

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 44-006-012
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

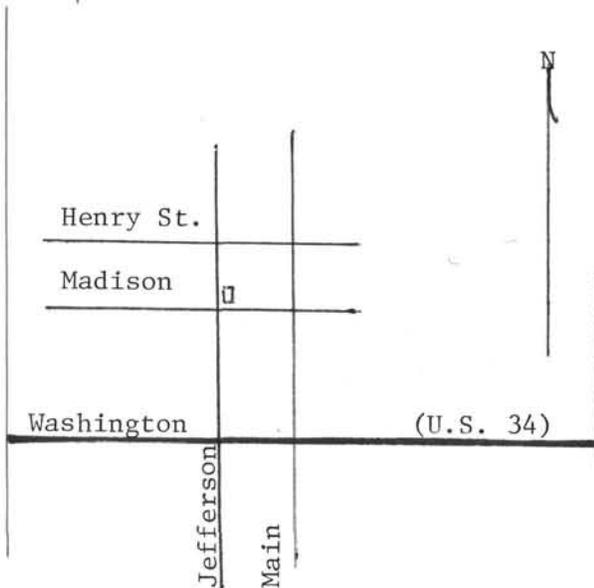
Identification

1. Site Name Mount Pleasant Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Mount Pleasant Township _____ County Henry
3. Street Address 200 N. Main Street
4. Legal Location _____ OT _____ 13 _____ 4 _____
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
Rural: township range section ¼ section of ¼ section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 621000 northing 4533000; Acreage _____
621790 4536182 4 AD83
6. Owner(s) Name City of Mount Pleasant
7. Owner(s) Address _____
(Street address) Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641 (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present library Original library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1903-04 Architect/Builder xxxx Patton & Miller, Chicago
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other with stone tower and trim
12. 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 _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. 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:
Addition to rear (1926, Dougher, Rich & Woodburn, Des Moines), original bookstack remodeled into a reference/reading room; front door (CONTINUED)
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo Roll SJKnegFrame View looking E (W facade)



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

One of the small number of Iowa libraries consisting of an asymmetrical grouping of intersecting gables, the Mount Pleasant Public Library is an adaptation of Richardson's small libraries, particularly the Crane Library at Quincy, Massachusetts (1880-83). Built in brick, with only certain elements highlighted in rough stone, it lacks the heavily textured and sculptural qualities of its prototypes (note that the front door is set in line with the plane of the wall). Laid out on the symmetrical sexpartite plan (Type III), it does not offer the sense of dynamic balance found in Richardson's libraries, which are entirely different in plan. Mount Pleasant is, instead, quiet and contained, and a successful work of architecture in its own right.

20. Historical Significance

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

- DHPFIR, G. Mansheim, July 1979.
- DHPLSQ-1, Florence Jennings, Co-Director.
- Prints of architect's drawings in possession of Mount Pleasant Public Library

Prepared by Samuel J. Klingensmith

Date August, 1980

Address 617 N. Cayuga, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

Telephone 607 273-5684

Organization _____

For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register 5/23/83
- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

2. Subject Traces

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images File-SJK's negs;

638/19A-30A. 86/159

C O N T I N U A T I O N S H E E T

44-006-012

Mount Pleasant Public Library

14. replaced with aluminum frame (recently). The addition is sympathetically designed.

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number _____
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

LSCA 86/06/44/069

Identification

- Mt. Pleasant Public Library
1. Site Name _____
 2. Village/Town/City Mt. Pleasant Township Center County Henry
 3. Street Address 200 N. Main
 4. Legal Location Urban Center TWP Sec 9 13 lot 4 original plat
Urban: subdivision Rural: township block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
 5. UTM Location: zone N/A easting _____ northing _____; Acreage _____
 6. Owner(s) Name City of Mt. Pleasant
 7. Owner(s) Address City Hall 220 Monroe Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
 8. Use: Present Library Original Library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1905 Architect/Builder Patton & Miller of Chicago architects
10. Building Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
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 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
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13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. 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:
Addition in 1925 added Worthington Room, Non-fiction room & meeting room
Remodelled basement in 1984 for Children's room - Neumann-Monson architect
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Mt. Pleasant Public Library has been entered
in the National Register of Historic Places

(plaque and certificate in library)

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same as above

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

Source is plaque and certificate for the Iowa State Historical Department
Office of Historical Preservation signed by Terry Brandstad and Adrian
Anderson

Prepared by Gayle Trede Date 6/24/86
Address 200 N. Main Mt. Pleasant Iowa 52641 Telephone (319) 385-8150
Organization Director of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library

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- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- 7/7/86 RC
- Other _____
 - Other _____
 - Other _____

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- a. _____
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3. Photo Images _____

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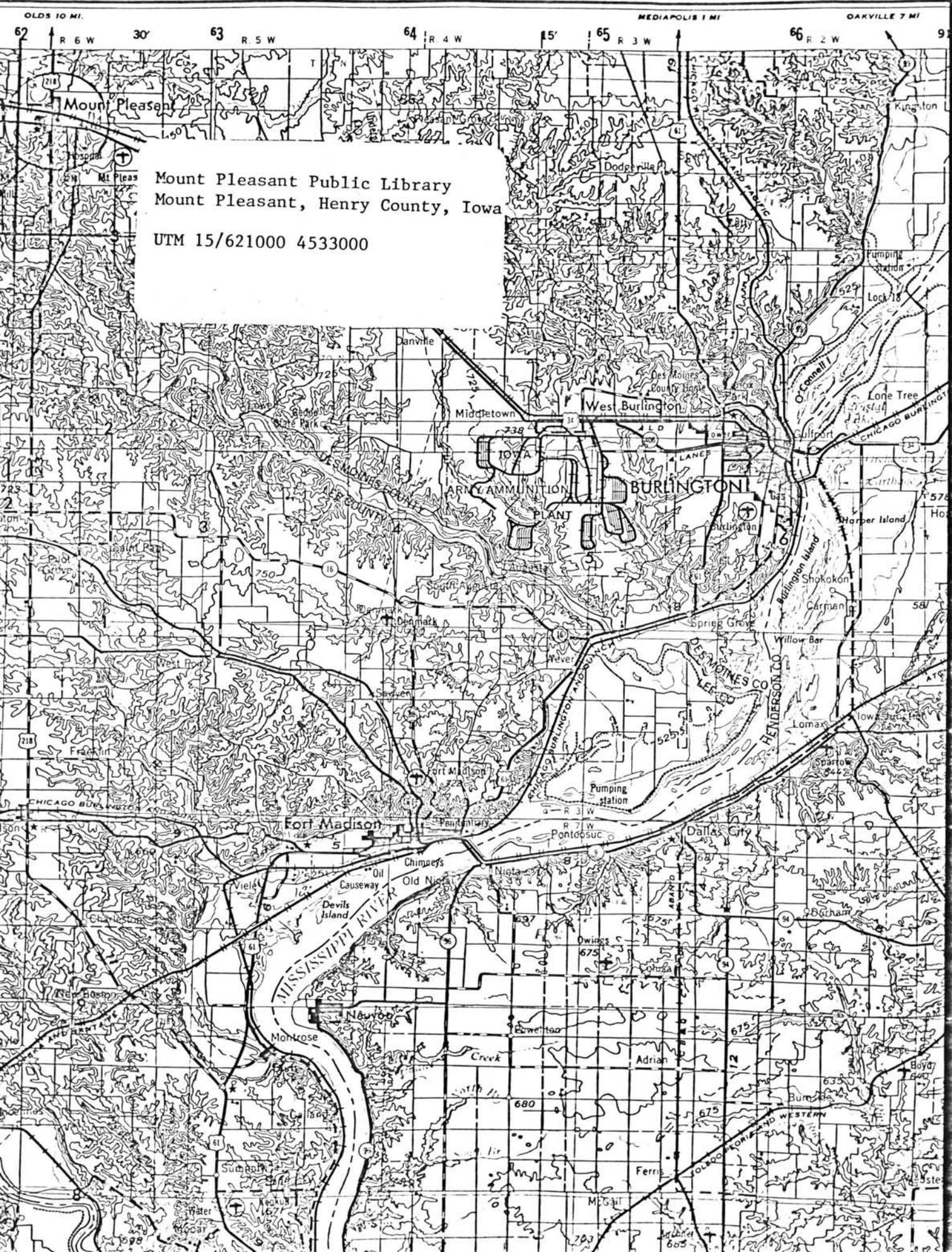
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OAKVILLE 7 MI

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Mount Pleasant Public Library
Mount Pleasant, Henry County, Iowa

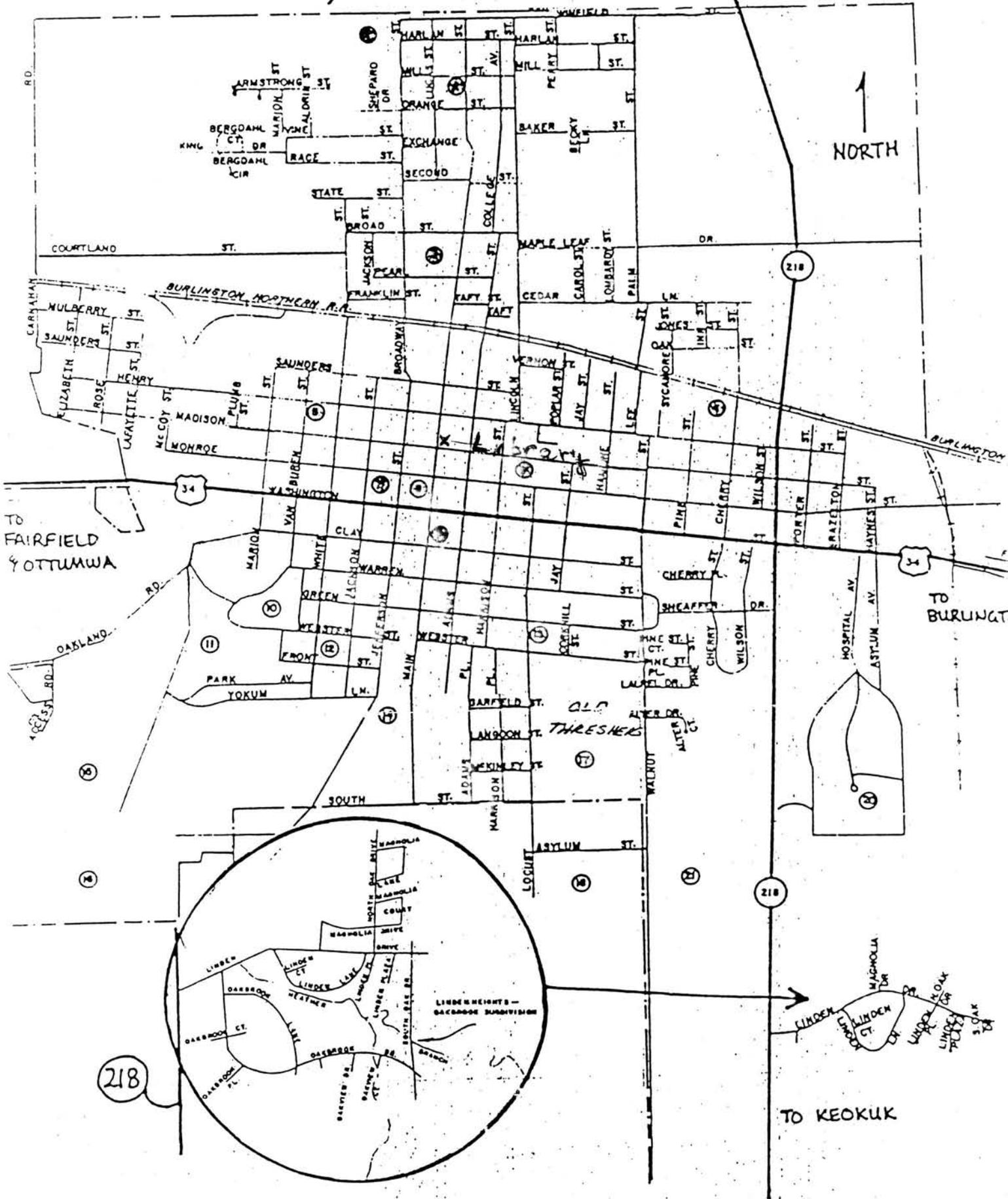
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MT. PLEASANT, IOWA

TO IOWA CITY

NORTH



TO FAIRFIELD
& OTTUMWA

TO BURLINGTON

TO KEOKUK

STRUCTURE Mt. Pleasant Pub Lib LOCATION 200 W. Main St.

PHOTOGRAPHS _____

I. INTERIOR *very close to original*Walls *Plaster painted light green*Ceiling *plaster*Floor *covered*Woodwork *original painted green*Windows *color photographs were taken of leaded glass original wooden frames with leaded glass in top section of a geometric pattern. Venetian blinds on windows.*Furniture *mostly original. Old photographs show original lamps which were once centered in middle of tables.*Lights/Lamps *Original lighting can be seen from old photographs in library collection. Fluorescent.*Stairway *circular in front of bldg. Originally went to storage*Vestibule/Entry area *Combined with stairway. Original condition. Swinging doors into desk area.*Dome/Skylight *None*Other features *Wall stacks in stack room are in original position but radiating stacks have been moved to 1926's wing.*General repair - excellent good fair poor

comments

II. EXTERIOR

Wall surfaces *red brick with stone trim*

Foundation *stone*

Roof *gabled*

Window sash and frames *original*

Exterior doors *metal frame*

General repair - excellent good fair poor
comments

III. HISTORICAL NOTES

*Woodwork even though covered displays
many features of the craftsman period. The Bldg
shows the influence of Richardson's (Easton)
libraries.*

Other notes

*Plans to renovate basement into children's
area in 1979. Basement was originally storage
space.*

IV. COURTROOM

Walls

Ceiling

Floor

Woodwork

Windows

Lighting fixtures

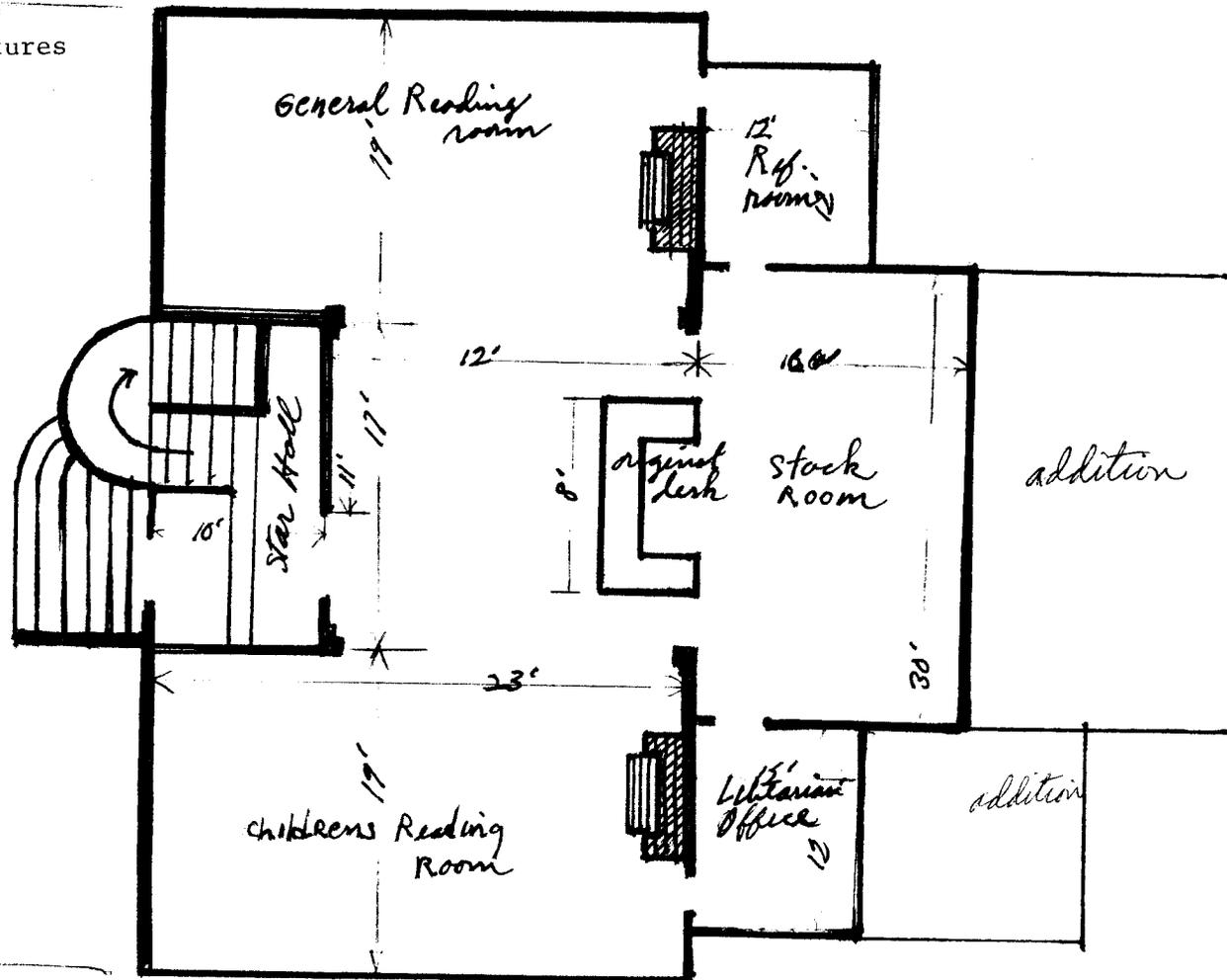
Furniture/Fittings

Other features

*Mt Pleasant
Pub. Lib.*



38'



General Reading room

12' Ref. room



Star Hall



original desk

Stack room

addition

childrens Reading Room

Librarian Office

addition

58'

19'

12'

16'

11'

23'

16'

30'

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Address 200 North Main Street
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

Division of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
B-13 MacLean Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52242
April, 1977

Survey of Public Library Buildings in Iowa: Questionnaire

1. When was your library (as an organization) founded? 1898
2. Was it founded originally as a free public library, or did it absorb an earlier private, subscription, or association library? _____

If the latter, when did it officially become a "free public library"? _____

3. Where was the library collection originally located (a residence, store, office, church, etc., or a building specifically built to house the collection)? _____

4. Is the building you are now in, the original library building? Yes. If not, can you give any information about the previous library building(s), such as date of construction, location, present use, etc.? _____

5. Why was the previous library building abandoned? _____

Questions about your present library building:

1. When was it built? 1903
2. Who was the architect? Was he a local architect, or if not, where did he come from?

Patton & Miller

3. What was the source of building funds (Carnegie, local philanthropist, local group, tax levies, etc.)? _____

4. If alterations to the present building have been made, when were they made, and what were they? 1926 - Room Added

Architect Douglas Rich & Woodbury
Des Moines, Ia.

5. Are there any present plans to change the building in any way, and if so, what is intended? _____

No

6. Do the architect's drawings and/or specifications for the building still exist?
Yes. If so, where are they located? In Building
7. Are there any interesting or unusual features about the building (exterior or interior)? _____
8. Was the building designed strictly for circulation of books, or were there rooms for other activities (such as a museum, lecture room, music room, art gallery, special collections)? 1 Room - Museum
9. Please draw a ground-plan sketch of the library, showing the relation of reading rooms to circulation desk, stacks, and entrance. This does not have to be elaborate or to scale: all we need is a freehand sketch.
10. If available, could you please attach a picture of the library as it looks today? This may be a photograph, snapshot, newspaper clipping, postcard, or other picture.
11. We would also be happy to receive any additional information about your library, pertaining to its history, design, use, etc. Newspaper articles, brochures, pamphlets, etc., would be most welcome.

Your name Florence Jennings

Again, thank you for your help.

