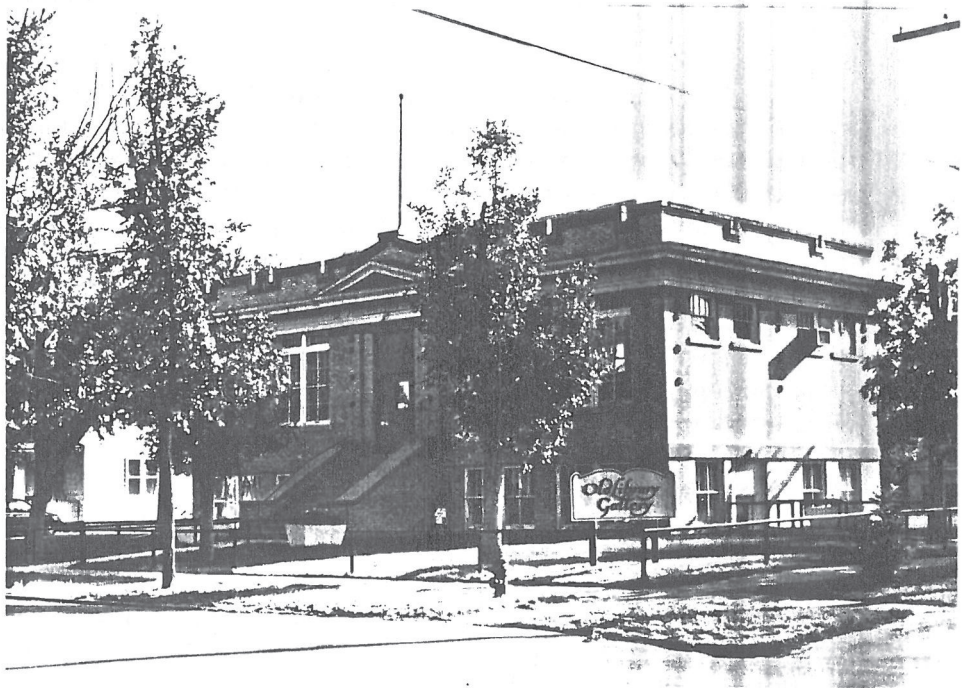
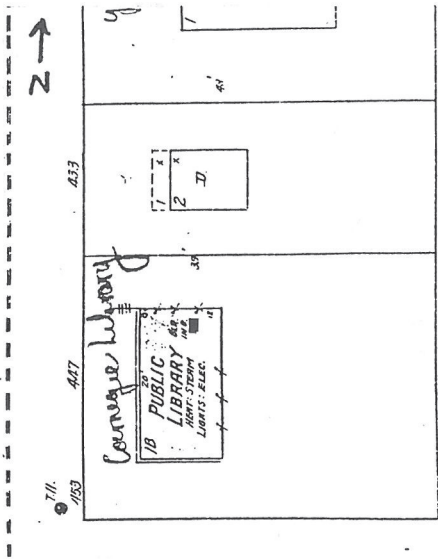


PAMPHLET FILE HAVRE-HILL COUNTY LIBRARY

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



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Legal Description: Library Addition, Block 1, lots 1-4
Address: 439 Fourth Avenue
Ownership Name: Kathleen Shirilla
Address: 336 Fifth Avenue, Havre, MT 59501
 private: x
 public:

Historic Name: Carnegie Library
Common Name: Carnegie Library
Date of Construction: 1914 (Assessor's Records)
Architect: Marion B. Riffe
Builder: E.C. Richmond
Original Owner: City of Havre
Original Use: Public Library
Present Use: Art Gallery

Physical Description:

One story wood frame and brick commercial building. 5 x 4 bay. Mansard roof over rectangular plan. Roof is surrounded by crenelated parapets. Roof is asphalt with exterior brick chimney for original steam heating plant. Wood flag pole. Regular light-colored brick coursing with sandstone belt course. Parapets are darker colored brick with concrete caps in decorative placement. Roof has metal ogee trim projected at cornice with dark colored brick two feet below roof line at north, south and west walls which conceals roof. Roof is exposed at east. East wall is stucco. Decoration below cornice is in "drip" pattern.

Entry has pedimented concrete gable roof. "Carnegie Public Library" in raised letters below pediment on cornice.

High concrete foundation is clad in regular brick coursework. West entry to main floor is reached by concrete steps with heavy concrete abutments, which are brick veneered and have concrete caps. Iron pins at bottom of abutments indicate there was once some sort of object used for decorative purposes located there. Entry is central to facade. Fanlight and sidelights have been filled with plywood. Door is not original.

Facade windows are grouped in four groups of two with fourteen light toplights at main floor. Original wood windows are 8/4 double-hung sash with original wood storms. Basement windows are 4/2 double-hung sash.

Site is level.

Historical Information

The 1920 Sanborn map indicates this building was heated by a boiler in the basement. It was lighted by electricity. The roof is metal with asphalt veneer.

Realizing the need for a new public library, The Havre Women's Club and the City Council opened correspondence with the Andrew Carnegie Foundation in January, 1912.¹ By December of that year the Committee purchased the site for the library from John Becker for \$2,500.² In March, 1913, plans were firmly established for the library when the Carnegie Foundation pledged \$12,000 for the construction of a new library building. With the Foundation's donation, the Havre City Council guaranteed an annual expenditure of \$1,200 for the maintenance of the library.³ In August, three architects were invited to submit plans for the building: E.L. Tilton of New York, Marion B. Rizzo of Kalispell and the Link and Haire firm of Helena.⁴ In October, Rizzo's design was accepted by the Women's Club and the City Council.⁵ In July, 1914, a call for bids for construction was advertised in the Plaindealer.⁶ Havre contractor E.C. Richmond submitted the lowest bid for \$11,398.⁷ By January, 1915 the building was ready for occupancy and the books were moved to the new structure. Mary F. Homen was the first librarian of the new library. The building was used as a public library until 1986, when it was moved into the former Havre Clinic building. The Carnegie building has undergone virtually no exterior alterations since it was built in 1914.

Footnote Sources:

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Sanborn Maps, 1910, 1920 and 1939.

Research Sources:

Assessor's Records, Hill County, Hill County Courthouse, Havre Montana

Water Record no.567 (1914) and Sewer Record no.249 (1914),
Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

This structure is already listed on the National Register.

Significance:

This structure is already listed on the National Register.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre
USGS Quad: Havre, Montana
UTM's: