



The Lincoln-Carnegie Branch Library
1312 W. Lincoln Avenue

Application for Historical Landmark Designation

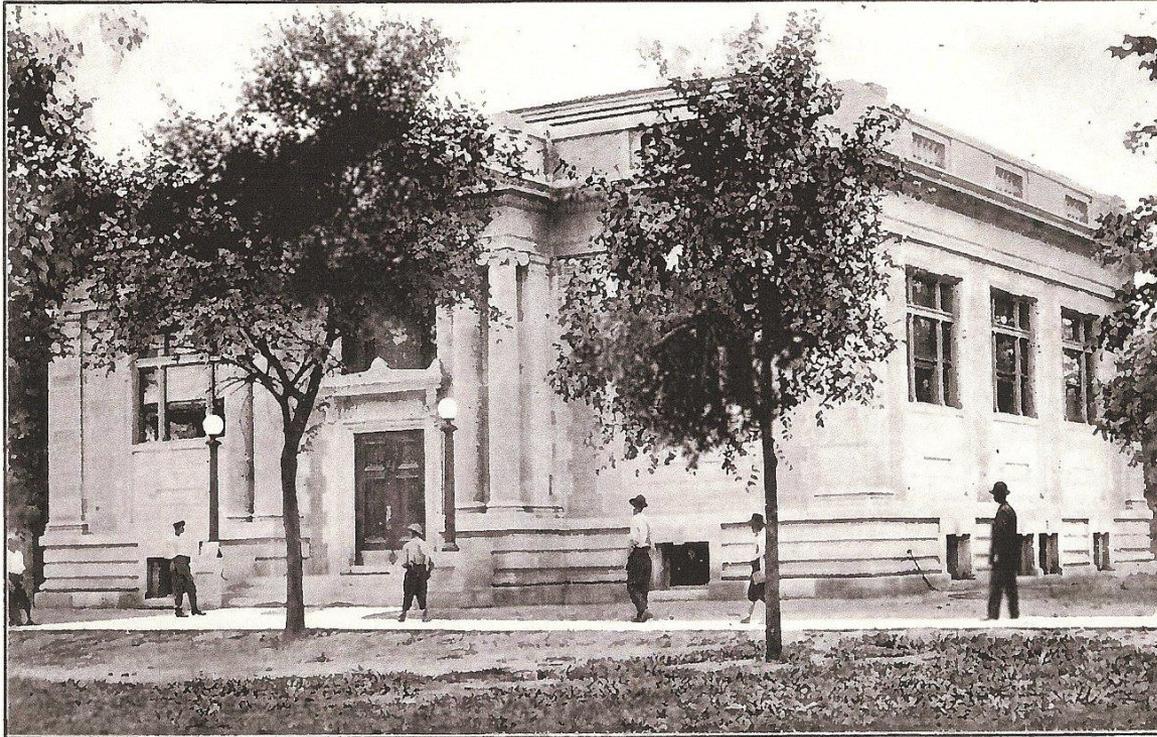
Physical & Historic Characteristics

Built in 1910 & dedicated in 1911, the Lincoln Library is a Neoclassical Revival design made of Bedford Stone and Roman pressed brick.

Features include:

- Symmetrical design
- Ionic Columns
- Triangular pediment
- Garland-carved stone adornments over windows
- Corner Quoins reflecting decorative rusticated masonry design

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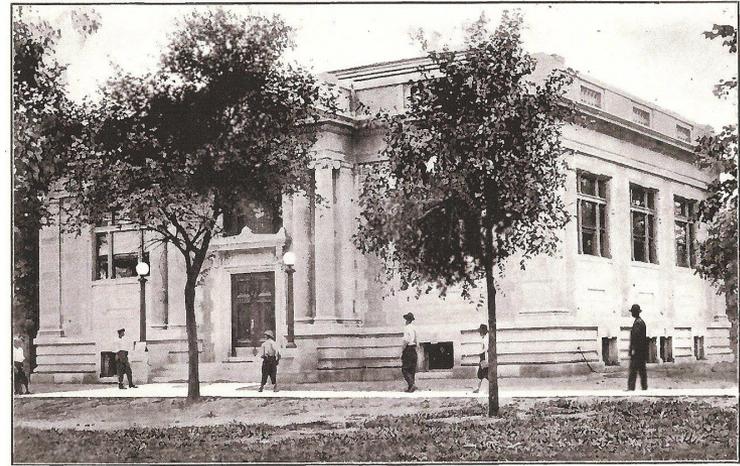
LINCOLN BRANCH

- Designed by Hotchkiss & Harris Architects & built by McDonald & Brady Contracting Co.
- Built on the site of the “Old Public Graveyard” (City Cemetery) at Lincoln Park

Physical & Historic Characteristics

Lincoln Branch Library site was also

- **Abner Eads Farm**, one of earliest farms in the area
- Rebecca Eads, **first American woman in Peoria**, is commemorated with a boulder which is still in Lincoln Park today.



LINCOLN BRANCH



Application Addresses Criteria: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8

Section 16-38 A

- 1. Its character, interest or value is part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, the County, the State or the United States of America, deems it historically significant.**
- 2. Its location is a site of significant local, county, state or national event.**
- 3. Its identification with a person who significantly contributed to the development of the City, State or Nation.**
- 4. Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigeneous materials.**
- 5. Its identification as the work of a Master Building Designer, architect or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, the state or the nation.**

Criteria (cont.)

6. Its embodiment of elements of design, detailing, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.
7. Its embodiment of design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
- 8. Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.**
9. Its character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

Criterion 1

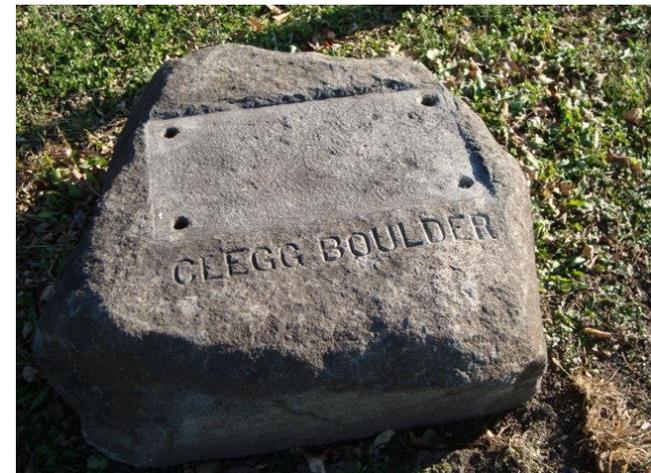
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- **The Lincoln Branch Carnegie Library was built with a grant from Andrew Carnegie in an effort to enlighten people more through education and reading.**

Criterion 2

Its location is a site of significant local, county, state or national event.

- **The Lincoln Branch Carnegie Library is the site of the Abner Eads Farm, one of earliest farms in Peoria.**
- **Rebecca Eads, the first American woman in Peoria, lived on this farm and she is commemorated with a boulder which is still present in Lincoln Park.**



Criterion 3

Its identification with a person who significantly contributed to the development of the City, State or Nation.

Support for Criterion 3

- **The Lincoln Branch Carnegie Library is identified with Andrew Carnegie, renowned industrialist and steel magnate and generous philanthropist.**
- **Identified locally, with Henry Means Pindell, publisher of the Peoria Transcript Herald & grandfather to Henry Slane, owner of the Peoria Journal Star; both of whom contributed significantly, through their newspapers, to the development of the City of Peoria.**
- **Also identified with A.G. Tyng, president of the Library Board in 1911 and distinguished citizen.**



Criterion 4

Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

- **Carnegie Public Libraries were built between 1886 & 1917.**
- **This is a Neoclassical Design featuring;**
 - **Full height entry porch with a classical pediment & gabled roof**
 - **Ionic Columns**
 - **Roof-line balustrade**
 - **locally-sourced Bradford Stone**
- **The steps leading to the door symbolize a person's elevation achieved by learning.**
- **The placement of lampposts & lanterns at the entrance; to symbolize enlightenment achieved by reading.**



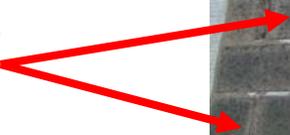
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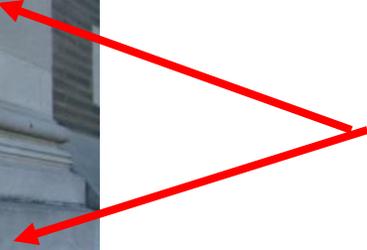


Roof line Balustrade

Roman pressed bricks



Bedford Stone

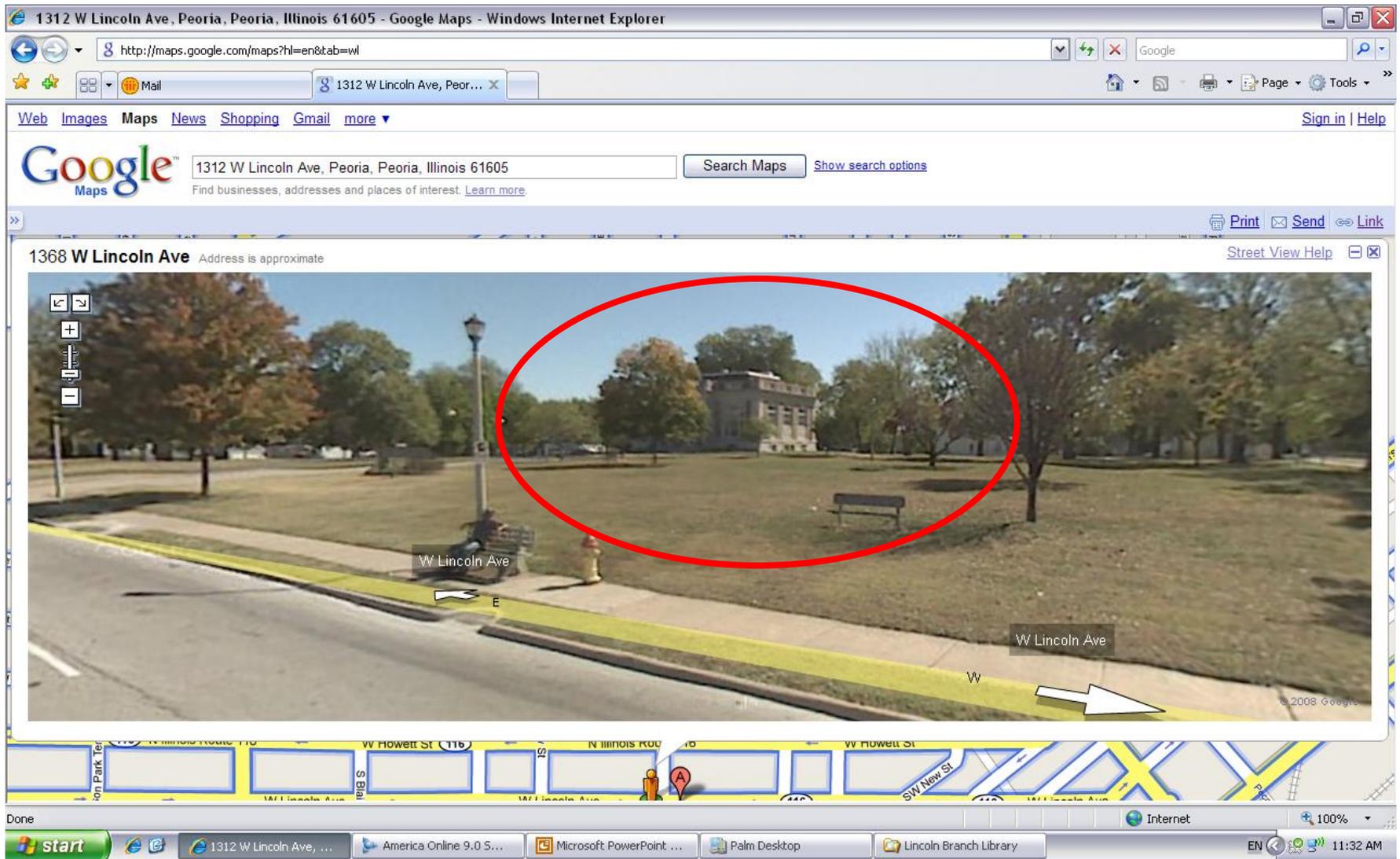


Criterion 8

Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.

- **The Lincoln Branch Carnegie Library has been the center of Lincoln Park for nearly 100 years.**
- **This same location is the site of the Abner Eads Farm, one of the earliest American farms in the area.**
- **A monument in memory of Rebecca Eads still sets in the park near the Library**
- **“Old Public Graveyard” later known as the City Cemetery opened in 1841 and closed 1886.**

Support for Criterion 8



- Average Daily Traffic count is: 3,350 cars/day

Additionally
Section 16-38 B

- Any structure, property or area that meets one or more of the above criteria shall also be suitable for preservation or restoration

... and have sufficient integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship to make it worthy of preservation or restoration.

Summary

- The exterior (and interior) of this building is in good condition & worthy of preservation.
- We respectfully plead to the Commission to **grant** the requested **designation** as a **Local Historic Landmark**.



References & Sources

- Peoria Historical Society
- Cullom-Davis Library Special Collections Dept.
- Peoria Star archives
- Central Illinois Landmark Foundation archives

