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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Cambridge Library
AND OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Eighth and Green Streets
CITY, TOWN
Performances
STATE
VICINITY OF

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
DISTRICT
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNER
SHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS

STATUS
OCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSION
BEING CONSIDERED

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
Mr. Mel Green
STREET & NUMBER
330E Ann Street
CITY, TOWN
Parkersburg
VICTORY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE
Registry of Deeds, Etc.
STREET & NUMBER
Wood Street, Part
Court Square
CITY, TOWN
Parkersburg, West Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
**DESCRIPTION**

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.**

The exterior is still basically in original condition with the exception of two missing stone lions that formerly guarded the front steps. The building is a two story L-shaped brick building detailed in grey stone. The style is early twentieth century classicism. The Neo-Classical pediment is flush with the building and is embellished with two Roman Doric columns whose lower shafts are reeded. Window spandrels are stone appointed and carved with words in relief, e.g. art, literature, etc. New windows are stained glass including one bearing the Carnegie coat of arms.
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1905 with a gift of $30,000 from Andrew Carnegie, this Carnegie Hall in Wheeling, West Virginia, served as the center for knowledge and learning in the Wheeling area for approximately seventy years. Several years ago the building was abandoned in favor of the new Wheeling Public Library in North Parkersburg. The Carnegie Library was purchased at auction in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Croll who would like to make an adaptive use of the building. The building has been decorated with a variety of antiques and an attempt at using the building as a restaurant was made but was less than successful. Currently, the building is not being utilized.

The city of Wheeling has been undergoing a period of revitalization and as a result a number of the old buildings are being restored and others are currently abandoned. Indeed, the present use of Mr. and Mrs. Croll at the auction was the subject of the neighboring residents who intended to restore the building in order to equalize these positive trends.

The old Carnegie Public Library building is a fine, old structure that has touched the lives of nearly all the people in the area and without the proper recognition and protection, it would be a shame to lose this landmark.
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A [521, 270] E 4, N 3, 2
B [421, 270] E 5, N 3, 2
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LEVEL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

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Hagerstown, MD

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE