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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Carnegie Library

AND/OR COMMON same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, near the intersection of Gamble and Boulevard Streets

CITY, TOWN Tallahassee VICINITY OF A & M University
STATE Florida COUNTY Leon CODE 12 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
CODE 073

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

STREET & NUMBER Elliott Building

CITY, TOWN Tallahassee STATE Florida
VICINITY OF 32304

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Leon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Tallahassee STATE Florida

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Tallahassee Capitol Center Survey

DATE 1975
_FEDERAL STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Division of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN Tallahassee STATE Florida

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 Carnegie Library is designed in the Neo-Classic Revival style of the early 20th century. The square, white brick building has a hipped roof and pedimented portico. Compared with today's university buildings the scale of the Carnegie Library is quite small, however the building has a prominent position on the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University campus, which reflects the importance of the Carnegie endowment to the then small Normal School and also the importance of the library to a university campus.

The 2-story building has three major bays, the central being the portico with three bays of its own. The Ionic columns of the portico, which are raised on square plinths, are fluted and include a bas-relief neck just beneath the capital. There is a full entablature. This, however, is altered on the main block where the architrave is omitted.

There are also distinctions in fenestration. Under the portico, the central bay contains a double doorway with dog-eared surround. Superimposed is a Roman screen window. On either side of this, in the remaining bays of the portico, are 6/1 double hung sash on the second floor and small, high fixed nine pane sash on the first floor. The latter have brick jack arches with keystones.

The remaining triplet double hung sash windows on all facades are inset in brick panels. These inset panels have relief brick panels under each set of windows. The building rests on a low basement, delineated by a projecting water table.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION	
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE	
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE	
___1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	XEDUCATION	___MILITARY	XSOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER	
___1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION	
X1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		___INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES +1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Carnegie Library is one of the oldest buildings on the campus of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida. It was constructed during the school's formative period as an institution of higher education. Physically it typifies the architecture of public libraries of the era, and its presence on the FAMU campus symbolized the school's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of education for black Floridians.

In 1887, the Florida State Normal and Industrial School for Negro Youth received its charter. Organized as part of Governor William D. Bloxham's program to improve public education in Florida, it soon became a land grant institution utilizing funds made available by the Morrill Act of 1890. The new school was originally located in a building on what is now the campus of Florida State University, but in 1890, it was moved to a site south of Tallahassee. By 1901, the campus consisted of eight buildings.

At a meeting of the institution's General Alumni Association in 1904, a committee was appointed to approach Andrew Carnegie, prominent industrialist and philanthropist who for several years had been utilizing his wealth to endow cultural institutions, for a grant with which to build a library on the Normal School's campus.¹ In December 1905, the year that college level courses began to be offered at the school, a fire consumed the main building - Duval Hall - which contained the existing library facility and administration offices. Negotiations for library funding were intensified as a result of this development, and in July, 1906, President Nathan Young was able to report that \$10,000 had been obtained from Carnegie for the erection of a library building.² The only stipulation placed on the use of those funds was that the college take the responsibility for stocking the library with books.

The completed facility which was dedicated in February, 1908, had the distinction of being the only Carnegie library located on a Negro land grant college campus.³ Other similar institutions in the country became interested in the Carnegie program as a result of this project. The General Alumni Association took an active part in donating books and securing funds to stock the library, and by 1913, it had eight thousand

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	16	76,06	15,5	3,3	6,9	1,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
C						

B						
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building and 80 ft. perimeter.

*For Townes, per Dan Dibblee
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Division of Archives, History & Records Management 1/30/78

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Tallahassee

Florida

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

[Signature] 6/27/78

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

DATE

11-17-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Jane H. Gilmore 11/16/78

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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volumes. It was in 1908 that the school became known as Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, a name retained until the institution became an university in 1953. In 1947, a new library was constructed to serve the expanded needs of the college.

¹Leedell W. Neyland and John W. Riley, The History of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1963) p. 57.

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