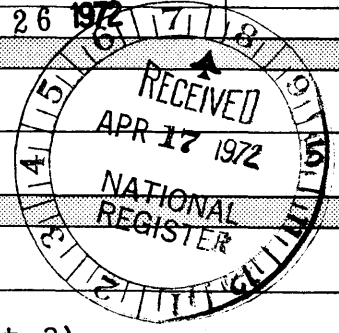


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Montana	
COUNTY: Yellowstone	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Parmly Billings Memorial Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2822 Montana Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Billings (Congressional District 2)

STATE Montana	CODE 30	COUNTY: Yellowstone	CODE 111
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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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<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 (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Billings 99 year lease from: Burlington Northern Railroad

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Billings

STATE:
Montana

CODE:
30

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Billings

STATE:
Montana

CODE:
30

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: August 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C.

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

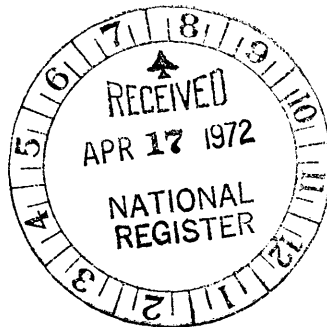
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The library's steep roof, turrets, and massive walls of rubble faced square sandstone characterize the Romanesque style. Two turrets frame the staircase that leads to the central floor. One turret is four stories, the fourth story being an open level encircled by a colonade of seven corinthian columns. The other turret is three stories high and lacks the open colonade. Although the present roof is asphalt shingled, the original was red Spanish tile.

The main floor consisted of a single cruciformed shape reading room. The basement area was another reading room with a lounge, storage and supply rooms. The interior wall construction is of stud and plaster.

Two additional wings were added to the library since its initial construction. They were extended reading rooms to the east and west of the original floor plan. C.S. Haire kept the wings in accordance with the style of the building. The east wing was financed by Frederick Billings, Jr. in 1910. The west wing was financed by Elizabeth Billings, a sister, in 1936.



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B. 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) 1901

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two story Parmly Billings Memorial Library, one of the few remaining older public buildings in Billings, was designed in the Romanesque style by C. S. Haire and was built in 1901. It was given to the city of Billings, Montana, in 1901, by Frederick Billings, Jr., a son of Frederick Billings, Sr., for whom the city was named, and the former president of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

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Frederick, Jr. financed the building as a tribute to the memory of his brother, Parmly Billings, a one time resident of the community.

The site on which the library stands was donated to the city on a 99 year lease in 1900, by the Northern Pacific Railroad. The lease stated the land was to be used for a library and a park.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montana-A State Guide Book, by Work
 Projects Admin., p. 127-134.
 The Billings News, vol 2, Oct 5, 1901.
 Nat'l. Cyclo. of Amer. Bio., vol 25:p 361.
 The original working drawings.

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 acre**

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 AND TITLE:
Norman Guyaz, Asst. Planner and Project Administrator

ORGANIZATION: **Montana Fish and Game Department** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER:
Sam W. Mitchell Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Helena,** STATE: **Montana** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 *Wesley R. Woodgerd*
Wesley R. Woodgerd
 Chief, Recreation
 and Parks Division
 State Liaison Officer

Title _____

Date *H-6-72*

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

Robert K. Wiley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

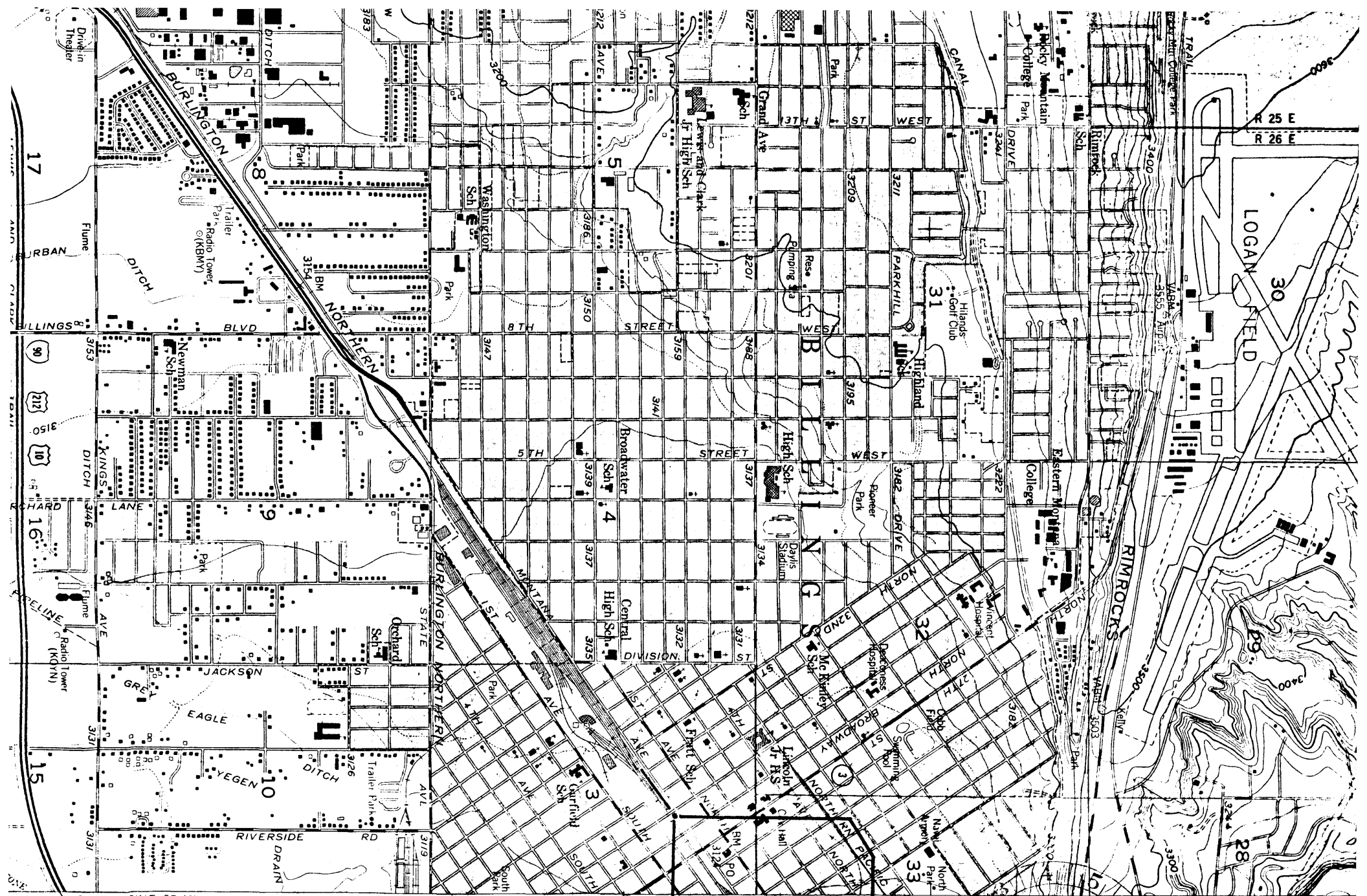
Date *10/26/72*

ATTEST:

William H. Smith
 Keeper of The National Register

Date *10-19-72*

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BALLANTINE 25 MI.
CUSTER 57 MI.

U. S. G. S.
BILLINGS WEST, MONT.
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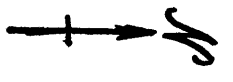
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CUSTER 55 MI.

LONGITUDE
108° 30' 17.7"

47° 30'



1.2 MI. TO U.S. 10 AND 12



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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. Billings West, Montana			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1957, Photo revised 1969			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

