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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dallas Carnegie Library is a one story Greek Revival style building resting upon a high basement. The library has brick walls, a brick foundation and a wooden shingled hip roof. Brick steps lead up to the entrance, which has double leaf doors with a single panel of glass in each. A six paned transom rests atop the doors. Two Doric columns support the triangular pediment over the front entrance. A cut stone stringcourse divides the basement from the ground floor, while another stringcourse encircles the library under the cornice.

Windows on the front facade are multipane with sidelights. All of the other windows are rectangular and double hung. Cut stone lugsills decorate all of the fenestration.

The building needs minor repairs on the main floor and major repairs in the basement. It is an impressive building in appearance, well located, and should be preserved as part of the early day social and cultural development of the community.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dallas Carnegie Library is an architecturally important structure to the community. The building has not undergone any major alterations or additions. Its classical style is typical of numerous Carnegie donations, but this library is the only one of its kind in the Rosebud country.

As early as 1909 the Dallas Town Board and citizens saw the need for a good library, if the town was to progress. In 1913, application was made by a concerned Town Board for a Carnegie Library Grant to further the progress of the town of Dallas. The Carnegie donated \$5,000 for the library. G.C. Miller of Chicago designed and G.E. Townsend of Dallas constructed the building. The library was of great importance to the Dallas townspeople as a resource center for further study and education. Early homesteaders and farmers were anxious for good reading materials for themselves and their children.

The building is in good condition, but needs some minor repairs. Still used as a library, it is one of the thousands of public libraries built with the aid of the Carnegie Corporation. Many Carnegie libraries are being torn down or converted for other enterprises, but the Daïlas Carnegie Library remains unchanged in structure and use since its construction in 1913.

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