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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

Healdsburg Public Library

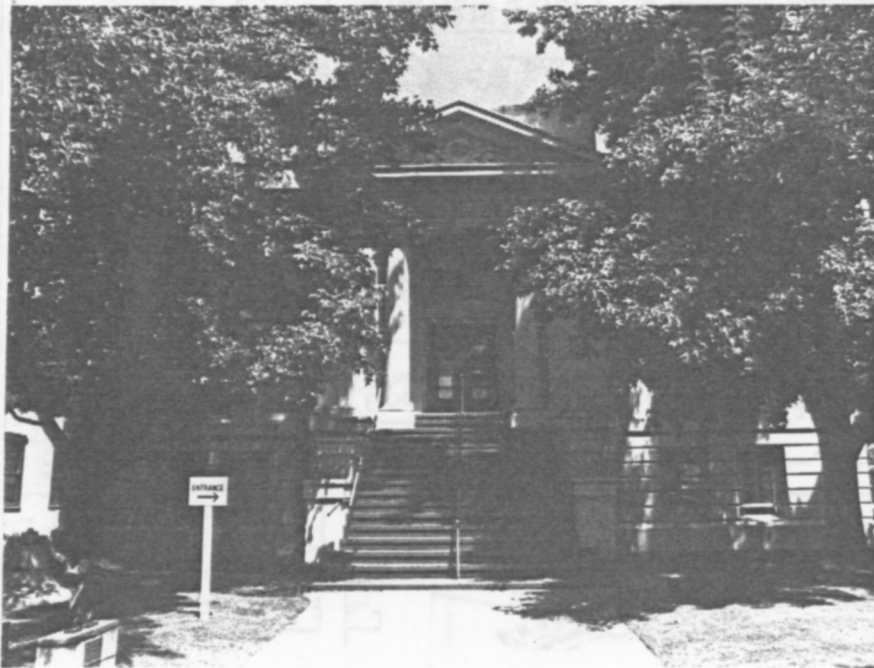
1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Carnegie Library
3. Street or rural address: 221 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-191-07
5. Present Owner: City of Healdsburg Library Address: 221 Matheson St.
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private _____
6. Present Use: Public Library Original use: Public Library

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Neo Classical Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Architect Brainard Jones designed this Neo-Classical Revival Library in 1910. A tall single-story above a raised basement, the rectangular building has a flat roof and balustraded parapet. Built of brick and faced with stucco, the raised basement resembles a stone foundation.

The pedimented entrance porch is flanked by two doric columns. The tall narrow windows of the main floor have lintels with a keystone motif.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1911
9. Architect Brainard Jones
10. Builder Frank Sullivan
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 90 Depth 65
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
12 Apr 1983 54/31

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
Residential Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 This library building is the only existing example of a civic building of impressive architectural style in Healdsburg, and is typical of the Carnegie libraries built by Petaluma architect, Brainerd Jones, in Sonoma County. Public libraries in Healdsburg began in the 1870's with reading rooms in upper floor downtown commercial buildings. The first municipally-operated library was established in 1886 in the newly constructed City Hall Building. In 1910 this building was constructed and has retained its function to the present time. Plans are currently underway for construction of a new library, this building to become the new location of the Healdsburg Museum.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure 1
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Healdsburg Tribune 8/20/1909;
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 Langhart Museum

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