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The Carnegie Library, a two-story brick building with a basement, faces east on Newton's Main street and architecturally presents an Eclectic appearance. Its dimensions originally were 51 feet wide and 62 feet deep; a small one-story brick addition at the northwest corner has added about 30 feet to the length.

The water table of rough cut limestone blocks is separated from the red brick walls by a belt course of smooth cut stone. Cut stone sills and lintels are used at all window openings. The cornice is also of cut stone.

Two Ionic stone columns support the two-story porch above the east entrance. A large flat lintel is situated over the doorway.

The exterior of the building has not been greatly altered except for the addition to the rear; the addition is not obvious from the front. Recently the Harvey County Historical Society undertook a renovation project in which the walls were sandblasted, tuckpointed and waterproofed, all wood and metal trim was painted, the front entrance single door was replaced with the original double doors, and new roofing was installed. A wrought iron fence was placed around the property for protection.

The main floor contained two reading rooms (one for children and the other for the general public), the librarian's station and the stack area. The second floor had only one room which was planned for use as a lecture room or art gallery. The basement floor had a large club room, committee rooms, rest rooms and a furnace room.

The interior is likewise very much as it was originally. New carpeting has been placed on the main floor, and the walls and book shelves were repainted. The building is now used to house the archives of the county historical society and also provides space for meetings. The building and the historical collections it houses are open daily to the public.



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EMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The city of Newton was one of many communities which in the early 20th century were given funds by Andrew Carnegie for the construction of libraries.

On March 23, 1902, the chairman of Newton's library board received confirmation that Carnegie would provide \$10,000 for a free public library if Newton would guarantee to furnish \$1,000 annually for maintenance. Civic leaders thought that a \$15,000 library would better serve the needs of Newton's population. quently the city commission in April adopted a resolution pledging the city to raise \$1,500 a year to support the library if Carnegie would donate \$15,000.

Numerous sites were considered as possible locations for the The matter was settled when E. C. Lewellen presented the city with the deed for three lots on the northwest corner of Main and Second streets. He stipulated that the land be used only as the site for the library.

In March, 1903, the library board was informed that the Carnegie gift would be paid in installments of \$2,000 or \$3,000 upon the city's presentation of the architect's statement certifying that the funds were actually needed to pay for work completed. After receiving an affirmative response from Carnegie representatives to their plea for additional money, the board requested specifications for a structure to cost \$12,500. They planned to use the additional \$2,500 to equip the building with a heating system, book stacks and other furnishings.

Architect W. W., Bose of Kansas City, who designed the Kansas building at the 1903 St. Louis World's Fair, was chosen to design the Newton Carnegie Library. Construction began late in March, 1903. Reikowsky and Company of Hutchinson was awarded the construction contract. Although work was hampered by strikes and inclement weather, all was in readiness for the grand opening on March 14, 1904. The Carnegie Library served the people of Newton until a new library was opened in April, 1973.

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"Library Plans Selected," Newton Evening Kansan-Republican, March 20, 1903. Newton Evening Kansan-Republican, March 24, 25, 26, April 4, July 30, 1902; February 25, 27, March 7, 1903; January 1, March 1, 14, 15, 1904.

"The Newton Free Library," Newton Kansan Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, August 22, 1922, pp. 75, 76.

Newton Library Board Minutes (abstracted by the Harvey County Historical Society).

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8. The old Carnegie library was acquired from the city April 1, 1973, by the Harvey County Historical Society for the sum of \$1.00. The library building has been restored and will now provide meeting facilities and house the archives of the county historical society.

The Carnegie Library for almost 70 years played a vital role in the cultural and educational growth of the Newton community.

