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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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
Campbell Library
AND OR COMMON
James L. Wilson

2 LOCATION

STREET NUMBER
Corner of Eighth and Green Streets
CITY, TOWN
Perkinsville
STATE
WVa

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
DISTRICT
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
ACCESIBLE
IN PROCESS
NECESSITITY
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES RESTRICTED
YES UNRESTRICTED
NO

STATUS

AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
RELIGIOUS
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
RELIGIOUS
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Dr. Mel Greene
STREET & NUMBER
330C Ann Street
CITY, TOWN
Parkersburg
STATE
WVa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS
Etc.

STREET & NUMBER
Wood Street
Court Square
CITY, TOWN
Parkersburg
STATE
WVa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE

FEDERAL
STATE
COUNTY
LOCAL

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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 stoned 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 grant of $31,000 from Andrew Carnegie, this Building served as the center for knowledge and learning in the Parkersburg-Wood County area for approximately seventy years. Several years ago the building was abandoned in favor of the new Parkersburg-Wood County Public Library in North Parkersburg. The Carnegie Library was purchased at auction in 1970 by Dr. John Champion, who would like to make an adaptive use of the building. The first floor 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 Parkersburg has been undergoing a period of revitalization and as a result a number of the old buildings and landmarks have been restored and others are currently undergoing. Instead, the present for Dr. John Champion was his vision of the building and the dream of the library being turned into an interior to restore the building in order to equal his vision.

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: 1,200

UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE NAME: A

ZONE EASTING: 20,000

NORTHING: 1,000

QUADRANGLE SCALE:

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

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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

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME: David Berts  
TITLE: August 20, 1979

ORGANIZATION: History of the American City Inst.  
ADDRESS: (314) 231-3436

STREET & NUMBER:  
CITY & STATE: West Virginia, 25301

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE:  

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:  

CHEF OF REGISTRATION