

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 200 Second Street, N. E.
 Map and Parcel: 33-199
 Census Tract & Block: 1-109
 Present Owner: City of Charlottesville
 Address:
 Present Use: Library
 Original Owner: City
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BASE DATA

Historic Name: McIntire Public Library
 Date/Period: 1919-1922
 Style: Neo-Classical Revival
 Height to Cornice: 22.5
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-3
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 21 x 94.9
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 14,490 + 23,520 = 38,010

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This structure is an excellent example of the neo-classical revival style which became popular for public buildings in the first quarter of the twentieth century. The entrance to the library is defined by a graceful semi-circular portico of Corinthian columns. Flanking the portico are niches with large urns bearing the names of ancient philosophers. The gently sloped roof is hidden from view by a balustrade. The rear facade faces a small garden dedicated to the benefactor and is notable for the exedra (a portico within the walls of the building, backed by a semi-circular wall). The interior of the library features Adamesque revival details common with the neo-classical revival.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

On March 21, 1919, Paul McIntire offered the City of Charlottesville a public library and specified the "Randolph Lot" for its location. The site, which faces Lee Park, was ideal for a library. The lot was purchased by the City from the YMCA for \$7,904.90, the existing building razed, and the present structure was finished in 1922. Deed references: City DB 33-92, 31-337. Mr. Paul McIntire donated money for above purchase.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

City Records