

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Morris Carnegie Library

and/or common Stevens County Historical Society

2. Location

street & number Nevada and 6th Sts. N/A not for publication

city, town Morris N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Stevens code 149

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Morris

street & number N/A

city, town Morris N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds -- Stevens County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Morris state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date July, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Morris Carnegie Library is located on a corner lot on Morris' West Side, a short distance from the central business district.

The one story rectangular structure is built of brick from the Menominee Hydraulic Press Brick Company. The roofline features a brick parapet over a projecting cornice with modillions and acanthus leaves at the four corners. The central recessed entrance is topped by a pediment in the cornice and a name plate bearing "CARNEGIE", and is flanked by two granite columns. Windows at the front and sides of the structure are in groups of threes on a slightly recessed plane; upper sash of both windows and the entrance feature a pattern of multiple triangles. Ornamentation includes the uses of relief banding of brick at the corners and at either side of the entrance. These "pilasters" utilize Bedford stone with relief detailing as capitals and at the base. Stone is also utilized at the water table.

The interior of the building features a central desk area and two reading areas at either side. Both the interior and the exterior have good integrity. The building currently serves as the museum of the Stevens County Historical Society.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1905 **Builder/Architect** Sedgwick & Saxton, Minneapolis

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Morris Carnegie Library is significant for its locally distinctive and well preserved architectural styling, representing a long-standing educational focus in the city of Morris. The building was constructed with the assistance of Carnegie funds, and designed by the Minneapolis firm of Sedgwick and Saxton (Charles Sedgwick's earlier work includes the Newell House (1888) and the Westminister Presbyterian Church (1896-98), both in Minneapolis).¹ As was the case with most Carnegie libraries in small Minnesota communities, the selection of a prominent site and attention to classical design resulted in a building with a strong local visibility. The lack of alterations, and the continued maintenance by the Stevens County Historical Society since the new Morris Public Library was built in 1968, have preserved the status of this building in the Morris community.

¹Other designs by Sedgwick are the Goodfellow Dry Goods Store (Dayton's) in Minneapolis and the George Baird House in Edina.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Morris Public Library Files, Morris, MN.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Morris Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A

1	5	2	7	2	4	2	0	5	0	5	1	9	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 12 Original Town
Lots 25-26

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dennis Gimmestad, Acting Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer

organization Minnesota Historical Society date 5 November 1982

street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone 612-726-1171

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12/15/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Melissa Byers Entered in the National Register date 1/27/83
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration