

# Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
<b>address:</b>	209 NE Lincoln St Hillsboro, Washington County	<b>historic name:</b>	Hillsboro Carnegie Library
<b>assoc addresses:</b>		<b>current/other names:</b>	
<b>location descr:</b>		<b>block/lot/tax lot:</b>	
		<b>twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:</b>	1N 2W 31
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
<b>resource type:</b>	Building	<b>height (stories):</b>	2.0
<b>elig evaluation:</b>	eligible/contributing	<b>total elig resources:</b>	1
<b>prim constr date:</b>	1914	<b>second date:</b>	1975
		<b>total inelig resources:</b>	
<b>primary orig use:</b>	Single Dwelling	<b>orig use comments:</b>	
<b>second orig use:</b>		<b>prim style comments:</b>	
<b>primary style:</b>	Mediterranean Revival	<b>sec style comments:</b>	
<b>secondary style:</b>		<b>siding comments:</b>	
<b>primary siding:</b>	Brick:Other/Undefined	<b>architect:</b>	Kroner, Ernest
<b>secondary siding:</b>		<b>builder:</b>	Book & Engelder
<b>plan type:</b>			
<b>comments/notes:</b>			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
<b>Survey/Grouping Included In:</b>	<b>Type of Grouping</b>	<b>Date Listed</b>	<b>Date Compiled</b>
Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008	Survey & Inventory Project		2008
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
<b>NR date listed:</b>	N/A	<b>106 Project(s):</b>	None
<b>ILS survey date:</b>		<b>Special Assess Project(s):</b>	None
<b>RLS survey date:</b>	07/01/2008	<b>Federal Tax Project(s):</b>	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p><b>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION</b> 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. <b>CONTEXTUAL DESCRIPTION</b> 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.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p><b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE</b> 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."</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries	✓ Newspapers	State Archives	Historic Photographs
City Directories	Building Permits	State Library	
<b>Local Library:</b>		<b>University Library:</b>	
<b>Historical Society:</b>		<b>Other Respository:</b>	
<b>Bibliography:</b>			
Sources Consulted: Capitol's Who's Who for Oregon, 1935-37, "Ernest Kroner;" Capitol Publishing Company; Portland, Oregon. Hillsboro Argus, April 9, 1959. Hillsboro Argus, Bicentennial Edition, October 19, 1976. Barret, Myrna, History of Oregon Public Libraries, University of Oregon Master Thesis, 1940. Recorded by: McLaughlin, Emde; 1979 O'Brien, Cole; 1985			