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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Litchfield Public Library

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 400 North State Street  not for publication

city or town Litchfield  vicinity

state Illinois code IL county Montgomery code 135 zip code 62056

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William L. Wheeler / SHPO 12/28/98  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action  
2.12.99

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Illinois Carnegie Libraries

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Stone

roof Synthetics

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. Narrative Description

The Litchfield Public Library is situated in the center of Library Park in the heart of downtown Litchfield, Illinois, which is located approximately 40 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. The block on which the library sits forms the center of the downtown "square" which is lined with businesses that face the library. The library faces State Street to the west and is bounded on the north, east and south by Union Avenue, Madison Street and Kirkham Street respectively. This library was designed by architect Paul Moratz of Bloomington, Illinois and constructed in 1904 – 1905 by builder John Rees also of Bloomington. Funds were obtained from the Andrew Carnegie Library Trust in 1904, which allowed for the building to be completed on June 22, 1905.

This library building is a two - (2) story masonry/limestone structure with a basement that extends approximately five – feet above grade. The exterior foundation walls are composed of rock-faced, ashlar limestone set in straight courses with a smooth-faced water table and ashlar limestone masonry above. Heavy timber floors and roofs enclose a cross-shaped floor plan giving a symmetrical, balanced appearance. The dominant two-story portion of the building has a gable single-ply rubber roof and is flanked on both sides by smaller one-story sections that have flat roofs, which are accented at the perimeters with classical styled metal parapets. The north slope of the gable roof has a limestone chimney near the eave.

The main entry is on the west elevation at the top of a set of concrete steps that have limestone cheek walls on each side. The large entrance glass door and sidelights is aluminum framed. A large transom with a limestone enframement and a bracketed hood enhances the building entrance. Directly above the entrance there are limestone panels with the inscription "Carnegie Public Library Litchfield" The gable end of this elevation consists

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of a triangular pediment with dentil molding and a triangular shaped limestone floral relief panel. This pediment is supported by a metal entablature and limestone corner pilasters with capitals. Both the entablature and pediment have a decorative cornice with modillions. Directly below the pediment are a series of seven equally spaced one-over-one double-hung windows. Larger first floor windows are placed on both sides of the entrance. These fixed pane windows have clear leaded glass and decorative limestone lintels with keystone above. Smaller single story sections are set back on each side of the main two-story elevation and have a metal parapet and cornice with dentils that are similar to the entablature on the gables. These sections each have one large fixed pane window in the center. There are also smaller basement one-over-one windows located around the perimeter of the building. These windows are not as prominent because they are located just above grade and are partially hidden by landscaping.

Both the north and south elevations are identical. The single story portion, being in the foreground is the dominant element in this elevation. There is a large single pane window in the center, with a smaller window on each side. These three windows have decorative limestone lintels with keystones above. At the basement level there are four smaller one-over-one double-hung windows two of which are arranged below the larger window above and the other two are centered below the side windows. The flat roof of this section is rimmed with a painted metal parapet that mimics the entablature on the two-story section beyond. The roof access door from the second floor can be partially seen above the parapet in the center along with two smaller one-over-one double-hung windows on each side of the door.

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The east elevation is very similar to the west elevation with the same gable pediment, entablature and corner pilasters. Also identical is the series of one-over-one double hung windows, which on the east elevation has been copied directly below on the first floor. There is also a grade level entrance to the first floor in the center of this elevation. In the center of each single story portion, there is a large fixed pane window with a limestone lintel and two smaller basement windows directly below which also corresponds to the west elevation.

The main entrance is on the west side of the building. Inside the main entry doors is a small vestibule that has ceramic tile flooring and plaster walls and ceiling. To the left is a door that leads to the main stairway. This stairway accesses both the basement level and second floor. Beyond the vestibule is an octagonal rotunda with arched openings on all sides. The original oak circulation desk to the east highlights this area. To the north and south are large reading rooms. Both of these reading rooms have a brick fireplace with a wood mantel on the east wall. At the present time, neither fireplace is in use. The north reading room is connected to the librarian's office to the east through a pair of ornate wood pocket doors. To the east of the south reading room is a smaller audio/visual room. A large oak trimmed opening with oak columns and shelving connects these two spaces. To the west of this reading room, adjacent to the entry vestibule is a women's rest room and lounge.

Behind the circulation desk and between the librarian's office and audio/visual room is a large stack area. In the center of this stack area is an elevator that serves the basement, second floor and grade level accessible rear entrance. Directly behind the elevator to the east is an open stairway that leads to the accessible entrance and basement.

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The interior is highlighted with original stained oak trim, oak columns, transoms, oak trimmed fireplaces and plaster walls, which arch gently inwards toward the ceiling at the corners. The interior is in excellent condition with nearly all of the original details and fenestration intact, including the wood paneled doors, the ornate detailed frames and transoms, and the original profiled stained oak base boards.

The second floor is, at present time, not occupied and is one open space. The plaster ceiling is approximately twelve feet high and is gently vaulted towards the center. The stair that leads to the first floor vestibule is open and has the original oak components including the ornate newel posts, railings and spindles.

The basement houses the children's library in the center and reading rooms to the north and south. The mechanical and electrical equipment room is located in the north east corner. The handicap accessible toilets are located on the west end of the children's area. These spaces were created in early 1998 when the entire basement was remodeled. This renovation consisted of new walls, flooring, ceilings, lighting and heating system.

Because this library building has not seen any significant past remodeling, save for the ADA mandated elevator, restoring this structure to the 1905 appearance would be highly desirable due to its Classical Revival style, and should not incur undue expenses because of its nearly original state of preservation. This building has received some modifications to bring it into compliance with current ADA, life-safety and building codes. Unfortunately, the original clay tiled gable roof and the exterior doors and windows have all been replaced and currently do not replicate the original components. However, the owner has the original blueprints and early photographs which detail and illustrates these components for accurate future restoration.

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The building was completed and the library took possession of its new home on June 22, 1905. The total costs of the building came to \$15,646.55. Sidewalks were added by the city at an expense of \$614.80. These were completed in 1911. Ornamental lights around the outside of the library were added in 1912, funded by the Litchfield Fire Department. In 1916 the library added a public rest room in the basement of the building to serve those who gathered in the park.

Some reconstruction work, including removing a small room and re-plastering walls and ceilings, was done in 1935-36. New children's furnishings were added, and a public meeting room as added in the basement. The public rest room was enlarged and renamed "ladies lounge." A new heating plant was installed in 1940.

The interior of the library was repainted in 1973 for a total cost of \$1,456.56. Window air conditioners were installed in the main floor windows at this time as well, at a cost of \$1,425 for three units.

The roof was repaired in 1985. The existing clay tiles were removed and insulation was installed, then a covering of rubber roofing. Gravel was installed to protect the flat roof. The costs for these repairs were \$9,834.00

Many interior building improvements came along in the early 1990's. Plumbing and electrical improvements were performed on the building in 1993 - 1994. New wiring was installed in much of the occupied space, and the first floor rest room was improved. (The "ladies lounge" was closed down in the mid 1950's due to lack of use.)

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Also during this period, the building was treated for termites that had infested the wooden beams and asbestos insulation was removed from steam pipes in the basement. Plaster was repaired throughout the building where age and moisture had caused cracks and deterioration.

In 1994, new aluminum framed insulated glass windows were installed to replace the original wood double-hung windows. All three floors were fitted with double glass thermopane window units, and the leaded windows in the front of the building were covered with clear glazing that would reduce the heat loss but allow the leaded glass to show through. This was done by Energy Tech of Litchfield for a cost of \$29,995.

In 1993, planning was initiated to bring the building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Not only was the building inaccessible to the handicapped, it was also too small for the collection of over 30,000 volumes. Books were stored on window sills, on top of shelves, and in boxes. The decision was made to renovate the existing three-floor building, in lieu of a building addition.

An elevator was installed inside the building in 1995-96 in addition to an accessible entrance at the east elevation. This allowed access from the ground level of the building into the structure and access to all levels. Renovation of the basement level into a children's library, a story hour room, and a storage area for periodicals was completed in 1998. The upper level of the building, currently used only for storage, will be opened to the public and used to house adult fiction materials, a local history and genealogy room, and a public meeting room. This phase will begin in early 1999.

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Aside from the major changes mentioned here, various small repairs to the building such as replacement of broken doors and windows, as well as repair of plaster, have been done as needed. The City of Litchfield, who currently owns the building, has funded a majority of the work to the building. Supplemental funds have been obtained through grants from the Illinois State Library.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

**Education**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1905 - 1948

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1905

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Moratz, Paul, Architect

Rees, John, Builder

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Litchfield Public Library

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Name of Property

Montgomery, Illinois  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	116	270670	4339650
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Evan Lloyd Associates, Inc. date November 3, 1998

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Litchfield

street & number 120 East Ryder Street telephone (217) 324-5253

city or town Litchfield state IL zip code 62056

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The Litchfield Public Library in Litchfield, Illinois, is locally significant for Criterion A for education due to its role in providing library services to the citizens of Litchfield from 1905 when the library took possession of the building to 1948, the fifty-year cutoff for significance to the National Register of Historic Places. The Litchfield Public Library meets the requirements of the property type "Carnegie Library" as defined in the approved multiple property documentation form "Illinois Carnegie Libraries."

Litchfield, Illinois was established in 1853 by Electus Bachus Litchfield. While Litchfield was not the first man to settle in the area, he was the coordinator of the Terra Haute/Alton Railroad, which would run through the settlement and cause it to blossom into an incorporated town. The town grew steadily as the railroad line made its way across the country. In 1856, industry and commercial enterprises joined farming as a way of life in Litchfield, when hotels, general stores, drug stores, machine shops, a bank and a saloon were opened. By 1857, several churches were in place as well. After a few fledgling attempts, Litchfield was incorporated as a village in 1859. Shortly after the incorporation, a focus on education began as the city council took it upon them to select and hire schoolteachers and establish three schools in Litchfield.

The Litchfield Public Library was first established on June 27, 1872, when the city fathers voted to levy a tax of one-tenth of one percent for the purpose of forming a public library. The funds collected would lie in the city treasury until 1881, when the first board of library

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trustees was appointed. Prior to the appointment of the board, in 1879, the Ladies Library Service was created. Carrying a basket of books from one house to another, they began loaning reading materials amongst themselves. The ladies, later known as the "Kettledrum," laid the foundation for the current Litchfield Library.

The library was first opened on April 27, 1882 in the upstairs room of the Cline Building, at 421 N. State. Three hundred and eighty dollars was expended to purchase three hundred books, and a salary of ten dollars per month was established for Miss Mary Wallace, the first librarian. The following month, 697 persons visited the library and the total number of books carried home for reading was 322. At the close of the first year, there had been 6,381 visitors and 3,243 books loaned.

The library stayed in the upstairs of the Cline Building until 1889, when it moved into the second floor of the First National Bank. The library continued to grow and acquire more books and furnishings, some donated by the Kettledrum, or the Ladies Library Service who disbanded their book sharing program in 1885. They not only donated all their materials; they also donated \$60.00 in cash to the library. By May of 1890, the library held 2,666 books and had an increased librarian salary of fifteen dollars per month.

For the next fifteen years the library continued to grow steadily, each year showing an increase in patronage and service. It was soon apparent that the library would be outgrowing its present building just as it had the first and the need for a library building was realized in 1903. This was a period of advancement for libraries in general, for Mr. Andrew Carnegie was giving sums of money for the establishment of public libraries. He felt that the

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public library was the best of all benefactions because it required cooperation from the recipient in order to do the utmost good. For more information on the development of libraries in the United States and in Illinois, refer to the Multiple Property Documentation Form for "Illinois Carnegie Libraries".

A special committee of citizens was formed to appeal to Andrew Carnegie for a grant to construct a building in which to house the library. A response was received from Carnegie on January 6, 1903, stating that if the city would pledge to "maintain a free public library at the cost of not less than one thousand dollars a year... Mr. Carnegie will be glad to furnish ten thousand dollars to erect" a library building for Litchfield. After an appeal for more funding, a second letter was received stating that if the city would increase their yearly funding, "Mr. Carnegie is willing to increase his donation.... to fifteen thousand dollars."<sup>1</sup>

That September, Block 13 known as City Park, in downtown Litchfield, was chosen to be the site of the new library. Paul O. Moratz of Bloomington created the plans for the building. Born in Germany in 1868, Moratz migrated to the United States with his family in 1868. He attended the University of Illinois School of Architecture and afterward moved to Bloomington, Illinois to start a private practice. Among his Carnegie libraries in Illinois were: Arcola, 407 East Main Street, 1903; El Paso, 149 West First Street, 1905, listed in National Register; Farmington, 266 East Fort Street, 1906; Greenville, 414 West Main, 1903, listed in National Register; Hillsboro, 214 East School Street, 1903; Jerseyville, 104 North Lafayette Street, 1902, listed in National Register; Mendota, 901 Washington Street, 1904; Onarga, 209 West Seminary Avenue, 1906; Paxton 254 South Market, 1903; Pittsfield, 205 North Memorial, 1905, listed in National Register; Sycamore, NE corner State and Main,

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<sup>1</sup> Betram, Jas., Correspondence for the Library Board, 1903

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1903 and Tuscola, 112 East Sales Street, 1903, listed in National Register. The contract to build the two-story structure was let to John Rees, also of Bloomington, for the fee of \$13,700. July 4, 1904 was the day selected for the placing of the cornerstone; the Masonic Lodge was invited to perform this ceremony.

The building was not completed until June 1905 and on June 22, 1905, the library board voted "to take possession of the new building, and as soon as practical move the library possessions into the same." The board meeting minutes of September 19, 1905 state that "at this date the Litchfield Public Library had taken possession of the new and elegant building provided by the generosity of Andrew Carnegie". The library then began its long history as the "center" of downtown Litchfield.

By the time the Carnegie building was erected, Litchfield had become a railroad center, and it was a proud boast of many citizens that there was train service in every direction, almost every hour of the day. Since the library was open Saturday afternoons and almost every evening, many shoppers from neighboring towns were happy to have such a pleasant place to rest while waiting for their trains. In early years, those sharing a picnic lunch in the park as they visited the general store or gathered after church services frequented the library.

In March of 1913, discussion began about the availability of using part of the library basement for a public rest room. Through combined efforts from the Women's Club, the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce a public rest room was completed in early 1916. This public facility continued to operate under the management of the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Club for approximately the next thirty years.

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In 1914 the library was approached by the public schools to include children's books in its holdings. A list of needed books was presented to the library board and was favorably passed upon by the book committee. This cooperation between the public schools and the library was the beginning of added interest in children's reading. In 1924, the Litchfield Council of Parents and Teachers gave forty-three new books for children. With greater demand for children's books, so many were added in 1925 that new bookshelves had to be purchased to accommodate the additional materials.

For a period of approximately ten years in the late 1920's and early 1930's, local resources were so sadly depleted that it was impossible to make repairs, save the most needed. By 1935, the library had reached an age when some reconstruction was necessary, and so when federal funds became available, the library applied for aid. Through the help of the Mayor, repairs were started in November of that year. With this work, a new boardroom was constructed in the basement and was equipped with furnishings on hand. The room was made available for committee meetings for all organizations needing such a place, providing they were civic or educational groups.

By 1941, the number of yearly visitors to the library had grown to 31,446. Also that year, approximately 18,000 children's books were circulated. Early library records of circulation and visitors are incomplete. All information that was found has been incorporated in this document.

The library's contribution to local education has continued to this day. Tours of the library were included in every grade school curriculum from the early years. In the mid 1980's librarian Barbara Rhodes began a program of cooperation with the schools that lasted until the library began its major renovations in 1995. Each grade school class from kindergarten

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to fifth grade came to the library once a month for story hour and to borrow books. This helped promote library usage as well as give all Litchfield children a chance to learn about the library and reading.

As the library stands in Library Park, its grand stone facade facing the main street of the town, one may not realize how important it is to the people who live in Litchfield, whether they visit often or have entered the building only a few times. Considering that the building was built for a mere \$15,000, one cannot grasp the priceless information and entertainment held within.

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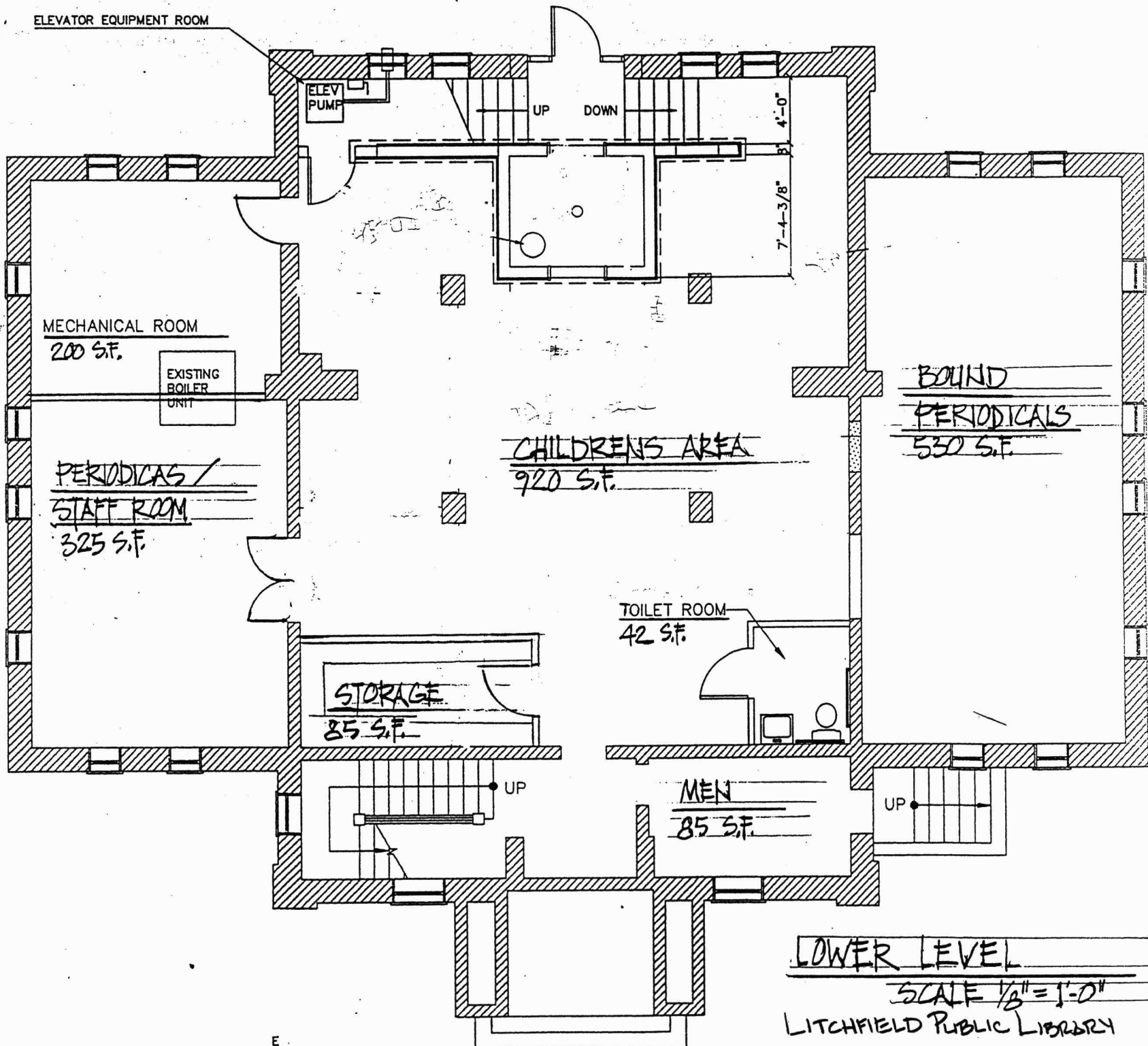
### 10. Geographical Data

#### Verbal Boundary Description

The Litchfield Public Library is located in Block 13 - Library Park, which is bounded on the north by Union Avenue, State Street on the west, Kirkham Street on the south and Madison Street to the east, in the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, in the State of Illinois.

#### Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the library building and surrounding area that has historically been a part of the Litchfield Public Library and that maintains historic integrity.



ELEVATOR EQUIPMENT ROOM

ELEV PUMP

UP

DOWN

4'-0"

7'-4-3/8"

MECHANICAL ROOM  
200 S.F.

EXISTING  
BOILER  
UNIT

PERIODICALS /  
STAFF ROOM  
325 S.F.

CHILDRENS AREA  
920 S.F.

BOUND  
PERIODICALS  
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TOILET ROOM  
42 S.F.

STORAGE  
85 S.F.

MEN  
85 S.F.

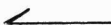
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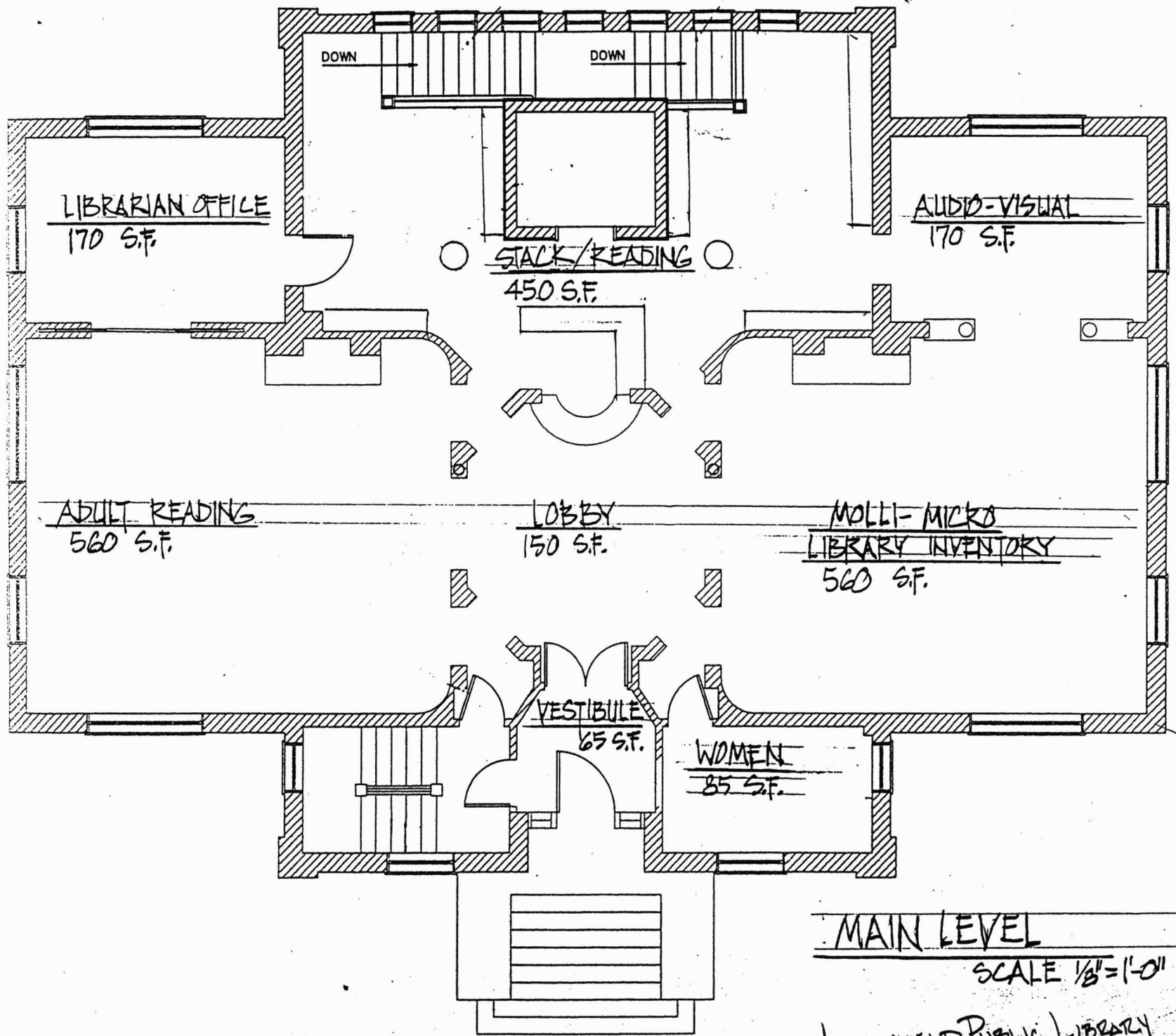
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NORTH





DOWN

DOWN

LIBRARIAN OFFICE  
170 S.F.

AUDIO-VISUAL  
170 S.F.

STACK/READING  
450 S.F.

ADULT READING  
560 S.F.

LOBBY  
150 S.F.

MOLLIS-MICRO  
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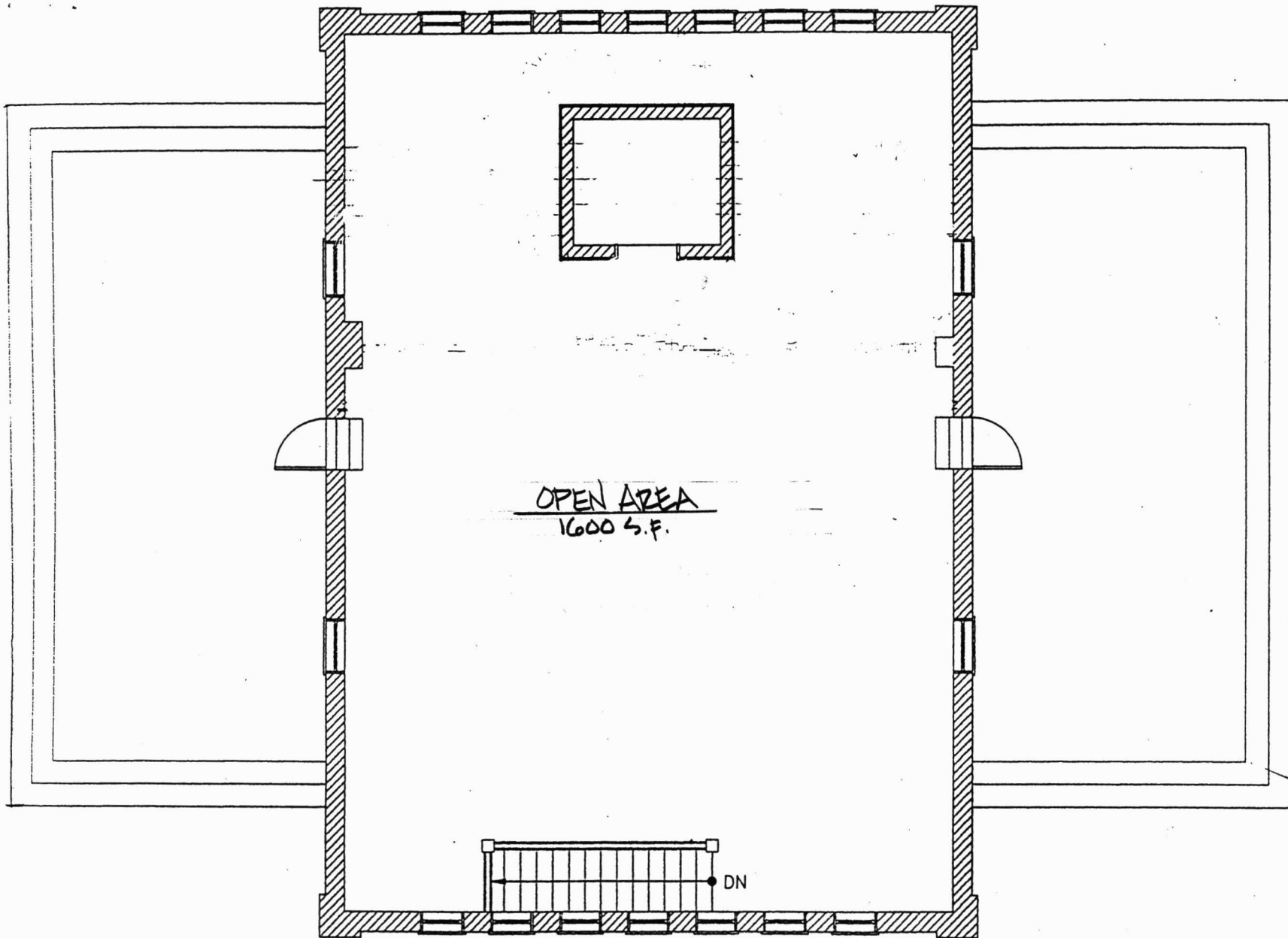
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← NORTH



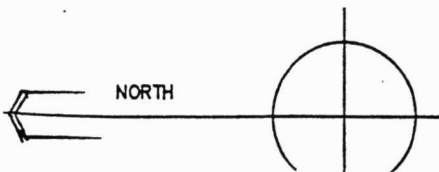
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Litchfield Public Library  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Illinois Carnegie Libraries MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ILLINOIS, Montgomery

DATE RECEIVED: 1/13/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/26/99  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/11/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/27/99  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000165

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 2-12-99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: **Entered in the  
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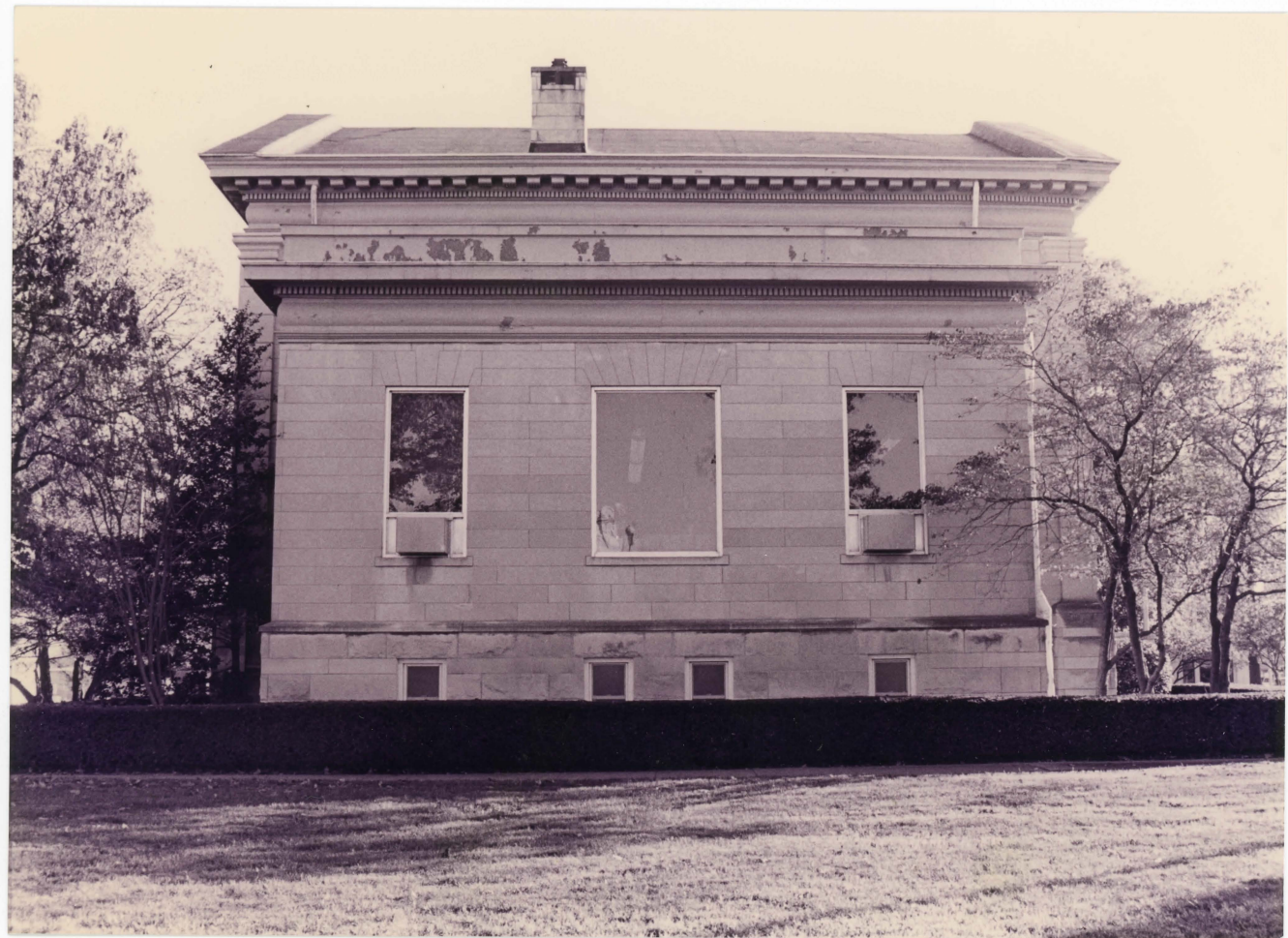
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BOOK  
DROP

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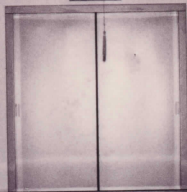
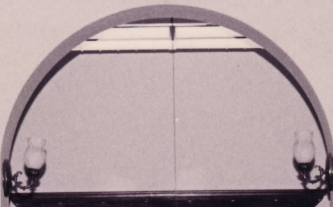
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EAST ELEVATION - REAR ENTRY

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Book Fair

BUFFET

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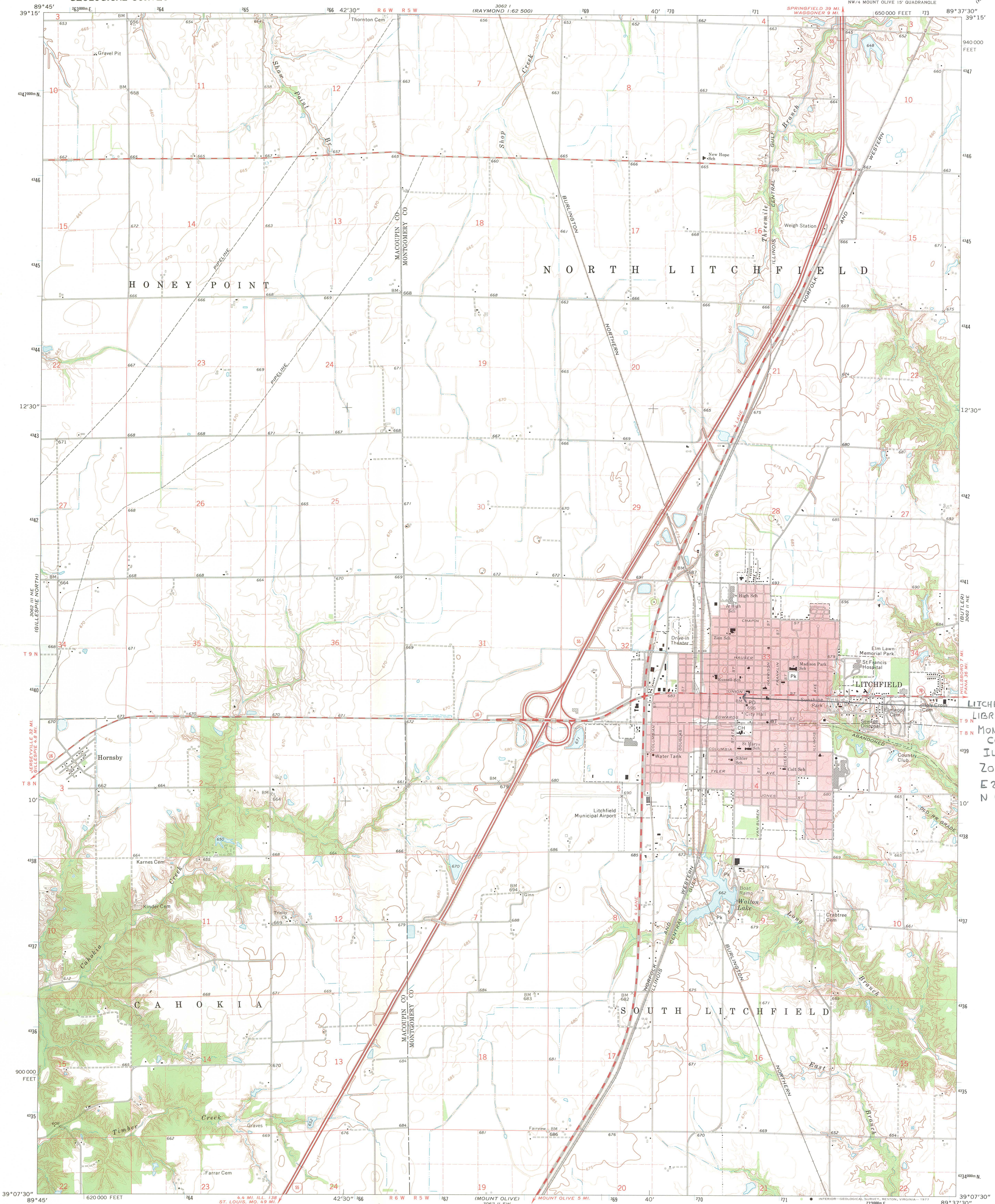
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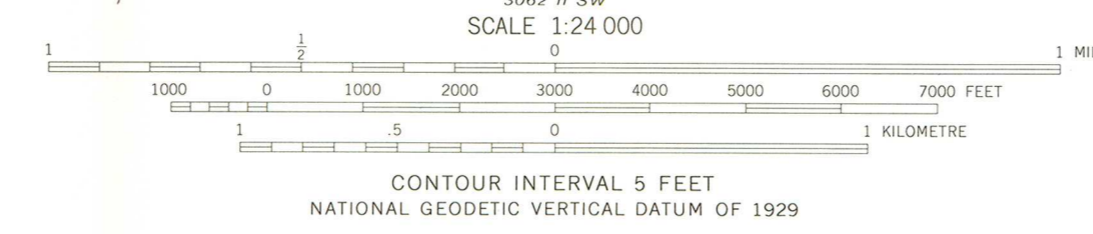
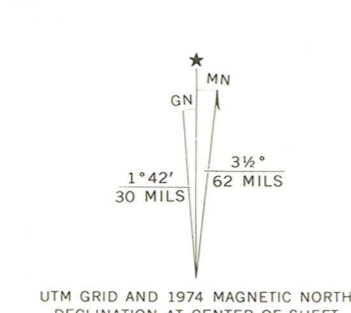
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USGS Map



LITCHFIELD PUBLIC  
LIBRARY  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
ZONE 16  
E 270 670  
N 4339650

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
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Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



LITCHFIELD, ILL.  
NW 1/4 MOUNT OLIVE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3907.5-W8937.5/7.5

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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January 6, 1999

Beth Boland  
National Register Program  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Beth:

Enclosed please find the following properties that were recommended for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council at its December 11, 1998 meeting, and nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer:

Country Tea Room, East Dundee vicinity  
Litchfield Public Library, Litchfield  
Lakewood Balmoral Historic District, Chicago  
900 West Lake Street, Chicago

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ann V. Swallow  
Survey & National Register  
Coordinator

encl.