

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 54-028-002
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

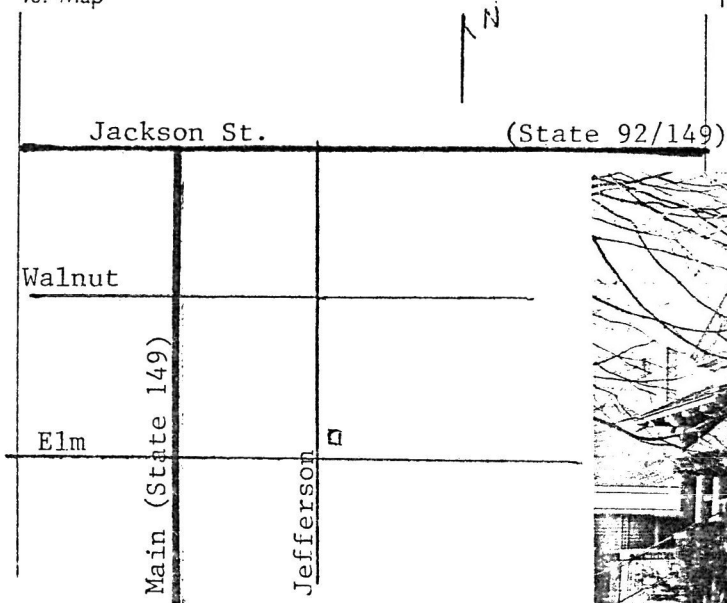
Identification

1. Site Name Sigourney Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Sigourney Township _____ County Keokuk
3. Street Address 203 N. Jefferson Street
4. Legal Location _____ OT _____ 20 S84°L5
Urban: _____ Rural: _____ subdivision township _____ block range _____ parcel section _____ subparcel ¼ section of ¼ section _____
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 566660 northing 45760030; Acreage 2/
6. Owner(s) Name City of Sigourney
7. Owner(s) Address _____
(Street address) _____ (City) Sigourney, Iowa (State) _____ (Zip) 52591
8. Use: Present library Original library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1913-14 Architect/Builder Wm. Patton, Holmes & Flynn, 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 trim in stone and wood
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:
The building is virtually intact.
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 SJKneg Frame _____ View W (front) & S elev.



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 Sigourney Public Library is a highly interesting amalgamation of bungalowoid rusticity and understated Georgian propriety. The hinged roof covering the body of the building terminates in eaves studded with bared rafters. These project far enough to hide the tops of the windows. The center pavilion features a round-arched doorway framed with a modified Gibbs surround and an open pediment with an intricately molded, denticular cornice. The only unexpected feature of the plan, which conforms to Type I is the location of the fireplace at center rear behind the librarian's desk.

20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) _____

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

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

- Sigourney News-Review, 16 April 1975.
--DHPLSQ-1, Lucille Jones, Librarian.

Prepared by Samuel J. Klingensmith

Date August, 1980

Address 617 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850

Telephone 607 273-5684

Organization _____

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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 NONE

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Public Library Buildings in Iowa Thematic Resources
State Iowa

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Shenandoah Public Library *Substantive Review* Keeper Ret
Attest _____
42. Sigourney Public Library *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 5/23/83
Attest _____
43. Silliman Memorial Library *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 5/23/83
Attest _____
44. Sioux City Public Library (Smith Villa Branch) *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 5/23/83
Attest _____
45. Traer Public Library *Substantive Review* Keeper Ret
Attest _____
46. Vinton Public Library *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 5/23/83
Attest _____
47. Waterloo Public Library (Main Branch) *Substantive Review* Keeper Ret
Attest _____
48. Waterloo Public Library (West Branch) *Substantive Review* Keeper Linda McClelland 5-23-83
Attest _____
49. Woodbine Public Library *Substantive Review* Keeper Ret
Attest _____
- starting Group II - All return below
50. Albia Public Library *Substantive Review* Keeper _____
Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Sigourney Public Library (Public Library
Buildings in Iowa TR)
Keokuk County
IOWA

Working No. 4/8/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 5/5/83 - 5/23/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5/23/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*In context of Iowa's libraries
this one is marked as an
"interesting amalgamation". Cited
for evaluating significance, especially
locally, needs further development.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer L. McCollaud
Discipline A. Hist
Date 5/24/83
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☒ substantive reasons discussed below

*But statewide context is strong
enough to
identify this
as significant*

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys _____

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unsound	☐ original site
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☒ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

Please expand the statement of significance to explain how this property individually meets NR criteria for its local architectural merit.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

☒ Address of nominated property _____

☒ Geographic name _____

USIT References _____

Please provide address

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Phone: 202 272-3504

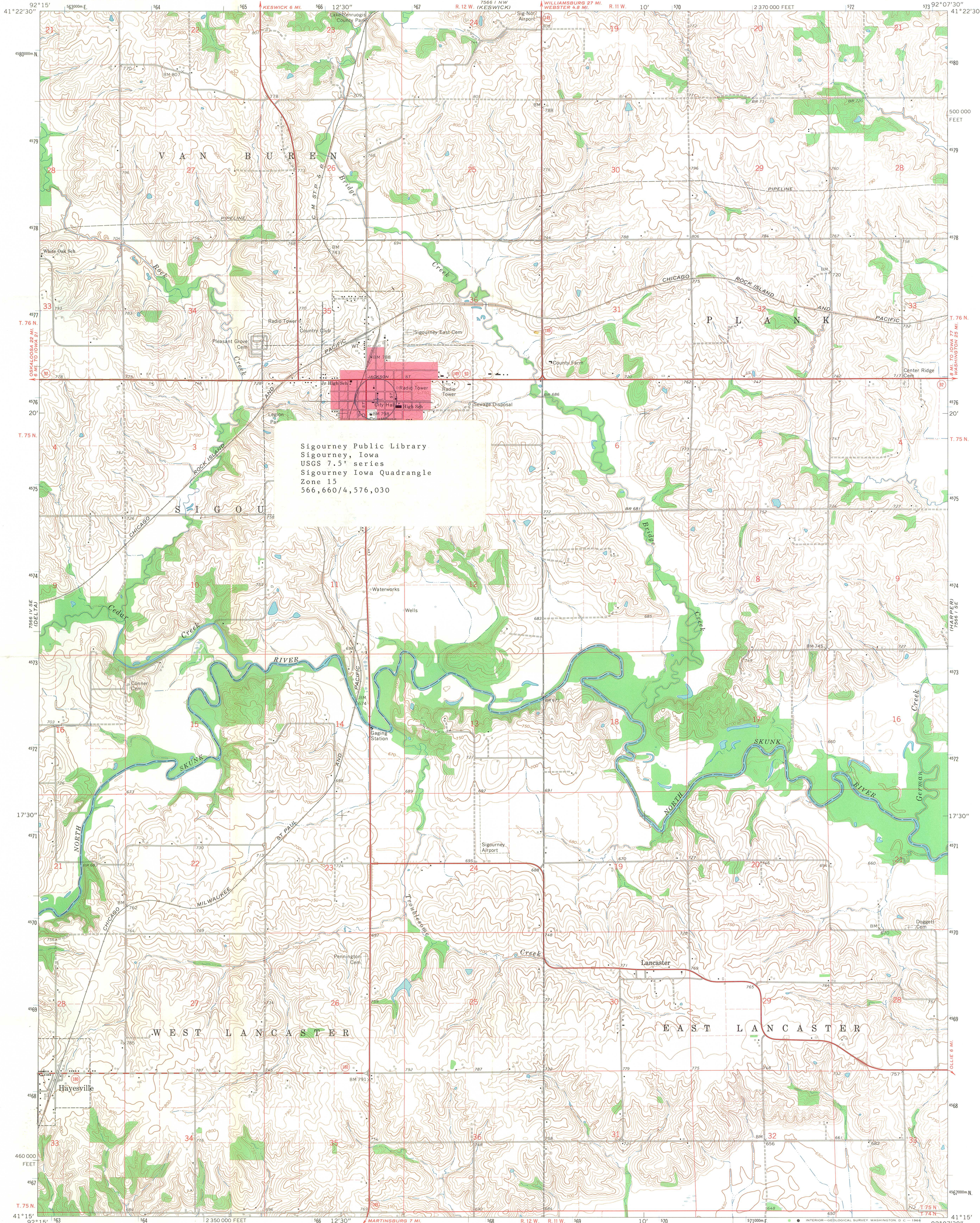
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



SITE NAME: Sigourney Public Library
ADDRESS: 203 N. Jefferson Street
TOWN: Sigourney, Iowa 52591

PHOTO CREDIT: Samuel J. Klingensmith
NEGATIVE LOCATED AT: 617 N. Cayuga
DATE: Circa 1978 Ithaca, NY 14850

VIEW: W (front) & S elevations



Sigourney Public Library
Sigourney, Iowa
USGS 7.5' series
Sigourney Iowa Quadrangle
Zone 15
566,660/4,576,030

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1965

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1965 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000

1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 5 10 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route —○—



SIGOURNEY, IOWA
N4115—W9207.5/7.5

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