

# Iowa Site Inventory

Division of Historic Preservation  
Iowa State Historical Department  
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 46-012-002  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

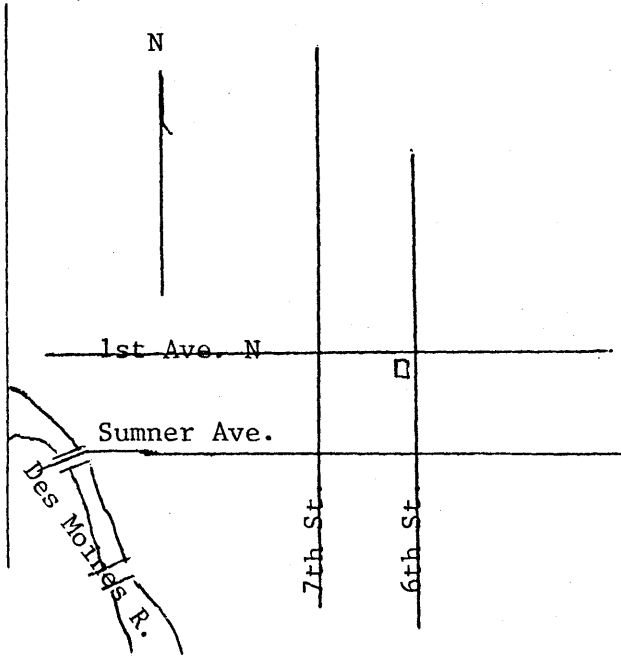
## Identification

- Site Name Humboldt Free Public Library
- Village/Town/City Humboldt Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Humboldt
- Street Address 30 Sixth Street North
- Legal Location \_\_\_\_\_ OT \_\_\_\_\_ 32 \_\_\_\_\_ Part Lots 11,12  
Urban: subdivision Rural: township block range parcel section subparcel % section of % section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 400150 northing 4730350; Acreage </
- Owner(s) Name City of Humboldt
- Owner(s) Address \_\_\_\_\_ Humboldt, Iowa 50548 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- Use: Present library Original library

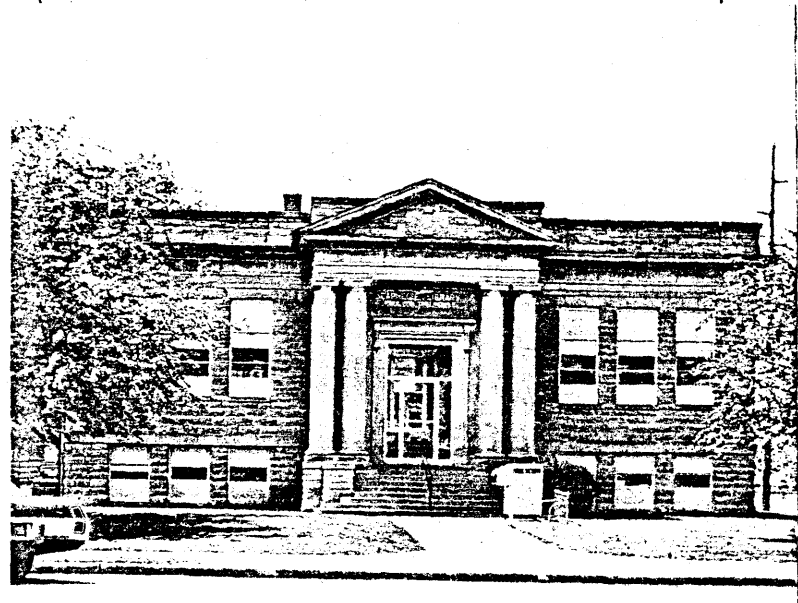
## Description

- Date of Construction 1908-09 Architect/Builder xxxxxHallett and Rawson, Des Moines
- Building Type:  
 single-family dwelling     industrial     other institutional     religious  
 multiple-family dwelling     educational     public     agricultural  
 commercial
- Exterior Walls:  clapboard  stone  brick  board and batten  shingles  stucco  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
- Structural System:  wood frame with interlocking joints  wood frame with light members (balloon frame)  
 masonry load-bearing walls  iron frame  steel frame with curtain walls  reinforced concrete  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
- Condition:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- Integrity:  original site  moved—if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:  
Windows and door replaced with aluminum frames(recently).
- Related Outbuildings and Property:  barn  other farm structures  carriage house  garage  privy  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the building endangered?  no  yes—if so, why? \_\_\_\_\_
- Surroundings of the building:  open land  woodland  scattered outbuildings  densely built-up  commercial  
 industrial  residential  other \_\_\_\_\_

### 18. Map



### 19. Photo



# Significance

(Indicate sources of information for all statements)

## 19. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

The Humboldt Public Library is one of the better examples of its form-type—the parapetted block with a distyle portico fronting a projecting central pavilion. It is unusual in the use of stone as the major building material. The rough texture of the rock-faced stone used in the walls and the use of the Tuscan order on the portico give the building a pleasingly rustic appearance, something not seen in similar libraries (see Jefferson, Manchester, Marion). The front elevation reveals the figure-ground relationship of portico to fenestration that makes for a harmonious facade. The plan conforms to Type III.

## 20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

- DHPFIR, S. Dennett, 1979.
- DHPLSQ, Marilyn Fevola, Director.

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## For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

### 1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: \_\_\_\_\_
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Subject Traces

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Photo Images

499/4-6; 584/12A-20A;  
574/4; 581/28A-42A & 1A-2A;  
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