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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Illinois
COUNTY:	Ogle
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Flagg Township Public Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Flagg Township Public Library

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
N. E. Corner Seventh Street at Fourth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Rochelle

STATE:
Illinois

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
17	Ogle	141

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Library	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Flagg Township

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:
Illinois

CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Ogle County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington and Fourth Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Oregon

STATE:
Illinois

CODE:
17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Glessner House

STREET AND NUMBER:
1800 South Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE:
Illinois

CODE:
17

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John Congressional District - John Anderson, Congressman

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DESCRIPTION:

The Flagg Township Public Library is a one story structure set on a raised basement. It is built of brownish- red mottled brick with raked horizontal joints. A limestone string course runs around the building just below the windows. Between this string course and the eave are panels of greenish-white Sullivanesque ornament. The eaves have a wide overhang and a wooden strip painted green provides detailing on their underside. A green tile roof completes the building.

Entry is made through double doors into a hall, with stairs leading to the main floor. The main floor contains the reading room, an oak librarians desk and oak stacks which run around the room to window level. To the right of the librarians desk is a brick fireplace. The windows, which form almost a continuous band around the room, are leaded glass. A milky glass and a clear glass of three different textures fill a rectilinear design.

The raised basement contains the heating plant, rest rooms, a work room, and a lecture room complete with stage and which is accessible through a separate entry.

The library has undergone few and minor alterations. The front entry doors were replaced as were the light fixtures which lit the entry. An accoustical tile ceiling was put over the original plaster ceiling in the reading room and the light fixtures were changed.

HISTORY:

The Flagg Township Public Library was built with funds provided by Andrew Carnegie. He gave ten thousand dollars to the city with the stipulations that they would provide one thousand a year for maintenance and that he could approve the plans. Carnegie then sent rather complete specifications which left only the design of the exterior and the material of the building to the selection of the architects.

This library was designed by the firm of ~~Claude and Starck~~ who, it is said, were once draftsmen in the office of the early modern architect, Louis H. Sullivan. Claude and Starck designed a large number of Carnegie libraries.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1912

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SIGNIFICANCE:

Unrestricted by the exact specifications of Mr. Carnegie, Claude and Starck succeeded in designing a handsome building in an early modern style. The general proportions of the structure, the ornament, polygonal bays and sharp, clear cut basement window openings relate it to the work of Louis Sullivan. While its broadly projecting eaves, wood detailing, low hipped roof, and general interior design tie it to the Prairie School.

Despite a small budget and certain restrictions, Claude and Starck created a very excellent design and a striking building which is immediately noticed by the visitor to Rochelle.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

File of Correspondance between the Carnegie Foundation and the Library Committee.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	o	'	"	o	'	"	42°	55'	24"
NE	o	'	"	o	'	"	89°	4'	05"
SE	o	'	"	o	'	"			
SW	o	'	"	o	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Susan Karr Sorell Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Illinois Historic Structures Survey DATE: Aug. 7, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 1800 S. Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Anthony T. Deary

Title: _____

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

SURVEY USE ONLY

1. Name of Site: Flag Twsp. Library

Common
Historic

- Archaeology
- Architecture
- History

200735

2. Location:

Street and Number

4th Ave. & 7th Sts.

City or Town

ROCHELLE
County

Ogle

Township

40N Flagg

Range

RIE

Section

24

1/4 Section

NW

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

- District
- Building
- Site
- Structure

Integrity (check one)

- Altered
- Unaltered
- Moved
- Original Site

4. Ownership

- Private
- Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

Access to public

- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

Present Use (check one or more)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (specify)

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name

Street and Number

City or Town

State

County

Phone Number

562-6767

Zip Code

6. Description

Condition

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruins
- Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? Yes No

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

- Archaeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- Archaeological Site (Post-Columbian to 1673)
- French Influence (1673-1780)
- Illinois Frontier (1780-1818)
- Illinois Early (1818-1850)
- Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- Illinois Late (1900-present)
- Famous People Carnegie Library (give names & dates)

REPOSITORY; ARCHITECTURE



8. Specific Date: 1912

Areas of Significance (check one or more of the following)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (pre-historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | |

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates.) Use additional sheets if necessary. Carnegie Library designed by student of Sullivan

9. Form prepared by:

Name and title: _____ Date: _____
Organization: _____
Street and Number: _____
City or Town _____ County _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for references for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.