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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001703

Date Listed: 11/15/90

Cox, Angie Williams, Library
Property Name

Columbia
County

WI
State

Public Library Facilities of Wisconsin MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Beth Boland
Signature of the Keeper

5/21/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Materials:

Item #6 of the nomination form lists concrete as the foundation material, but the description (#7, p1, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence) states that the building sits on a stone foundation, and the foundation appears to be stone in the photographs. **The correct foundation material is stone.**

This information was verified by Jim Draeger of the WI SHPO staff.

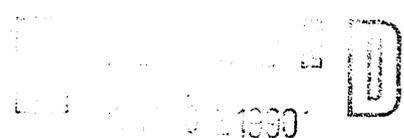
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only archival paper (20 pound, acid free paper with a 2% alkaline reserve).

1. Name of Property

historic name Angie Williams Cox Library
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 129 North Main Street N/A Not for Publication
city, town Pardeeville N/A vicinity
state Wisconsin code WI county Columbia code 021 zip code 53954

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Public Library Facilities of Wisconsin

No. of contributing resources
previously listed in the
National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

[Handwritten Signature]

9/20/90

Signature of certifying official
State Historic Preservation Officer-WI
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet

Beth Boland

11/15/90

___ determined eligible for the National Register. ___ See continuation sheet

___ determined not eligible for the National Register.

___ removed from the National Register.

___ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/Library
SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

EDUCATION/Library
SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Angie Cox Memorial Library, a renovated Georgian Revival building, is sited on Main Street in the business district in Pardeeville, Wisconsin, population 1594. The building is located in the heart of the main business district of Pardeeville and is surrounded by simple brick and wood frame turn of the century commercial buildings. Unlike the typical 20th century plan, the Angie Williams Cox Library is located within the downtown commercial district, a siting more typical of 19th century libraries.

The building was built around circa 1900 of pink Portage brick and originally served as an Odd Fellows Lodge. The building was extensively renovated in 1934 by Leon Stanhope during which the front twelve feet and front facade were added. The library has a rectangular, symmetrically-composed front facade with classically-inspired ornamentation and large windows. Stone is used for exterior trim.

The front (east) facade has a symmetrical temple front form divided in three equal bays by giant order pilasters. The pilasters extend from the foundation to the pedimented cornice. The entablature is decorated by modillion blocks and triglyphs. Two doors flank a bowed twenty-eight-light window in the center of the facade. All have jack arch lintels. Each door has fifteen-light-panes capped by a six light transom. Blind arched reveals incorporate the two-over-three paired casement windows which light the interior mezzanine. False shutters ornament the mezzanine windows. The second-story windows are directly above and are identical to the mezzanine windows. The overall exterior appearance suggests a three-story building, though it is functionally two stories.

The north facade exhibits two identical fifteen-light doors with five pane sidelights. Each door has a tripartite multipane window above, separated by a simple transom bar. To the east of the left door, and to the west of the right door, are tripartite windows, identical to, and at the same level as, the windows over the doors. There is a row of four sash windows along the third floor level. A pilaster on the east end of the facade separates the 1934 addition from the rest of the building.

The rear (west) facade of the building has two sash windows on the second floor level, three four-light windows at the mezzanine level and four four-light windows at the ground level, with a projecting basement entrance to the right. Return eaves ornament the rear wall.

X See continuation sheet

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The south side of the building features a second story exterior metal fire escape, and windows similar to those on the rear, four on the second story level, four at the mezzanine level, and seven at the ground level. A pilaster marks the edge of the 1934 addition.

The entire building is set on a raised stone foundation. The foundation of the 1934 addition is random-laid ashlar. A matching ashlar stone wall, about three feet high runs along the sidewalk edge of the building, enclosing a garden to the north of the building. Mature trees landscape the garden.

Upon entering the front door, one steps into a foyer, which steps up into an open reading room. The mezzanine is to the south and west of the building, accommodating library shelves. The circulation desk is to the south-center, with the office behind it. To the rear (west) is the children's reading area. The walls are covered with wood paneling and colonial chandeliers hang from the ceiling.

The stairs to the basement are next to the office. A basement hallway (perpetually painted with sunflowers, as required by the library Rules and Regulations) leads to restrooms, a kitchen, dining room and meeting room.

A stairway from the ground floor office also leads to the second story. This story contains a hall with lockers, a lodge room, lounge room, small kitchen and two toilets.

Integrity: The library has remained in continual use since its remodelling and reuse as a library in 1934 and the major physical characteristics which relate it to its broader property type are largely unchanged.

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Education (continued)

"In the social center, play is to be directed to bring out the child's ability to live with others, to learn self-control, to give and take, to enjoy with others and to be happy in contributing his part."⁵

She further emphasized her hopes that the surrounding community would take advantage of the educational facility:

"We hope to widen our influence beyond the village limits to tempt all the people living in the country-side to come and partake of these advantages."⁶

She planned the library rooms to accommodate teachers' exhibitions, demonstrations and meetings.⁷

The library was an instrumental force in the educational history of Pardeeville. It provided important facilities for the education and acculturation of citizens of all ages. Together with the public schools, it formed the loci for educational endeavors in the city of Pardeeville. The library continues to be an educational center, with summer reading programs for children, and continued availability to lecture and exhibition space.

Social History

The Angie Williams Cox Library renovation in 1934 was planned to create a number of spaces available to social groups in the Pardeeville Library. Having purchased the former lodge house from the Odd Fellows organization, provisions were made in the 1934 "Angie Williams Cox Library, Inc. Statements and Regulations" to lease the second floor lodge room to various community groups. The lodge room and the basement kitchen and dining room were made available for an annual fee to the local Masons, Organization of the Eastern Star, International Organization of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Lodge. These lodge rooms were served an important and necessary social function for the community of Pardeeville in providing the primary facility for a wide variety of social and fraternal groups. No charge was made for the Mezzanine Room for small meetings, and free use was granted to the Girl Scouts and the Community Association.⁸ The inclusion of lodge space in a public library appears to be a manifestation which is unique to the Angie Williams Cox Library.

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Social History (continued)

The rooms continue to be used for social gatherings today. The basement rooms are currently used for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The Angie Williams Cox Library has served the Pardeeville community as a constant reminder of Mrs. Cox's commitment to her native village. Through her devotion, Pardeeville has an impressive social and educational center which rivals many other such institutions in the region.

Registration Requirements

The Angie Williams Cox Library meets the registration requirements for Free-standing library facilities specified in the Multiple Property Form as follows:

- a) Criterion A: The Angie Williams Cox Library served a significant role in the local community as educational center, cultural center and social focal point.
- b) Criterion B: The Angie Williams Cox Library is a dramatic symbol of the philanthropic works of Angie Cox, who had a significant role in the development and continued success of the library.
- c) Integrity: The library has remained in continual use since its construction in 1934 and the physical characteristics are largely unchanged.

Association with a Significant Person

The library is additionally significant on the local level under Criterion B as the most important philanthropic effort of Angie Williams Cox, (1860 - 1954).⁹ Cox spent much of her life overseeing her philanthropic projects throughout the United States. She was born to parents of modest means in Pardeeville, Wisconsin, and as a child learned to love books.¹⁰ In 1896 she married Amaariah Cox, who was well on his way to becoming a wealthy man, as his chewing gum firm merged with the Wrigley Chewing Gum Company of Chicago. Amaariah became vice president and treasurer of the firm, leaving an estate of over \$4,000,000 upon his death in 1941.¹¹

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Significant Person (continued)

Angie Cox's philanthropic works range from the purchase of books for needy school children in Kentucky and North Carolina¹², to donating land adjacent to the village of Pardeeville, Wisconsin to the Volunteers of America for use as a campground for underprivileged children¹³, to developing parks with extensive recreational facilities, again adjacent to Pardeeville¹⁴, to establishing and later endowing the School of Government at the Pricipia, a Christian Science educational institution in St. Louis, Missouri. ¹⁵ However, of this vast generosity, her favored project, or "eldest child"¹⁶, as she called it, was the library in Pardeeville, Wisconsin.

In 1910, Angie Cox, frustrated at the lack of a proper library in Pardeeville, convinced the editor of the Pardeeville-Wyocena Times to provide a shelf in his print shop for a few books.¹⁴ The modest library started with 20 books, but by 1925, the library housed 750 books, most donated by Angie Cox. In 1925, Angie Cox purchased a building on Main Street for the village, which was named the Angie Williams Cox Library.

By 1934, the building was too small for the actively growing library, thanks to Mrs. Cox's constant donations of books. In that year, she purchased the old Odd Fellows lodge on Main Street to be renovated for the new library.¹⁸ Mrs. Cox's generosity toward her home town is made evident in the fact that she spent nearly \$36,000 in purchase and renovation costs in a particularly difficult Depression year.¹⁹ In addition to giving the building and land to the village of Pardeeville, she also donated thousands of dollars worth of books, furniture and equipment. ²⁰

Though Angie Cox made numerous monetary donations to the library throughout her life, averaging over \$2,000 a year from 1929 to 1950²¹. She also kept a close hand on library policies, approving the Articles of Organization²² and the Statements and Regulations in 1925.²³ In addition, Mrs. Cox selected and purchased the library books and magazines herself. She spent a great deal of time reading books on how to select books, periodicals, and reviewing book catalogs and book reviews before selection.²⁴

Since her death, in 1954, the Angie Williams Cox endowment continues to aid the library. She willed over \$25,000 to the library. Interest on dividends from this endowment continue to help fund the library today.²⁵

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The building is significant under Criterion B as a representation of the individual efforts of Angie Williams Cox in ensuring a quality library facility for her beloved hometown. Clearly the importance of Angie Williams Cox's individual contribution to the library can not be overstated. She was founder, financier and guiding hand of the library throughout her life. Her individual role in purchasing and renovating the building, financing the library collection and contributing to the financial stability of the library was a significant expression of public benevolence. It is certain that without the philanthropic efforts of Cox, a library of this size, stature and sophistication would have been beyond the resources of the small community of Pardeeville.

The architect, Leon E. Stanhope, was born on October 9, 1873. He had no formal education beyond the eighth grade, but had "private tutoring in Architectural Design and Structural Engineering - also Reading and Travel."²⁶ Stanhope spent most of his career in individual practise and for some time in his career specialized in the design of Christian Science churches. From 1906 to 1907 he was a special partner in the firm of Holabird and Roche, operating a branch office of the firm in San Francisco. He died in October of 1956.²⁷ No other buildings in Wisconsin have been attributed to Stanhope.

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FOOTNOTES

1. Renovation specifications, Leon E. Stanhope, Milwaukee/Chicago, June 1, 1934.
2. Ibid. Renovation architect (original architect and construction unknown, other than prior to 1919-).
3. See "Free-standing Public Library Facilities" in Public Library Facilities of Wisconsin.
4. Thomas A. Reineck, "The Philanthropic Works of Angie Williams Cox", Seminar Paper, Wisconsin State University, LaCrosse, 1970., p. 48. (Hereafter "Philanthropic Works.")
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.
7. Ibid.
8. Statements and Regulations, of the Angie Williams Cox Library, Inc.", 1934., pp. 6-7.
9. Reineck, "Philanthropic Works," p. 5.
10. Ibid. p. 10.
11. Ibid., pp. 7-8.
12. Ibid., pp. 30-1.
13. Ibid., pp. 26-7.

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14. Ibid. p. 28.
15. Ibid., pp. 32-3.
16. Ibid., p. 53.
17. Ibid., p. 10
18. Ibid., p. 20
19. Ibid.
20. Ibid. p. 21
21. Ibid. p. 24
22. Ibid., pp. 39-43.
23. Ibid., pp. 58-64.
24. Ibid. p. 22.
25. Ibid. p. 24.
26. Examining Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, Series 1591, Box 18.
27. Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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 #

X See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:
X State Historic preservation office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
X Other
Specify repository:
Angie W. Cox Library, Pardeeville, WI

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 1/6 3/1/4/1/4/0 4/8/2/2/8/4/0 B / / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
C / / / / / / / / / / / / D / / / / / / / / / / / /

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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X See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

Entire parcel of land historically associated with property.

See continuation sheet

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

County of Columbia, and State of Wisconsin commencing at a point one hundred and ninety eight (198) feet south (S) of the southeast (SE) corner of out lot eight (8) in the Village of Pardeeville according to the recorded plat thereof, thence, northwesterly (NW) and at right angles to the west (W) line of Main Street, one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to a point; thence northeasterly (NE) eighty eight (88) feet to a point; thence southeasterly (SE) and at a right angle to the west (W) line of Main Street one hundred and sixty five (165) feet to a point; thence south westerly (SW) on west (W) line of Main Street; eighty eight (88) feet to the point of beginning; said property having been acquired by Angie Williams Cox, grantor herein, by deeds.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

The following applies to all photographs:

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Photos by Barbara Kooiman, August 1988
Negatives located at State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Photo 1 of 4	Exterior, Looking Southwest
Photo 2 of 4	Exterior, East facade, Looking West
Photo 3 of 4	Exterior, south facade, Looking Northwest
Photo 4 of 4	Exterior, West facade, Looking Northeast

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