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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

CL 151

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Vancouver City Library (Carnegie Library)

AND/OR COMMON

Clark County Historical Museum and Library

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1511 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Vancouver

STATE

Washington

VICINITY OF
CODE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth Dist.

COUNTY

Clark

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM & Library
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Vancouver

STREET & NUMBER

210 East 13th Street

CITY, TOWN

Vancouver

VICINITY OF

STATE

Washington

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clark County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

1200 Franklin Street (P.O. Box 500)

CITY, TOWN

Vancouver

STATE

Washington

98660

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

List of Washington historical Buildings

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Wash. State Parks & Recreation Commission - Dr. Stratton

CITY, TOWN

P.O. Box 1128, Olympia, Wa 98504

STATE

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 Clark County Historical Museum and Library is a typical Carnegie library with parapet walls built of solid brick with basement and a main floor. The architects were Dennis Nichols and William Kauffman.

From the Vancouver Columbian of December 31, 1909 (the day of the dedication of the building) the following excerpts were taken:-- .."the basement is of concrete and the superstructure of red brick." "Cement steps lead up to the front entrance on either side of which is a pillar. There is a small vestibule and entrance from there into the main library room through a glass door. The eight pillars in the central part of the library building surrounding the librarian's desk give a most imposing appearance to the interior." "In the basement is the boiler room, a large lecture room in which a moveable platform and what is called the elevator room." (The "elevator" is a lift which is not in use at the present time.) "All the wood in the building is from Clarke County."

Two additions to the building were built in 1944 and 1948.

About 1915 a Camperdown elm was planted in front of the library to the south of the entrance. At the present time the circumference of the tree at the very base is ten feet. The branches cover the entire front of the library.

The original building is 67 feet long, 32 feet wide with the two later additions 37 feet nine inches. The land, the lots donated by Mr. Hidden are 90 by 100 feet.

by 55 ft. 7 in.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1909 - BUILDER/ARCHITECT Contractor - Ole Larson Architects-

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Dennis Nichols and Wm. Kauffman

For Vancouver, a town of nearly 10,000 in 1909, and for Clark County, there was no public library. From the time it was built, this building has played an important role in the lives of the people. In fact, this was the city library until a new one was completed in 1963. The meeting room in the basement was used by many groups.

The influence on the community has continued up to the present time as it now houses the Clark County Historical Museum and its library, the SP & S Railroad Museum and the Clark County Genealogical Society.

Last year the Museum was visited by 13,871 people; of these 5511 were in 178 groups, the majority school classes who were given lectures on the history of the area, pioneer life, etc. by the curators. The children were then taken on tours of the Museum and the artifacts explained to them.

The Museum library contains several thousand books. It is the repository for some rare books, children's old school and story books, books by local authors and poets, a large newspaper collection, journals and ledgers from the courthouse. The most important materials are the histories of Washington and the area, a fairly large collection of maps of the city and county, the picture file, for the use of the curators and for the public to use for research.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clark County Courthouse, 1200 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660
 Landerholm, Carl. Vancouver Area Chronology 1784-1958.
 Vancouver Independent (Newspaper) 1876-1910
 Vancouver Columbian (newspaper) 1899-
 DuBois, Mary. Settlement and Early History of the City and Fort of Vancouver, Wash. 1910.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4
 UTM REFERENCES

The Clark County Mapping Service do not have the capabilities to give reference numbers to property corners.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Clark County Historical Museum and Library is located at the southeast corner of 16th and Main Streets, lots 3 and 4, Block 67, East Vancouver.
 Recorded in the Courthouse under Volume D, page 20.

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 Lesla Scott - Robert Hidden, Chairman Historic Preservation Committee
 Committee members - R. Hidden, chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Wendt, Lesla Scott

ORGANIZATION

Fort Vancouver Historical Society

DATE

April 12, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

1511 Main Street

TELEPHONE

695-4681

CITY OR TOWN

Vancouver

STATE

Wash. 98660

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Mrs. Hermine Decker

DATE OF PHOTO

NEGATIVE FILED AT 801 West 45th Street Vancouver, Washington 98660

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO

Standing on MAIN ST.
LOOK to the EAST AT 16th ST.,

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Drawing by Matthew R. Thompson, AIA, of the former Vancouver Public Library showing the architecture and related design, also the Camperdown elm.

Mr. Thompson's address is 110 West 13th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660.



THOMPSON 76

*Camperdown Elm planted about 1915 in front of the former
Vancouver Public Library, a Carnegie Library, now the Clark
County Historical Museum 1909 Dennis Nichols - Architect*

***Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
Matthew Ralph Thompson AIA
architecture and related design***

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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

Clark County Courthouse Mapping Service & U.S. G.S.

SCALE

1 in. = 200 ft.

DATE

April 1, 1977

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES,
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

LOTS 3 & 4 of BIR 67
EAST VANCOUVER ADD. TO VANCOUVER.

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SMITH & TURNERS (Y-2)

EAST VANCOUVER (D-20)

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STREET

MAIN STREET

STREET

MAIN

BROADWAY

VANCOUVER VANCOUVER

P.D. P.D.

BROADWAY

STREET

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NE 17th ST

NE 16th STRE

BOULEVARD

13th STREET

NE 12th STREET

PROVIDENCE ACADEM

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COMMON: <i>Clark Co. Museum</i>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <i>Carnegie Library</i>			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>1515 Main St.</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Vancouver</i>			
STATE: <i>Wash.</i>	CODE	COUNTY: <i>Clark</i>	CODE
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: <i>Hermine Duthie</i>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <i>July 1973</i>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <i>Clark Co. Museum</i>			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. <i>LOOKING FROM THE NORTH on 16th ST.</i>			

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STATE: <i>Wash.</i>	CODE	COUNTY: <i>Clark</i>	CODE
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DATE OF PHOTO: <i>March 1977</i>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <i>Clark Co. Museum</i>			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
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