

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Carnegie Library  
209 Lincoln St  
Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 209 NE Lincoln St  apprx. addr

historic name: Carnegie Library

Hillsboro  vcnt Washington County

current/ other names: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Information

assoc addresses: \_\_\_\_\_  
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr: \_\_\_\_\_  
(remote sites)

block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

township: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 2

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources:

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: \_\_\_\_\_

primary constr date: 1914 (c.)  secondary date: 1975 (c.)   
(optional--use for major addns)

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary orig use: \_\_\_\_\_

primary style: Italian Renaissance

prim style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary style: \_\_\_\_\_

sec style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

primary siding: Brick:Other/Undefined

siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary siding: \_\_\_\_\_

architect: Kroner, Ernest

plan type: \_\_\_\_\_

builder: Book & Engelder

comments/notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: 14  
(ID# used in city/agency database)

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

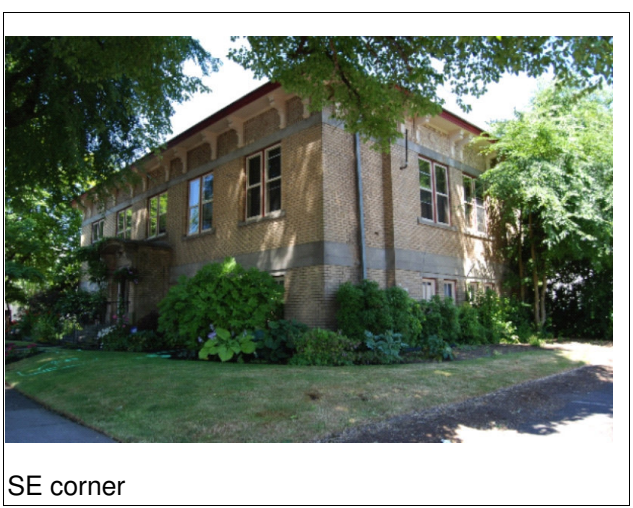
NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_

ILS survey date: \_\_\_\_\_

RLS survey date: 7/1/2008

Gen File date: \_\_\_\_\_

106 Project(s): \_\_\_\_\_



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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Funded by the Carnegie Foundation in 1914, this Library was constructed in a simple Italian Renaissance manner. The one-story brick structure has a raised basement allowing natural lighting, and is supported by a foundation of concrete. Its plan is a simple rectangle with a low-pitched, ridge-hipped roof. The eaves are deep and feature scrolled brackets. Exterior walls are veneered by rough-textured stucco, with brick exposed in the window surrounds and in a diamond motif in the frieze below the eave. Upper lights are paired one-over-one sash, while the basement lights are single two-over-two sash.

The facade is oriented south, composed symmetrically with a central entry. The entry is accessed through a small enclosed porch with a roof composed in a segmented arch with returns. The main level is lighted by five paired sash windows.

### CONTEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

The old Carnegie Library is found at the northeast corner of Second and Lincoln Streets, one block from the Washington County Courthouse. It is situated at the northern edge of the main commercial district, with a residential area extending northward.

## HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Funded by the Carnegie Foundation around 1914, the Hillsboro Public Library was one of over 26 libraries in Oregon granted money by the foundation from 1906 to 1916. Andrew Carnegie began this fund wishing to make libraries accessible to the public, spurred by a memory of his youth. Apparently a wealthy man opened his own private library to young boys for study, and this act had left a strong impression with the young Carnegie.

Dr. F.A. Bailey first conceived the idea to participate in the Carnegie Foundation program. A building committee was selected by the City Council on October 7, 1914. Carnegie's grant included the total cost of the building, but required the city to provide the land and promise continued maintenance of the structure. Dr. S.T. Linklater donated the property for the library site. After the Hillsboro committee was awarded \$10,000 for the building project, an ordinance was passed by the City Councilmen that maintained a perpetual maintenance fund of 40 percent of Carnegie's gift, \$1000. This sum was intended to meet all expenses and book purchases; \$600 for expenses, \$400 for books.

A respected Portland architect, Ernest Kroner, was hired to design the structure and the design was carried out by contractors Book and Engelder. The secretary of the library board wrote in a letter dated June 25, 1915, that "the structure is brick, with a half basement containing a lecture room, board room, laboratories, etc., and steam heating plant. Main floor is devoted to one large combination reading room and library, with shelf capacity for 6,600 volumes."

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records    | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records        | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps     | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources  | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files           | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits      | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library        |   |

Local Library: \_\_\_\_\_ University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Bibliography: Sources Consulted:

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