

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview Carnegie

Libraries, Ramsey County  
Continuation sheet

Item number 7

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HISTORIC AND COMMON NAME:  Riverview Branch Library (Carnegie Libraries of St. Paul TR),

LOCATION:  1 East George Street  
 St. Paul  4th Congressional District  
 Minnesota Code 22  Ramsey County Code 123

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY OF DESIGN: Unaltered  
 Original Site

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916

ARCHITECT: Charles Hausler

BUILDER: Cameron and Company

DESCRIPTION:

The Riverview Branch Library is located at 1 East George Street in a primarily residential neighborhood in St. Paul's Upper West Side. This Beaux Arts style building is located directly opposite the Rau Strong House, a large limestone house which combines the Italianate, Second Empire, and Eastlake styles, and which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Like the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, this brick building has a symmetrical seven bay facade with large rounded arched window openings, a hip-ped roof, a coursed ashlar foundation, and classical detailing such as brick pilasters and a cornice with modillions. Unlike the St. Anthony Park Library, this building is sited parallel with the street, and has only one stairway, with the steps parallel to the facade. The detailing of this building is not quite as lavish as that of the St. Anthony Park Library, even though they both cost \$26,000 to construct, as did the Arlington Hills Library. Where the library in St. Anthony Park has a red tile roof, this building has a slate tile roof. Though some minor changes have been made to the entrance, fenestration, and interior, the design is basically intact. Early in 1981 the City of St. Paul proposed closing this library and the Arlington Hills Library, though this plan has met with considerable neighborhood opposition, and final decisions on the future use of the building have not been made.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: Lots 4 and 5, Block 86, West St. Paul.  
 Acreage: less than 1. St. Paul East Quad. 7.5. UTM References, 15 / 493330 / 4974960  
 SIGNIFICANCE: See #8