



**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Education/Library

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Work in Progress

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_\_\_  
walls \_\_\_\_\_ Brick \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_ Asphalt \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_ Wood \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Carnegie Library is a one-story brick, 3 bay, rectangular plan, Colonial Revival style building. The building has a hipped roof with composition shingles, wood modillion block cornice, concrete beltcourse and watertable, and raised scored concrete foundation. On the main (S) facade is a projecting pedimented entrance bay. The entrance is slightly recessed within an arched decorative concrete surround with keystone. Entrance doors are original single light glass and wood design and above the doors is a large arched single light transom. Flanking the entrance are inscribed panels containing information about the builders and building committee. Windows are original one-over-one rectangular wood sash with a number of the window openings covered with plywood. Basement windows are also one-over-one sash and many of these are also covered with plywood. Between the windows on the first floor are engaged columns with egg and dart capitals.

The interior of the building was built with a large main reading room, two offices, and two restrooms on the main floor. The interior retains its original wood floor, plaster walls, and plaster cove ceiling. Doors are of six panel raised design with large wood cornices. No other decorative detailing is located on this floor. The basement level contains one large room with a concrete floor and walls.

The building is sited on a bluff with the main facade facing Moscow Avenue. In front of the building is the modern public library and to the north and west are parking areas.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Education  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
1908 - ca. 1939  
1908

Significant Dates  
1908  
1908

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Whitfield and King, Architects  
Spradling Co., Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Carnegie Library of Hickman, Kentucky is significant under criteria A and C for its architectural design and role in the educational history of the community. The building was constructed in 1908 and designed in the Colonial Revival style of the period with detailing similar to other Carnegie financed libraries during this period in Kentucky. It was built to house the town's public library and it served in this capacity until 1975 when a new library building was constructed. The original library building has since been vacant and is presently under renovation as a museum and tourist center. The building's original exterior design and detailing has not been altered and it retains its original architectural character. The building's exterior design is the most notable example of the Colonial Revival style of any pre-1940 commercial or public building in Hickman.

The Carnegie Library was the first major public library erected in Hickman. In the early 1900s efforts to secure an Andrew Carnegie Foundation grant was led by Professor B. F. Gabby, principal of Hickman College. Gabby and the local school board solicited funds from the Foundation for several years and were rewarded in January of 1908 with the announcement of a \$10,000 donation. The main responsibility of the town was to secure a suitable site for the library and Hickman College donated a large lot to the north of its campus. The Hickman Courier praised the Carnegie Foundation for its decision and noted that it was "rather unusual for a city the size of Hickman to procure a Carnegie Library - in fact, Hickman is the only town of its size in western Kentucky or Tennessee that has been thusly favored."

Construction on the library began in early 1908 and the building was completed in October. The architects for the building were Whitfield and King and the builder was a Mr. Spradling. The building's symmetrical design reflected the Colonial Revival style with a prominent pediment on the main facade. The entrance was located in a large arched opening with a console keystone and at the roofline was a large bracketed cornice. Dividing the windows on the main facades were Doric motif pilasters.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Fulton County Historical Society, Fulton County History. Taylor Publishing Company: Dallas, 1983 APR 17 1990

Hickman Leader. Hickman, Kentucky, 11 June 1970.

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

D 

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Hickman Quad.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for the Carnegie Library is shown on the accompanying Fulton County tax map which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 300'. The boundary follows the dotted line which is located within the lot set aside for the public library.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Carnegie Library is drawn to include the building and approximately five feet of adjacent land on all four sides of the building. This boundary is drawn to exclude the modern library building which is located 25' to the south and to exclude parking lots to the west and north.

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During the course of the building's construction Captain H. A. Tyler, a prominent Hickman citizen, donated \$1,000 to be used to purchase books for the library on the condition that the town raise an equal amount. The town was successful in its fund raising efforts and when the library opened it boasted 20,000 volumes. At its opening the town boasted the library as the most attractive and best equipped in the region.

During the early 20th century the Carnegie Library served residents of Hickman in a variety of capacities. In addition to its role as the town's public library the building also housed the first through fourth grades of the public school for a number of years. The basement of the building was used not only for classrooms but also as a cafeteria for students. The building was also the regular meeting place for social organizations such as the Hickman Woman's Club and Hickman Homemakers Club. New books for the library were continually added through these groups's efforts and those of the local Parent-Teacher Association.

By the 1970s the building's space was determined to no longer meet the town's library requirements. A new building was begun in 1974 and completed in 1975 on an adjacent lot directly south of the original building. The Carnegie Library building was vacated and has remained unused to the present. The building is presently undergoing renovation into a museum and tourist center.

The Carnegie Library is the only pre-1940 library building remaining in Hickman and served as the town's primary library facility during much of the 20th century. The building's original design remains intact and no significant alterations have occurred. The present renovation work is planned to be in keeping with the building's original character.



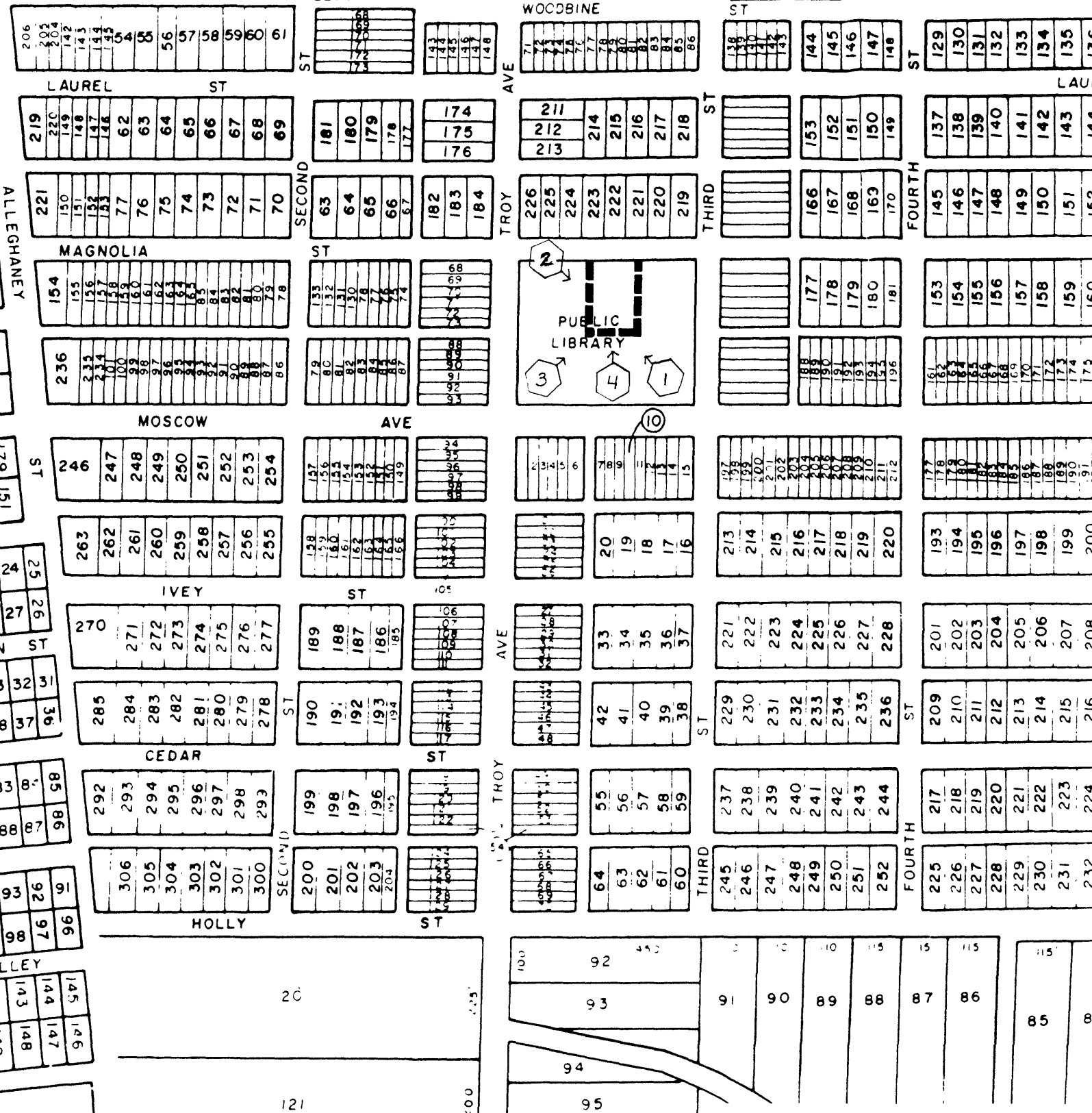
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CARNEGIE LIBRARY  
 Property Boundary  
 Photo Key

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

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Hickman, Kentucky Multiple Resource Area  
Carnegie Library, Moscow Avenue, Hickman, Kentucky  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Neg: KY Heritage Council  
Date: July, 1989  
View: Towards northwest of south and east facades.  
Photo # 1 of 4

Hickman, Kentucky Multiple Resource Area  
Carnegie Library, Moscow Avenue, Hickman, Kentucky  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Neg: KY Heritage Council  
Date: July, 1989  
View: Towards southeast of north and west facades.  
Photo # 2 of 4

Hickman, Kentucky Multiple Resource Area  
Carnegie Library, Moscow Avenue, Hickman, Kentucky  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Neg: KY Heritage Council  
Date: July, 1989  
View: Towards northeast of west and south facades.  
Photo # 3 of 4

Hickman, Kentucky Multiple Resource Area  
Carnegie Library, Moscow Avenue, Hickman, Kentucky  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Neg: KY Heritage Council  
Date: July, 1989  
View: Main entrance.  
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