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DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mountain Home Carnegie Library

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

180 S. Third Street E.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mountain Home

VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Elmore

CODE

039

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: Library

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Mountain Home

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Mountain Home

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Elmore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mountain Home

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mountain Home Carnegie library is a one-story white pressed brick building which sits on a raised cut stone foundation. This western colonial revival structure is distinguished by its bracketed, overhanging hipped roof and Tuscan columned portico. Steps lead up to the portico which has a simple balustrade capping its corniced entablature.

Both the basement and first story windows are double hung sash with the upper pane being divided into four vertical lights. Behind the portico's balustrade is a segmental arched window. A slightly outset brick band runs around the building above the first story windows. All sills are cut stone.

The oak interior remains intact. A simple central stairway leads to the main floor where the library proper is located. Along the sidewalls are built in shelves. In the basement is an auditorium with a stage at the far end.

This building has no alterations or additions.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☒ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Tourtellotte and Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mountain Home Carnegie Library is architecturally significant as a good local example of a public building rendered in the western colonial revival style. The overhanging, bracketed hipped roof accompanied by simple classical forms are the hallmarks of this style which was popular in residential architecture in Idaho from 1906-1913. This structure is a rare example of a public building employing this form.

The building is also significant within the community for its social and humanitarian associations. The advent of a Carnegie library was a cultural watershed for the town and the building was a center for club meetings and community activities related to learning and the arts.

Tourtellotte and Company, who designed this building, were the foremost architects in southwest Idaho during the period. This library is one of the few examples of their work in Mountain Home.

Richard McKenna, author of "The Sand Pebbles" was born in a house a few blocks from the Mountain Home Carnegie Library. He gives much credit to the Carnegie Library for early satisfying his appetite for literature. He stated in a letter to the Mountain Home Carnegie Library in 1962, "It is only in the past few years that I have begun to appreciate how significant an influence the library was for me in those formative years."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Idaho Librarian, April, 1963, vol. 15, #2, p. 58-61.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the real estate occupied by the Mountain Home public library at 180 South 3rd East.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

3 April 1978

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ____

STATE ____

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Marle Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3 April 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles H. ...
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *Carlson Cole*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

John ...
DATE 7-24-78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 6-29-78



Carnegie Library **APR 10 1978**
Mountain Home

Elmore County

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View of the front and side from
the southwest.

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