that leads to the bathroom and the stairs to the basement level. Beadboard panels the walls in the small hall, a portion of the bathroom and part of the stairwell. The bathroom has the original porcelain corner sink. The original porcelain drinking fountain is attached to the Doric column closest to the bathroom in the main room of the library.

The basement has a concrete floor, is divided into two main rooms that can be separated into two rooms by double pocket doors, with two small rooms in the southeast corner, and a bathroom, stairway, and room for water heater and heating unit along the north wall. The walls are drywall and the wood framed windows have six inch trim around with crown molding on top.

Changes during the renovation in 1998 are minimal. The original wood framed doors have been replaced with aluminum framed glass doors. A new heating unit was installed and is housed in the basement. Track lights have replaced the original light fixtures on the main level and fluorescent lighting was installed in the basement level. Due to the minimal changes the Auburn Public Library retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☒ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Education

### Period of Significance

1909-1968

### Significant Dates

1909

### Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Fellows, Allen D

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder

Allen D. Fellows

Dorrow and Chester (contractors)

### Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance of 1909-1968 encompasses the year of construction, the years during which the building served as a city library, and the years during which the building served as the administrative office of the Placer County library system.

### Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

The Auburn Public Library was a city library from 1909 to 1968, and the basement of the building served as the first location of the Placer County Library System had its headquarters in the basement along with the county library that served patrons living outside the city limits of Auburn from 1937 until 1968 when Auburn and the Placer County Library in Auburn combined and moved to Shepard Square on High Street. The building's role as Auburn's sole city library and original administration building for the county library system makes this property unusually significant, thus addressing the requirements of Criteria Consideration G.



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### Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The building is significant under Criterion A in that it is significant to the history of Auburn as its original city-owned library from 1909 to 1968, and headquarters of the first Placer County library system from 1937 to 1968. The Auburn Public Library is nominated under the Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn MPS, under the context of Community Development of Auburn, 1865-1929. The Old Auburn Library building, built in 1909, is an excellent example of Classical Revival style, common in California Carnegie libraries constructed from 1902 to 1915. The building meets National Register Criterion A due to its role as city library from 1909-1968 and headquarters of the county library system from 1937 to 1968, satisfying Criteria Consideration G due to its importance and relevance to the development of Placer County's library system. The building meets National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of Classical Revival style in the city of Auburn, designed by Auburn-based architect Allen D. Fellows.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Auburn Public (Carnegie) Library building is significant in local history as it served the City of Auburn as its library for 59 years, from 1909 until 1968. The building also housed the City of Auburn offices for 19 years. Since 1968 the Auburn Public Library building has served the local community as offices and meeting places for various organizations. Architecturally, the building is one of only a few examples of Classical Revival style in the City of Auburn.

Carnegie library buildings are important in the respective communities for the association with library development in California during the years 1849-1921. The buildings also reflect the popular styles of the time and because they exemplify a particular and specialized building type. Stimulated by Andrew Carnegie's library philanthropy, Carnegie libraries were to be found in approximately eighty-four percent of California communities by 1921. Library buildings were constructed to provide a permanent home for the community's existing or anticipated library and that home was seen as a civic structure, a demonstration of the community's intellectual and cultural status and of its prosperity.

The earliest recorded library in Auburn with public access was in the Odd Fellow's Hall. Auburn is among the several mountain communities to benefit from the establishment of Odd Fellow's libraries in the 1860s. The Auburn Odd Fellows library had 100 books and \$100 in the library fund. "This Association is not confined exclusively to the members of the order, but will be accessible to all persons on liberal terms. At present in the Odd Fellow's Hall," the *Placer Herald* reported.

In the 1880s the Ladies Library Association was formed. They compiled and printed the popular "Little Gem Cook Book" in 1888 as a fundraiser for a library. It was the Ladies Library Association, also known as the Endeavor Club of the Congregational Church that brought the public library to reality. The Crescent Club, an athletic group for men, also contributed their books. By 1888 they had gathered over 200 books. The first location for the library is believed to be in the old Congregational Church located in Central Square. The library existed in a succession of housings even after it came under the auspices of the city in 1906.

Carnegie funding was sought in 1907 and a \$10,000 grant was received. By this time there was so much enthusiasm that twenty-two lots in the city were offered and considered. A lot was purchased for \$400 from W.B. Lardner on Almond Street after considerable debate regarding location.

Allen D. Fellows, local architect from Auburn, who also designed the Lincoln, California, library at about the same time was selected as architect. Auburn Public Library was dedicated May 26, 1909, although the basement was not completed for a number of years. The first librarian, Georganne Willits, was paid \$25.00 a month and given \$30.00 per month to buy books.

Mrs. Kelly Dunlap Robinson, a member of the City Library Board, in her speech to the Colfax Ladies' Aid Society on April 6, 1936, began the campaign to establish a free county library. On May 6, 1936 the Board of Supervisors unanimously

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approved the creation of a county library. Placer County was the 47<sup>th</sup> of fifty-eight counties to establish a county library system.

In 1937, the Placer County Library System was established and moved into the City Library's basement on April 8, 1937, when the City of Auburn offices moved into the new City Hall. Citizens of the county were not allowed upstairs in the city library

Mrs. Faye K. Russell began as County Librarian in January of 1937. Mrs. Mazie Harris Huntley was appointed assistant county librarian and cataloguer. By April each of the five supervisorial districts had a library with one hundred books each. Colfax, Foresthill, Loomis, Sheridan and Auburn (for residents outside the city limits) each had a branch. By June of 1938 Newcastle, Dutch Flat, Tahoe City, Penryn, and Applegate had branches. Branches were added in Alta, Gold Hill and Thermalands in 1939. More branches followed: Kings Beach, 1941; Rocklin, 1943; and Big Bend and Eden Valley, 1949. In June 1938 the total books purchased equaled 4,706.

Mrs. Portia Moss, County Superintendent of Schools, began a program for local school boards to contract with the library system for services. The money would come from the book fund. Thirty-two elementary schools participated in the program by 1940.

During World War II the Supervisors considered merging the city and county libraries but did not act on it. The merger would take place in the 1968 when both libraries moved to Shepard Square on High Street, then to DeWitt Center, and finally in 1973 moved into the new facility on Nevada Street. The Auburn Public Library building on Almond Street served as a library for 59 years. The City of Auburn retained ownership of the library building.

Numerous organizations have used the upper and lower floors of the Auburn Public Library since the library left in 1968. The building continues in its community use currently as the location of the Auburn Arts Center, office use of the Placer County Historical Society, Placer County Genealogical Society and as the Auburn Senior citizens meeting place.

In 1983 the Arts Council of Placer County, formerly known as Artcetera, occupied the building and developed the Auburn Arts Center. There, many exhibitions and programs in visual and performing arts were enjoyed by the public until 1997, when the Arts Council of Placer County, now known as PlacerArts, relocated its office to downtown Auburn.

Through a grant from the Auburn Foundation and matched by the City of Auburn, renovation of the historic building began in 1998. Initial renovation projects were completed and the building was readied for a new life as the Old Library Art Studio (OLAS). At the turn of the millennium, the beautiful old library building was designated as a historic landmark. A re-dedication ceremony was held on May 26, 2001. There are currently seven artists in residence at OLAS. The Placer County Historical Society and the Placer County Genealogical Society continue to use rooms on the lower level.

The Auburn Public Library is significant to the local community as one of only a few examples of Classical Revival architecture in the City of Auburn. Gabled or low pitched roof, cornice lines emphasized by wide, divided band trim, full height entry porch with Doric columns supporting the entablature are elements of Classical Revival style. The Auburn Public Library reflects all of these with the exception of the gabled roof, however the pediment above the entry gives that appearance.

Allen Douglas Fellows, born July of 1863 in Van Buren County, Iowa, graduated from South of Iowa Normal School. By January of 1890 he was living in Auburn, California and married Beatrice McMurry in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Auburn. In 1892 he was listed as a carpenter in the Great Register of Voters for Placer County and as a builder in the

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1900 U.S. Census. In 1901 he designed the Placer County Hospital and was a partner in the firm of Linniger and Fellows, contractors in the city of Auburn. Fellows was named architect for the J. F. Hink building on Lincoln Way in uptown Auburn in 1905; the building currently holds retail stores and restaurants and is now known as the Hink Block. In 1908 he won the bid for the Auburn Library with Darrow and Chester of Roseville as contactors. 1909 found him designing the Carnegie Library for the city of Lincoln where he used terra cotta, pressed brick and tile roofing from Gladding McBean and Company of Lincoln.

He designed and built many homes in Auburn including a house for Arthur Green on the corner of Finley and Orange Streets in Auburn in 1910. Fellows designed the new Masonic Hall for the Auburn lodge in 1914. The Masonic Hall is considered his highest achievement. He used locally produced materials and local craftsmen for the project. In 1916 he was confined in a hospital in Los Angeles for several months and by 1917 he was back in Auburn where he designed the Mt. Pleasant Hall in Lincoln. In the fall of 1917 he taught manual arts at Placer High School and Sierra College in Auburn. He was being treated at Lane Hospital in San Francisco in August of 1918 where he was expected to undergo an operation. His wife and Dr Rooney, local Auburn doctor, were with him during his stay in San Francisco. He died in November 1918 at the age of fifty-five.

### Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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McAlester, Virginia and Lee, A Field Guide to American Houses. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1990.

Napoli, Donald S, "Auburn Historic Resources Survey." City of Auburn, June, 12, 1987.

Placer County Directory, 1861, Placer Herald Press.

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#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)  
☐ previously listed in the National Register  
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register  
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark  
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office  
☐ Other State agency  
☐ Federal agency  
☐ Local government  
☐ University  
☐ Other  
Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_



Auburn Public Library  
Name of Property

Placer, California  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

Auburn Public Library

Placer, CA

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Parcel number 02-144-04, city lot #175 on Almond Street as shown on city map.

### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The city lot on Almond Street includes the entire parcel historically associated with Auburn Public Library.

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carmel Barry-Schweyer/ Historian  
organization date 12.4.09  
street & number 12190 Holly Vista Way telephone 530-885-7476  
city or town Auburn state CA zip code 95603  
e-mail carmphil@sbcglobal.net

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**

- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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Name of Property

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County and State

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**Photographs:**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger.

**Name of Property:** Auburn Public Library

**City or Vicinity:** Auburn

**County:** Placer

**State:** CA

**Photographer:** Carmel Barry-Schweyer

**Date Photographed:** 10.09.10

Auburn Library

Placer, CA

**Description of Photograph(s) and number:**

- 1 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, south elevation
- 2 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, southwest elevation
- 3 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, south elevation
- 4 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, east elevation
- 5 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, north elevation
- 6 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, north elevation
- 7 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, main entrance stairway from the interior
- 8 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, main level interior
- 9 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, interior entrance doors, main level
- 10 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, interior column detail
- 11 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, librarian office doorway
- 12 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, main level window detail
- 13 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, drinking fountain, main level
- 14 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, restroom, main level
- 15 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, stairway to basement level
- 16 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, smaller section of basement
- 17 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, larger section of basement
- 18 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, main level interior
- 19 of 19. CA, Placer County, Auburn Library, sliding pocket door between sections of basement

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**Property Owner:**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Bob Richardson, City Manager, City of Auburn

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city or town Auburn

state CA

zip code 95603

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Name of Property

Placer, CA  
County and State

### Figure Log

Figure 1: Auburn Public Library c1912, south elevation, camera facing northeast.  
Figure 2: Auburn Public Library c 1910, south elevation, camera facing northwest.  
Figure 3: Auburn Public Library c1910, south elevation, camera facing northwest.

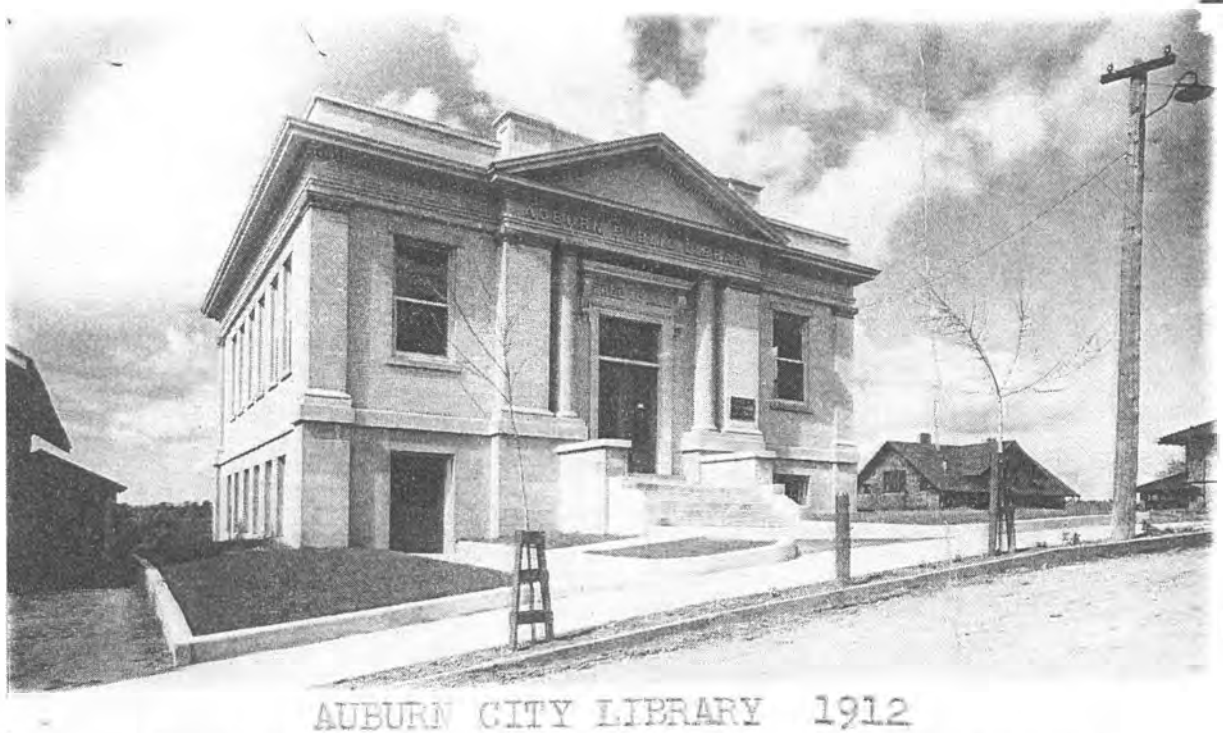


Figure 1: Auburn Public Library c1912, south elevation, camera facing northeast.

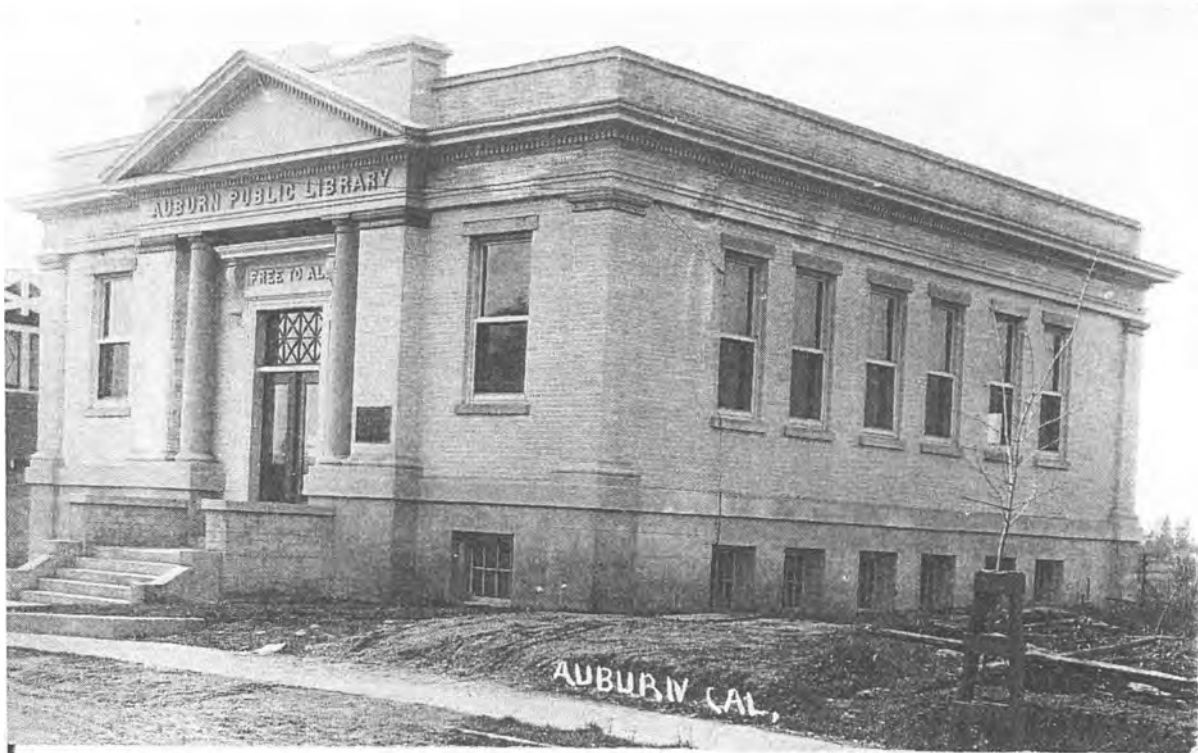


Figure 2: Auburn Public Library c 1910, south elevation, camera facing northwest.



Figure 3: Auburn Public Library c1910, south elevation, camera facing northwest.



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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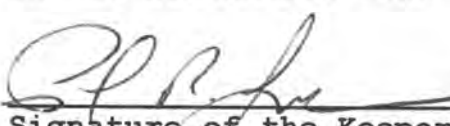
Auburn Public Library  
Property Name

Placer  
County

CA  
State

Architectural & Historic Resources of Auburn, California MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

3/31/11  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Functions:

The Historic and Current Functions are amended to add the following subcategories:  
Historic – Education / Library; Government / Government Office  
Current – Recreation / Museum

Significance:

The Significant Person block notation (Fellows, Allen D.) is deleted. [Significant Person should only be identified if the nomination is documented under NR Criterion B, otherwise the building designer is simply listed under Architect/Builder.

These clarifications were confirmed with the CA SHPO office.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Auburn Public Library  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Auburn, CA MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, Placer

DATE RECEIVED: 2/15/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/16/11  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/31/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/02/11  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000153

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y  
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Auburn Public Library is significant at the local level under National Register Criteria A and C (Education and Architecture). Completed in 1909, the handsome, Classical Revival building is an excellent local example of civic architecture. Designed by local architect Allen D. Fellows, the masonry building followed the typical building forms established for early twentieth century Carnegie libraries in California and reflected the important efforts of local community leaders to provide modern educational and cultural amenities to the growing community. The building served as Auburn's central public library from 1909 until 1968. Criteria Consideration G (< 50 years) is justified based on the buildings long-term association as a critical educational facility. The end date (1968) coincides with the effective termination of main library use and is a logical ending for a period of significance continuing only 7 years into the less than 50-year period.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criteria A & C

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 3/31/2011

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

Recommendation: SLR Return Action: SLR Return None

Documentation Issues-Discussion Sheet

State Name: CA County Name Placer Resource Name Auburn Public Library

Reference No. 11 000 153 Multiple Name Auburn MPS

Solution:

Subfunctions See SLR

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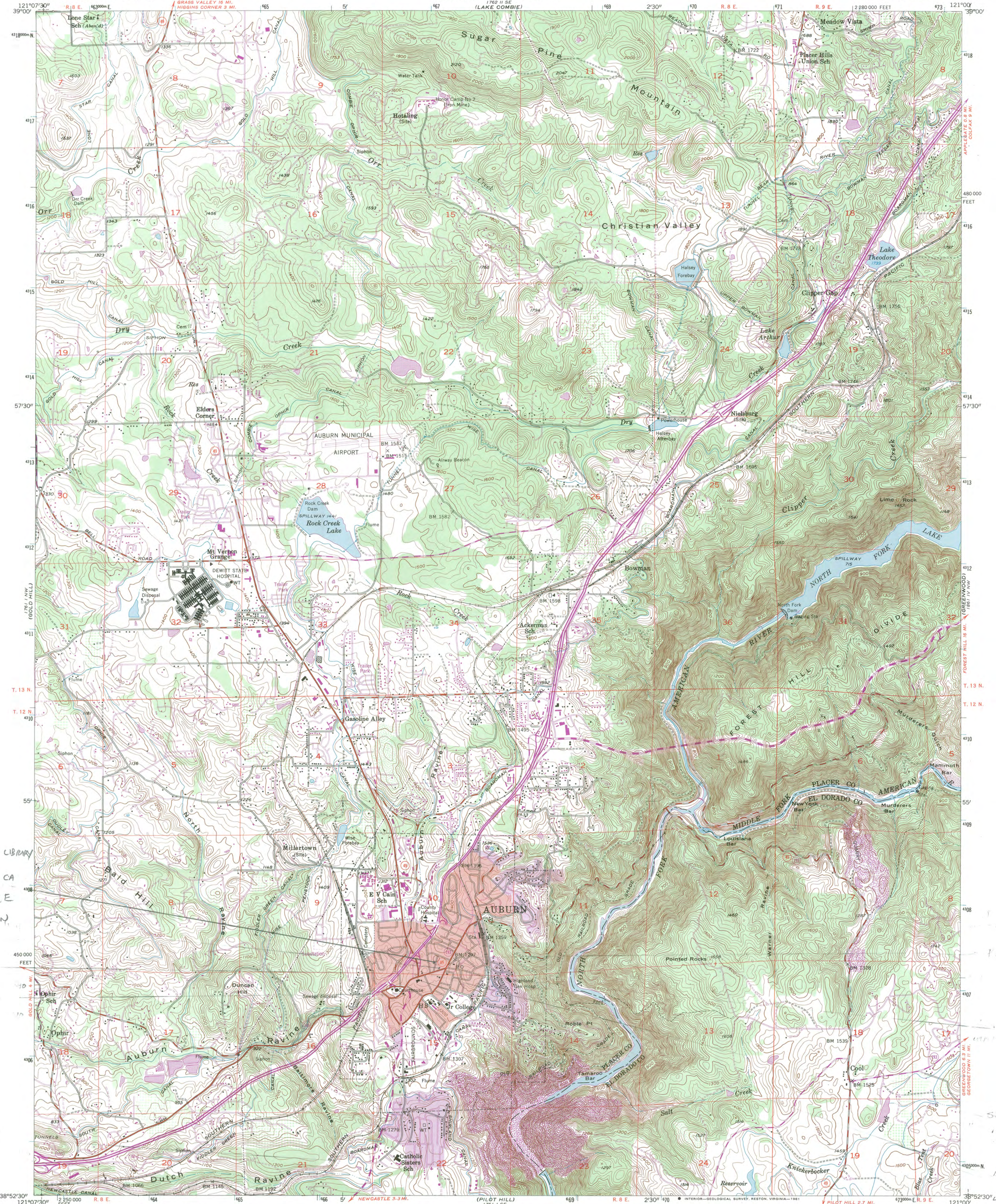












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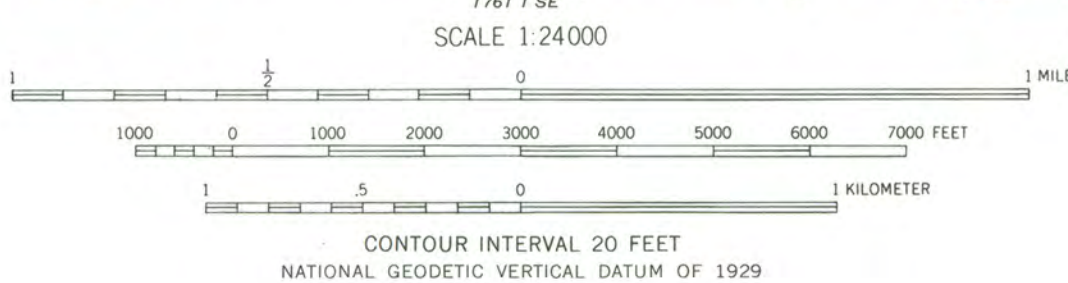
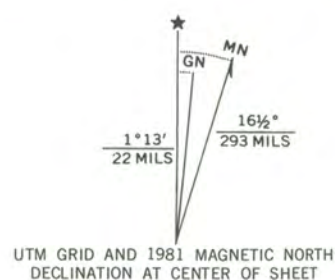
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June 17, 2010

William Burg  
State Historian I  
Registration Unit  
Office of Historic Preservation  
1416 9th Street, Room 1442  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: City of Auburn Submission  
National Register of Historic Places

Dear Mr. Burg,

On June 14, 2010 the City Council decided to not support, at this time, the listing of the city owned building on the National Register of Historic Places. The City would appreciate the removal of the submission for the following buildings:

1. Old Town Firehouse (1677 Lincoln Way)
2. Auburn Grammar School (1225 Lincoln Way)
3. Old City Hall (1103 High Street)
4. Carnegie Library (175 Almond Street)
5. El Dorado Street Firehouse (110 El Dorado Street)

If you have any questions please call me at (530) 823-4211, extension 133.

Sincerely,

Wilfred Wong  
Community Development Director

## Burg, William

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**From:** Burg, William  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 17, 2010 5:25 PM  
**To:** 'Will Wong'  
**Cc:** 'rrichardson@auburn.ca.gov'  
**Subject:** RE: City of Auburn Submission  
**Attachments:** National Register SHPO 6-17-2010.pdf

Mr. Wong,

The properties mentioned in your letter have not yet been scheduled for an SHRC meeting. Nominations cannot be removed from an SHRC agenda until after they are placed on an agenda. Generally, items are only removed from the agenda, or withdrawn from our list of nominations under review, at the request of the nominating party.

The following paragraphs are from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36 Part 60, National Register of Historic Places:

*The State shall consult with local authorities in the nomination process. The State provides notice of the intent to nominate a property and solicits written comments especially on the significance of the property and whether or not it meets the National Register criteria for evaluation. The State notice also gives the owners of private property an opportunity to concur in or object to the listing. The notice is carried out as specified in subsections below. (CFR 36 Part 60.6(b))*

*Upon notification, any owner or owners of a private property who wish to object shall submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing. (CFR 36 Part 60.6(g))*

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Support by the property owner is not required to nominate property to the National Register, schedule it for an SHRC meeting agenda, or list a property on the National Register. Please note that owners of public property (such as cities, counties or states) do not have the option to send a notarized letter of objection to listing that will result in a determination of eligibility rather than listing on the National Register, but any individual or agency may send a letter of support or objection to a National Register nomination for review by the State Historical Resources Commission, or speak in support or objection of a nomination at scheduled SHRC meetings. If the nominations for the properties mentioned in your letter are added to a future SHRC agenda, the city of Auburn will be notified in advance of the meeting with sufficient time to permit a response. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-8936.

William Burg  
Historian I  
Office of Historic Preservation  
Department of Parks and Recreation

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**From:** Will Wong [mailto:wwong@auburn.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 17, 2010 4:09 PM  
**To:** Burg, William  
**Subject:** City of Auburn Submission

Mr. Burg,



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December 6, 2010

California State Parks  
Attn: Office of Historic Preservation  
Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
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Post Office Box 942896  
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Subject: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for  
Auburn Public Library (Architectural Resources for Auburn MPS)

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

Thank you for your November 24, 2010 letter informing the City of Auburn of the nomination of the building we own located at 175 Almond Street, Auburn, CA, 95603 (Auburn Public Library). Please note that Ms. Carmel Barry-Schweyer is not the City's Historian, nor was this application submitted on behalf of the City of Auburn.

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If you have any questions please call me our Community Development Director, Wilfred Wong, at (530) 823-4211, extension 133.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Bridget Powers  
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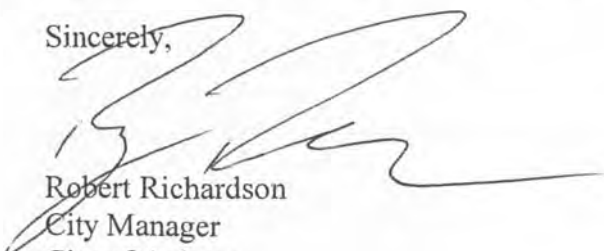
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Sincerely,



Robert Richardson  
City Manager  
City of Auburn





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13 December 2010

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Post Office Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

SUBJ: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Auburn Public Library  
(Architectural Resources for Auburn MPS)

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

I am writing in response to your letter of 24 November 2010 to the City of Auburn regarding placing the former Auburn Public Library (Carnegie Library) on the National Register of Historic Places as have other Carnegie Library buildings in California.

I have been a member of the Auburn City Council and remain on the council. This nomination was initiated during my last term as mayor in 2009. I most strongly support the nomination of this building on the National Register as well as the other public and private buildings submitted as part of the same nomination process.

Certain city staff members have expressed concern that such a listing will cost the city much more than normal maintenance of the building. Thus, the city council was hesitant to endorse the nominations. Based on information provided by your staff, I do not believe that to be the case unless State or Federal funds are involved in the process. Should my understanding not be correct I will have to re-evaluate my support.

As the only native of Auburn on the Auburn City Council I believe I have a special obligation to preserve and maintain the rich cultural heritage that has developed since the founding of the community in the Gold Rush period of the 1840's and 1850's. We have already lost too many historic structures in this area in the recent past.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me at 530.889.2780 or via e-mail at [njrhs@inreach.com](mailto:njrhs@inreach.com).

Yours sincerely,

Mike Holmes  
Auburn City Council Member

# County of Placer Board of Supervisors

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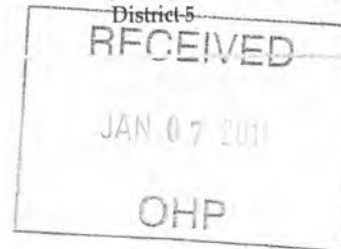
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December 31, 2010

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, Ca. 94296-0001

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

I am writing in regard to the placing of the Auburn Carnegie Library, formerly the Auburn Public Library, on the National Register of Historic Places. I am aware that other Carnegie Libraries have been added to the Register.

As the Placer County Supervisor who represents the City of Auburn on the Placer County Board of Supervisors I strongly support the nomination of this building on the National Register.

As a member of a pioneer Placer County family I firmly believe that it is my duty and obligation to promote the preservation and maintenance of the rich cultural heritage and history that has become a part of our culture and landscape.

Please feel to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jim Holmes

Placer County Supervisor District 3



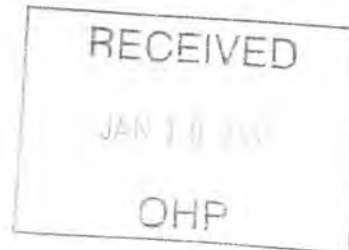
## **Placer County Museums Division**

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January 3, 2011

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296



SUBJ: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Auburn Public Library and Auburn MPS

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

We whole heartedly support the nomination of the former Auburn Public Library (Carnegie Library) to the National Register of Historic Places. As indicated in the nomination, this building played an important role in the city of Auburn and the wider community since its construction in 1909. In addition, the nomination of the following private and public buildings listed in the Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn MPS are equally important: Auburn City Hall & Fire House; Auburn Fire House No. 1 and No. 2; Auburn Grammar School; Bloomer Cut; Masonic Hall; Odd Fellows Hall; Placer County Bank; and the State Theatre.

Auburn is a unique gold rush era community. The present day appeal of the community to both residents and visitors is the small town historic charm that is enhanced by 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century structures that are included in this nomination. By approving this nomination and including them on the National Register of Historic Places, we are one step closer to preserving the uniqueness of the Auburn community for future generations.

Sincerely,

George Lay, President  
Placer Co. Historical Advisory Board

Melanie Barton, Museums Administrator  
Placer County Museums Division



January 5, 2011

California State Parks  
Attn: Office of Historic Preservation  
Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

Re: National Register of Historic Places Nominations for the Auburn Public Library and for the Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS

At its December 20, 2010, meeting the board of the Friends of Auburn Library unanimously endorsed these nominations for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Library is the first of three Carnegie Libraries in Placer County. The other two, in Lincoln and Roseville, have already been listed as I understand it.

In 2009 the Friends cosponsored a gala centennial celebration of the library's formal dedication on May 26, 1909. The dedication included the unveiling of a special art work of stacked ceramic books in a newly created garden setting at the rear of the building. One of our former librarians, nearly as old as the building itself, could recall how one of her daughters would ride her horse and tie up in back of the library. It was a great day of memory sharing.

Over the past century plus this venerable building has served not only as a home for books and learning but as a home to city government and law enforcement, an employment office during the Depression, home to the first County Library (1937), the Placer County Historical Society, the Placer County Genealogy Society and as a senior center.

Today it serves as the Old Library Art Studios, the only Carnegie Library in California to do so. Our county has a great library history. This was manifested in part by President Barack Obama recent naming of Susan Hildreth, 59, to be the fourth director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is the chief source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. After serving as Placer's fourth chief librarian, Hildreth, currently Seattle's Librarian, went on to serve as San Francisco Librarian and California State Librarian.

We encourage the State Historic Resources Commission to look favorably on these nominations.

Sincerely,

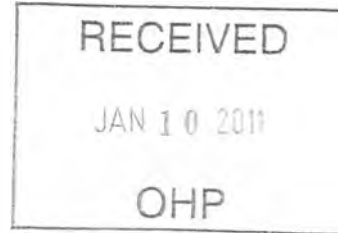
Kathleen Edwards  
President



## Placer County Visitors Bureau

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January 7, 2011

California State Parks  
Attention: Office of Historic Preservation  
Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

RE: January 28, 2011 State Historic Resources Commission consideration of  
National Register of Historic Places Nominations for the Auburn Public Library  
and for the Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

The Executive Board of the Placer County Visitors Bureau at its January 6, 2011 meeting voted to support these nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. The Bureau operates the Gold Country California Welcome Center in Auburn.

It is these types of historical touchstones that act as a natural draw to our area and are a source of many inquiries by visitors and those contacting us.

In fact, the Bureau is currently in quiet negotiations to transfer its base of operations from a converted former fast food restaurant just outside the city limits to one of the suggested sites in the Nomination for the Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS.

Auburn, established in May, 1848 with the discovery of gold by a party led by French immigrant Claude Chana, is considered by many to be the oldest most accessible Gold Rush town because it is at the crossroads of Interstate 80 and Highway 49.

In addition to being the county seat of Placer County, Auburn is known as the Endurance Capital of the World. This is due in great part to the fact the city is the finish line of two pioneering 100-mile endurance events, the 100-Mile Tevis Cup Equestrian Ride that tests both horse and rider and the 100-Mile Western States Endurance Run. Both events attract entrants from around the world.

The Board urges the State Historic Resources Commission's approval of these nominations.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Decker  
Executive Director & CEO

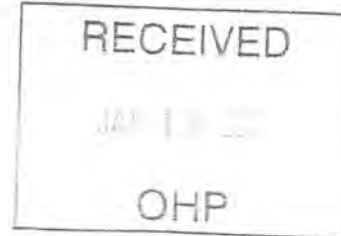




## PLACER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

January 7, 2011

California State Parks  
Attn: Office of Historic Preservation  
Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001



Dear Mr. Donaldson,

Re: National Register of Historic Places Nominations for the Auburn Public Library and for the Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS

The 278-member Placer County Historical Society strongly endorses these nominations. The society board at its regular meeting last night (Jan. 6) gave its unanimous approval after reviewing the nominations prepared by one of our members, Carmel Barry-Schweyer. The board authorized me to send in a support letter as soon as possible for consideration by the State Historic Resources Commission later this month.

My research indicates the origin of the Society goes back more than a century but that it wasn't until 1920 that it was officially incorporated by some of the county's "movers and shakers" at a meeting in the Auburn City Trustees' room in the basement of the Auburn Public Library. The society's first formal secretary was state Senator William B. Lardner, a prominent attorney who had sold the city the land for the library for \$400 more than 12 years earlier.

The society received its charter on Aug. 30, 1920, and the incorporation papers was signed by a fellow townsman, Frank C. Jordan, the longest serving secretary of state in California history. The library still serves as a storage place for the Society's history books and records although we now have our membership meetings in the historic Veterans' Memorial Hall and our board meetings in the current City Hall, which was once the Auburn Grammar School and is among the remarkable historic buildings that we hope someday will be included in the second Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS nomination.

In 2009 the Society joined with the Friends of the Library and the Old Library Art Studios, who currently occupy most of the building, in a gala centennial celebration of the library's formal dedication of May 26, 1909.

I intend to be at the meeting on Jan. 28 in Santa Rosa and will be available for questions. Thank you for considering these nominations.

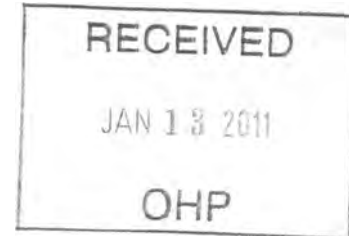
Cordially,

Michael Otten, President  
10140 Snowy Owl Way  
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Auburn CA, January 11, 2011

California State Parks  
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Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Re: National Register of Historic Places Nominations for the Auburn Public Library and for the Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

The Native Sons of the Golden West has long led the way when it comes to preserving and memorializing California history. You might say it all started with NSGW founder Albert M. Winn, the first mayor of Sacramento. In the 1880s when historical icons like the Missions and Sutter's Fort were disintegrating the NSGW led fundraising campaigns to save them for posterity. Among Maj. Gen. Winn's many contributions is the founding of the Native Sons in 1875.

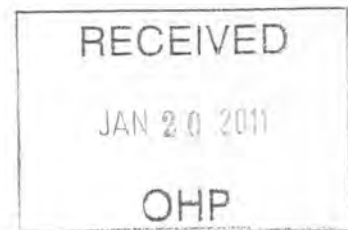
We at Auburn Parlor No. 59 continue to this day in a robust way, dedicating historical sites and buildings, restoring and displaying mining artifacts, constructing carriage barns, and restoring old horse drawn vehicles and early motor cars to be used in parades and efforts to restore and recognize our history. This would include the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West collaborating with the state in the construction of the statute of James W. Marshall that was erected above Coloma in honor of the man's whose discovery of gold on Jan. 24, 1848, led to the Gold Rush and establishment of this state.

On Jan. 11, 2011, as I took office as president of Parlor 59, our board voted to endorse the recent nominations of the Auburn Public Library and the Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS to the National Register of Historic Places. We believe these recognitions are overdue.

Thank you for considering them.

Sincerely,

Ron Figueroa  
President – Auburn #59



## Placer County Historical Foundation

Post Office Box 3212  
Auburn, CA 95604-3212

January 17, 2011

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Post Office Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Regarding: **National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Auburn Multiple Property Submission (MPS) and the Auburn Public Library**


Dear Mr. Donaldson,

In response to your letter of November 24, 2010, to the City of Auburn regarding the Architectural Resources of Auburn (MPS) and the Auburn Public Library, the Board of Directors of the Placer County Historical Foundation has reviewed the nominations and has voted to support the submission.

Our organization has been promoting the preservation of historic buildings in this community for many years. We welcome the addition of the MPS and the Auburn Public Library to the National Register as well as other Auburn historic buildings in need of preservation.

Yours sincerely,

**PLACER COUNTY HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**

  
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Hal V. Hall, President



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29 January 2011

Mr. M. Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
PO Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

I am writing to thank you, your staff, and the commission for the processing and approval of the Auburn MPS and the Auburn Carnegie Library yesterday in Santa Rosa. I must admit there were several tense moments when the items could have been pulled off the consent agenda.

As you are no doubt aware, the lack of official support from the City of Auburn was based on the mistaken, in my opinion, notion that normal maintenance of the nominated public buildings will cost the city an unknown additional expense. Even a visit by members of your staff to Auburn was unsuccessful in changing their view. A statement regarding public buildings and maintenance responsibilities, similar to that of privately own property, would have been helpful.

As we move forward with additional nominations I would suggest the next several be for privately owned property rather than public property. The State Theatre, Odd Fellows Hall, Masonic Temple, or Placer County Bank building would be ideal candidates. The owners of those properties would welcome approval.

Finally, I would like to invite the commission to schedule a future meeting in Auburn in 2012 or 2013. I will guarantee a better PA system than that in Santa Rosa.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. M. (Mike) Holmes".

J. M. (Mike) Holmes  
Auburn City Councilman

CC: PC Historical Society; Placer County Museums; Native Sons, Parlor #59

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February 9, 2011

Robert Richardson  
City of Auburn  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, California, 95603

**RE: Auburn Public Library National Register Nomination**

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 2010 regarding the National Register nomination for the Auburn Public Library, located at 175 Almond Street. In your letter, you ask that the Auburn Public Library be removed from consideration by the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) and if this is not possible, you ask that the Commission decline to place the Library in the National Register (Register).

Please note that the Commission is only charged with making a recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer to forward or not forward, nominations to the Keeper of the National Register (Keeper) for final approval. The Commission itself does not list properties in the Register.

Unfortunately, there is no provision in the Federal Regulations that govern the National Register (36 CFR Part 60.6) that allow me to remove nominations from consideration because of local government opposition. Owners of private property may object to their property being listed in the Register, however, the State Historical Resources Commission may still recommend that the nomination be forwarded to the Keeper for a Determination of Eligibility.

At its regular quarterly meeting on January 28, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn Multiple Property Submission, and the Auburn Public Library nomination, to the Keeper of the National Register for final approval. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Correia, Supervisor of the Registration Unit, at 916-445-7008.

Sincerely,

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer



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February 14, 2011

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service 2280  
1201 I (Eye) Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Subject: **Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn  
Auburn Public Library  
Auburn, Placer County, California  
National Register of Historic Places**

Dear Ms. Shull: *Carol*

Enclosed please find the **Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn MPS** document and the **Auburn Public Library** nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The MPS includes the MPDF and one associated property. This property is located in the city of Auburn, in Placer County, California. On January 28, 2011, the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously found the Architectural and Historic Resources of Auburn MPDF and one associated property eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance.

You will note that the MPDF document makes reference to nine additional property nominations. Staff has asked the applicant to revise and expand these nominations before review by the State Historical Resources Commission and they are not being forwarded at this time.

The property is nominated by Carmel Berry-Schweyer, and is owned by the City of Auburn.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact William Burg of my staff at 916-445-7004.

Sincerely,

*Wayne*

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures