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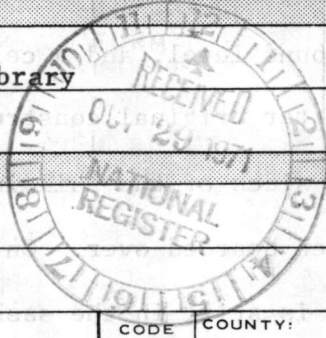
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Alaska</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Fairbanks North Star Boro</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>FEB 23 1972</b>	



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**George C. Thomas Memorial Library**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**North Star Boro Library**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**901 First Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Fairbanks**

STATE: **Alaska**      CODE: **02**      COUNTY: **Fairbanks North Star Boro**      CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <i>see latter</i>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u><b>Library</b></u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Fairbanks North Star Boro**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 1267**

CITY OR TOWN: **Fairbanks**      STATE: **Alaska**      CODE: **02**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**District Recorder**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**604 Barnette Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Fairbanks**      STATE: **Alaska 99701**      CODE: **02**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**None**

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a log structure with a basically square plan. A full basement is partially below ground level, and a cellar doorway appears to have been added sometime after original construction. Large windows at one time existed on all sides of the building, but those on the south and west sides have now been boarded over. On the north and east sides some of the original glass is still in the sashes. Six log columns on east and north facades support the hip roof, which extends over a wide gallery along these sides.

The inside of the structure has been remodelled to better fulfill its function as a library, but stamped metal wall covering from the building's first years has been retained where possible. In the cellar, dirt-filled plank half-walls are representative of insulation techniques used in interior Alaska. But the basement itself has been extensively altered to serve as a working room for library staff.

Legal description of George C. Thomas Public Library: Lot 1, Block 18 Fairbanks townsite.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1909

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George C. Thomas Memorial Library is a material record of the secular influence and effect of early twentieth century missionary work in Alaska. Early history of the Library in Fairbanks is closely bound with the history of St. Matthew's Mission.

From the time of the Gold Rush, The Missions of the Episcopal Church undertook, among their works, the responsibility of providing and distributing reading material for the miners in the camps where missions were located, and for men prospecting in the isolated areas in Alaska. When St. Matthew's Mission was established in 1904, at the site where St. Matthew's Church and Rectory now stand, the mission included a Church, a Hospital and a Reading Room. One building served the purposes of both Church and Reading Room--the old St. Matthew's Church, destroyed by fire in 1946. When the building was not being used for Church services, the altar was screened off with a curtain and the rest of the space became St. Matthew's Reading Room. "Every day in the week and every night in the week, almost all night as well as all day, it was in use as a reading room, the little chancel screened by a curtain." writes Hudson Stuck, in his book ALASKA MISSIONS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. "Fifteen hundred books lined the shelves across the back, and a good supply of periodicals was piled upon the tables down the middle, a writing desk and stationery were provided, the pews became benches, and there were few hours of the twenty-four that men might not be found availing themselves of the only place of common resort in the town that was not a liquor shop."

The Library was begun by a gift of about 1000 books from Archdeacon Stuck, and the collection was enlarged by constant appeals to interested persons in the States to contribute books and other reading material. In addition to maintaining the Reading Room itself, the Mission undertook to provide material for all men coming through or leaving Fairbanks on their way to the creeks and isolated areas. The women of the Church made up bundles of magazines and papers which were given to any who wanted them--as far as the supply on hand permitted.

Early issues of the ALASKAN CHURCHMAN, during the years 1906-14, carry many items similar to the following report of St. Matthew's Reading Room for November 1908:

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"History of the George C. Thomas Memorial Library", n.d., unpublished MS, George C. Thomas Memorial Library, Fairbanks.  
 Malloy, Fran, "How the Library Got Its Name" in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, June 27, 1949.  
 Stuck, Hudson, The Alaska Missions of the Episcopal Church, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (New York: 1920).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  $\frac{1}{2}$

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Patsy Willey, Librarian**

ORGANIZATION: **George C. Thomas Memorial Library**      DATE: **Aug. 18, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**901 First Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Fairbanks**      STATE: **Alaska**      CODE: **02**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Theodore G. Smith  
**Theodore G. Smith**

Title: State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation

Date: September 29, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**FEB 23 1972**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William M. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **JAN 27 1972**

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8. Statement of Significance (CONTINUED)

"The work of the Reading Room is constantly widening. The demand is growing, and although we now receive upwards of twenty-five thousand magazines a year, we cannot begin to keep pace with the demand.

For the past four years we have been supplying the jail with reading matter, but lately the demand has been so far in excess of our receipts that we have had to refuse many applications because of an utter lack of material. This state of affairs is due largely to the fact that the first few mails that came in over the ice carried only letters, and it will take a few weeks before we can receive any considerable quantity of magazines, but even when we receive all that are sent we have not enough. Here is a matter in which we are absolutely helpless, for we depend entirely upon our friends in the States."

The Reading Room was thus maintained and operated for five years until in 1909 Mr. George C. Thomas, a layman interested in the Missionary work of the Church, provided money for the building of a properly equipped Reading Room and Library, and at the same time pledged \$1000.00 yearly, for three years, for the maintenance of the Library. In anticipation of the enlarged facilities to be provided by the new building calls went out to interested people in the States for more books. This item was carried in the ALASKAN CHURCHMAN for August 1909:

"The George C. Thomas Memorial Library gives abundant opportunity for the use of magazines and books. At the present time books - fiction, travel, history, biography, poetry, in short everything - are especially solicited. They will probably be brought in over the winter trail this season, so can be mailed at any time of year."

On Thursday evening, August 5, 1909, the George C. Thomas Memorial Library was formally opened. The Rev. Charles E. Betticher, Rector of St. Matthews Church and President of the Board of Trustees of the Library, presided at the opening. Archdeacon Stuck and the Honorable James Wickersham, then Delegate to Congress, were the speakers of the evening. Mr. Thomas had died before the building was completed, and in recognition of his generosity in regard to the Library, and in many other fields as well, The Board of Trustees decided unanimously to call the new library the George C. Thomas Memorial Library.

A year later Mr. Betticher wrote his report of the Library:

"Several thousand books and magazines are given away to miners and prospectors at the rate of from 30 to 50 thousand copies annually. The Trustees of the Library have engaged the services of a competent

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Librarian, and the Circulating Department, free to the public, is open daily from 2 until 9 p.m. The remaining portion of the building is never closed, and beside the spacious general room, a Smoking Room is provided."

Mrs. Caroline Seideman, the first Librarian, reported that:

"The annual report of the Librarian, made for the first year of the George C. Thomas Library's existence, (sic) the year ending October 31, 1910, shows that 9,607 books have been loaned to adults, while the children have taken out 1,106. The Library is now possessed of 3,190 volumes; 42 having been worn out during the year, three destroyed by fires, and nine not returned. Following is the complete report:

Adult

Philosophy . . . . .	.45
Religion . . . . .	.70
Sociology. . . . .	.73
Language . . . . .	.11
Natural Science. . . . .	.71
Useful Arts. . . . .	.80
Fine Arts. . . . .	.47
Literature . . . . .	236
History. . . . .	348
Travel . . . . .	320
Biography. . . . .	208
Fiction. . . . .	8,098
TOTAL	9,607

Juvenile

Literature . . . . .	.11
History. . . . .	.64
Travel . . . . .	.80
Biography. . . . .	.13
Fiction. . . . .	938
TOTAL	1,106

GRAND TOTAL 10,713

Through gifts from the States, and through efforts of the women of St. Matthew's Mission, the Library was maintained and operated through the years.

Some time in 1940 negotiations were started with the Chamber of Commerce and the City authorities, to turn the Library over to the City of Fairbanks. In July 1942, arrangements were finally made, and for the sum of \$1.00 the

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lot, building and its contents were sold to the City, with the provision that the building and site should always be used for a Library for the benefit of the citizens of the town. Caroline Weiler (Mrs. Fred Weiler) was the first trained Librarian.

In 1942, the building was remodelled to accommodate the Fairbanks Health Center as well as the Library, and this same arrangement is in effect today.

The Library building was damaged by fire in October 1949, and about one third of the book collection was destroyed. During the months that followed the fire, gifts from local Civic Clubs provided the means of remodelling and refurnishing the Library, and contributions from Libraries in the States, and from local individuals, replaced many of the books.

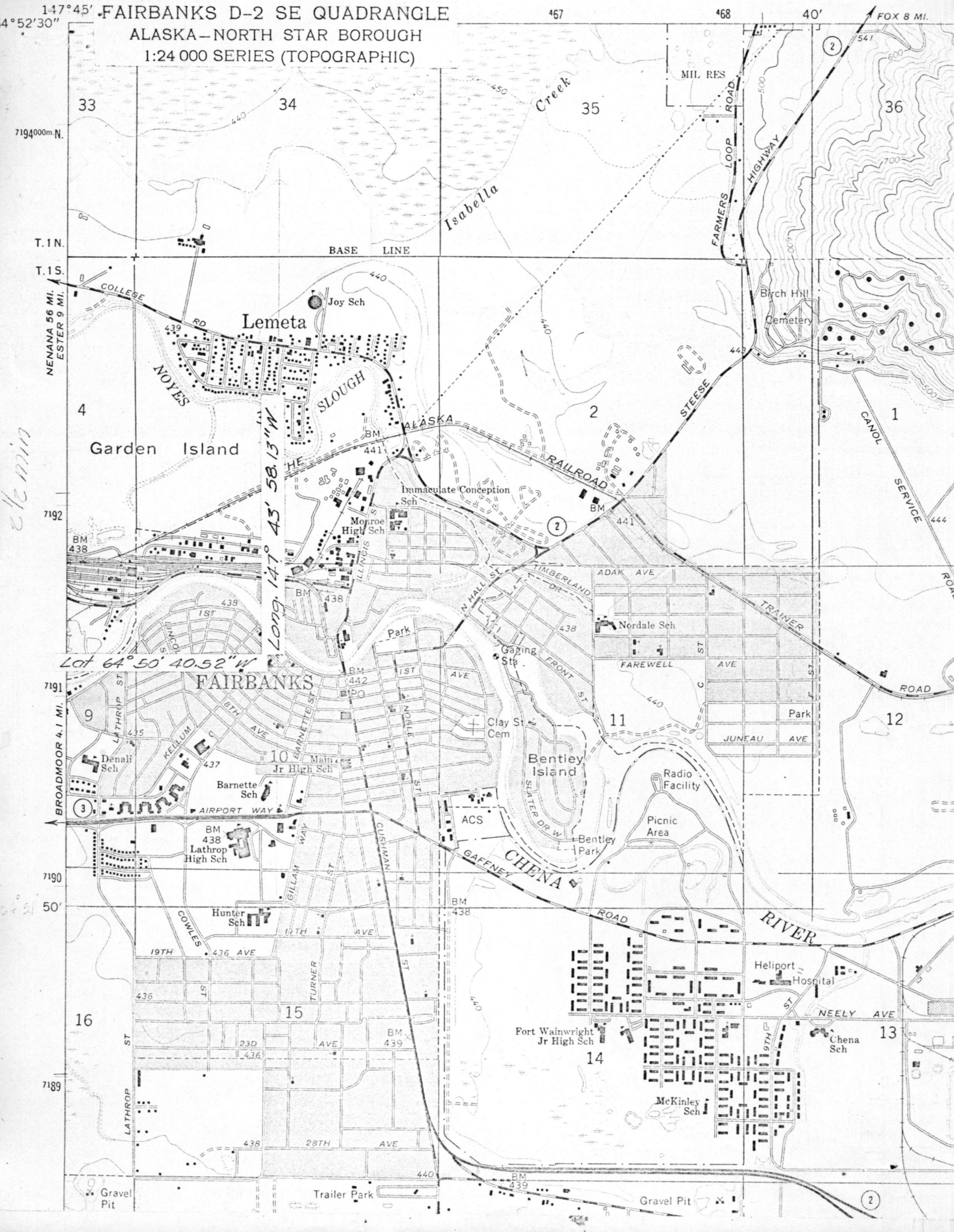
Today the building itself looks almost exactly as it did in the picture taken at its opening in August 1909. The collections consist of 6500 volumes, some of which date back to the earlier St. Matthew's Reading Room. In addition to this is a pamphlet collection, and a collection of Geology and Mining books belonging to the AIME Society of Fairbanks. Although distribution of reading materials is no longer necessary to the extent that it was in the early days, the Library does loan books by mail to individuals in isolated areas, who request that service. The Reading Room is still used largely by men - construction workers and soldiers - with only a few prospectors.

This continuing use makes the Library not only a physical record of importance in regional history, it also makes it a living record which should be recognized and protected for its historical significance.



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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FAIRBANKS

CHENA RIVER

Bentley Island

Joy Sch

Monroe High Sch

Immaculate Conception Sch

Park

Main Jr High Sch

Barnette Sch

Lathrop High Sch

Hunter Sch

Fort Wainwright Jr High Sch

McKinley Sch

Chena Sch

Heliport Hospital

MIL RES

Birch Hill Cemetery

Nordale Sch

Radio Facility

Picnic Area

Bentley Park

COLLEGE RD

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BASE LINE

NOYES SLOUGH

ALASKA RAILROAD

ILLINOIS ST

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Fairbanks Div

# George C. Thomas Memorial Library

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*G. H. H. H.*

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIAN Olney James 4/13/72

ARCHAEOLOGIST \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT OK Chambers 1-18-72

POST. KEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

KEEPER OK Adm 1/27/72

WRITER/EDITOR OK Smarsin 1/14/72

CHIEF, CAMP OK 2-23

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR I'll go along with the rest, but #8 does not, to my mind, state the case for local significance very well. CD 1/26/72

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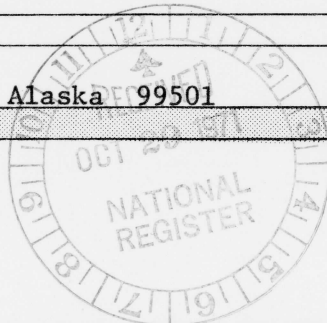
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## Missing Core Documentation

<b>Property Name</b>	<b>County, State</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>
Thomas, George C., Memorial Library	Fairbanks North Star, AK	72001542

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATERIAL

Transmittal Inventory



October 19, 1971  
(Date)

TO: Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper  
The National Register of Historic Places  
ATTN: Branch of Registration  
National Park Service  
801 19<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

1. National Register Nomination: George C. Thomas Memorial Library
2. Property Photographs and Forms:
  - a. View from East, 8x10" B&W
  - b. View from North, 8x10", B&W
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Property Maps and Forms:
  - a. USGS Fbx D-2 SE Quadrangle, 1966
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Alaska  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Parks  
323 E. Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Thomas (George C.) Memorial Library	Fairbanks Fairbanks North Star Borough
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Father Duncan Cottage	Metlakatla First Judicial Division
Sheldon Jackson Museum	Sitka Greater Sitka Borough
New Russia Archaeological Site	Yakutat First Judicial Division
Three Saints Bay Archaeological Site	Kodiak Island Borough

Also Notified

Hon. Ted Stevens  
Hon. Mike Gravel  
Hon. Nicholas J. Begich

Director, Pacific Northwest Region

HR NRowland:mm 2/17/72

State Liaison Officer  
Mr. Theodore G. Smith  
Director, Parks and Recreation  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Lands  
323 E. Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DIVISION OF PARKS

Division of Parks  
619 Warehouse Dr., Suite 210  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 18, 1978

Re: 3330-2 George C. Thomas Memorial Library

*on NR*

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Registry  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please be advised of ownership change on the subject nomination now on the National Register.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough has transferred title to property structure to St. Matthews Episcopal Church, c/o Donald P. Hart, Rector, 1030 Second Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

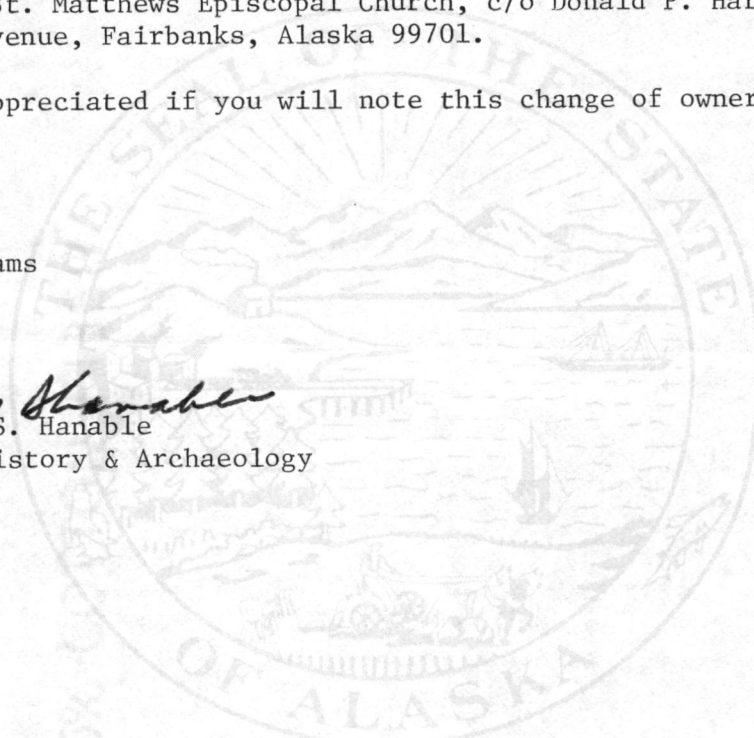
It would be appreciated if you will note this change of ownership in your records.

Sincerely,

Terry McWilliams  
Director

*William S. Hanable*  
By: William S. Hanable  
Chief, History & Archaeology

AM/jan



# STATE OF ALASKA

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**DIVISION OF PARKS**

**JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR**

Terry A. McWilliams, Director

Division of Parks  
619 Warehouse Dr., Suite 210  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

July 10, 1978

Re: 3330-2 (George C. Thomas Library)

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Our office has just learned that the George C. Thomas Library has been sold to:

Mr. Glen Wilcox  
North Star Realty  
3550 Airport Road  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Please update your records. The new owner has some exciting plans for adaptive use of the building and will be moving the realty offices to the log library in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Jo Antonson Mohr*

Jo Antonson Mohr  
Historian

JAM:clk

Alaska

**GEORGE C. THOMAS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
(02-74-00022-00). *Fairbanks, Interior District.*  
Public ownership (City of Fairbanks). One of  
the oldest buildings in Fairbanks, constructed in  
1909 with funds provided by George C. Thomas,  
a layman interested in the work of the Episcopal  
Church, to serve St. Matthew's Mission. Installa-  
tion of sprinkler system and replacement of  
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3. MAP REFERENCE

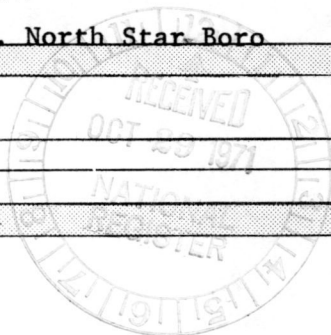
SOURCE:  
USGS Fairbanks D-2 SE Quadrangle

SCALE: 1:2400

DATE: 1966

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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STATUS:

1. MISSING \_\_\_ 2. REMOVED/ DEMOLISHED \_\_\_ 3. NHL  4. TR \_\_\_ 5. MRA \_\_\_ 6. OVER-SIZED \_\_\_ 7. NPS - UNDOCUMENTED \_\_\_ 8. DOE - OWNER OBJECTION \_\_\_ 9. RESTRICTED \_\_\_

EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder ( ) ; Nomination ( ) ; Map(s) ( ) ; Photos ( )  
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