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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

Manning Library (preferred) or Hannah Levi Memorial Library

AND/OR COMMON

Clarendon County Library

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

211 North Brooks Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Manning

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

CODE  
045

COUNTY

Clarendon

CODE

027

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Library

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clarendon County

STREET & NUMBER

Boyce Street

CITY, TOWN

Manning

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clarendon County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Boyce Street

CITY, TOWN

Manning

STATE

South Carolina

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - MINOR	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in the town of Manning, South Carolina, the Manning Library was constructed circa 1909-10. The library is representative of the Classical Revival style and is thought to have been designed by the firm of Shand and Lafaye of Columbia, South Carolina.

Exterior: The one-story brick structure is set on a raised basement and is stuccoed on the front and side facades beneath the water table. Brickwork is stretcher bond. Symmetrical in form, the library features an encircling granite entablature, a brick parapet with molded cap and a tin-roofed dome. Each of the four facades is divided into two side bays and a larger central bay; the facade is divided by four engaged pilasters which are broken by the entablature but reappear on the parapet above. Fenestration is 1/1 throughout, and sills on all facades and lintels on front and sides are granite.

The front facade is dominated by a pedimented Roman Doric portico projecting outward from the central bay and around which the entablature continues unbroken. Dentil detailing and plain columns set on high pedestals are featured on the portico. Each of the side facades is distinguished by a coupled 1/1 window in the central bay. The rear facade is characterized by relieving arch windows set in header bond in each of the three bays, including a coupled 1/1 window in the central bay. In addition, paired doors and two small relieving arch windows at the level of the water table provide light and access to the basement.

Interior: Square in plan, the Manning Library consists of a central octagonal room flanked by four corner rooms, each equal in size and triangular in shape. The main room features a deep, wide recessed arch on each of the four longer walls and a doorway leading to a corner room on each of the four shorter walls. Inset into the arch on the front wall is the entrance, and the arches on the left, rear and right walls each contain a coupled window. The pine floors are original. Although the interior of the dome has been covered by a suspended acoustical tile ceiling, the original fabric is intact beneath. Other significant interior features include: the wide baseboards, plaster walls, high panelled wainscoting, and chair rail; the heavy molded wooden cornice with dentil detailing; and the six original panelled doors, including the narrow double front doors with beveled glass insets.

The right rear corner room has recently been divided in half with modern paneling, and a half bath has been installed in the right portion. Linoleum now covers the pine flooring in this room.

Surroundings: Manning Library is located on a 1/2-acre lot fronting on Brooks Street in a mixed residential/professional neighborhood. No other structures are located on the site. The adjoining lots to the sides and rear are vacant and heavily wooded.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1909-10

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Manning Library, located in Manning, South Carolina, was constructed between 1909 and 1910 and is architecturally significant as a local interpretation of the Classical Revival style. The library is also important both as the first public library in Clarendon County and for its associations with locally prominent individuals.

Efforts to establish a public library in Clarendon County date to the 1880s when the Manning Literary Society was formed by a group of interested townspeople. Financial contributions for the library were raised both by private subscription and by public fundraisings; however, the Manning Literary Society and its successor, the Manning Women's Club, were unable to raise the necessary capital. In 1905, a one-thousand dollar donation was given towards the library by the Levi family, led by Abraham Levi. He was an attorney in Manning and a leading financier in Clarendon County who established and served as president of the Bank of Manning and edited The Manning Times. The Levi children requested that the library be named in memory of their mother, Hannah Levi. She was the widow of Moses Levi, a Confederate veteran and a prominent merchant in the community. The family's contribution was matched by the City of Manning. Public subscriptions were also collected and by April of 1909 the land for the Manning Library was purchased and the library was subsequently built.

The Manning Library was administered by the Women's Club, later the Manning Civic League, until 1976, when it was deeded to Clarendon County. Presently, the library continues to serve as Clarendon County's only public library. Since the building is no longer large enough to comfortably house the library's book collection, a larger county library will be constructed as funds become available. Plans are that the Manning Library will then be adapted for use as an archives and museum facility for Clarendon County.

Architecture: Manning Library is an excellent example of a local interpretation of the Classical Revival style. It is believed that the same architectural firm which built the Clarendon County Courthouse between 1908 and 1910, Shand and Lafaye of Columbia, South Carolina, also constructed the Manning Library. Among the notable architectural features of the library are its pedimented Roman Doric portico, engaged pilasters, parapet and dome, and coupled 1/1 windows inset into arches.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Boan, Dick. The Manning Boomerang. Manning, S.C.: The Manning Board of Trade, 1910.

"Civic League Turns Library Over to County." The Manning Times, 13 October 1976, p.1.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .16 acres

UTM REFERENCES Longitude W 80° 12' 38" Latitude N° 33 41' 59"

A 

ZONE	EASTING										
C											

B 

ZONE	EASTING										
D											

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot measuring 73' by 100' and bounded on the east by Brooks Street.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE May 1, 1979

STREET & NUMBER Post Office Box 11,669, Capitol Station

TELEPHONE 803/758-5816

CITY OR TOWN Columbia

STATE South Carolina

# 12 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

*Charles E. Lee*

TITLE Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 5/23/79

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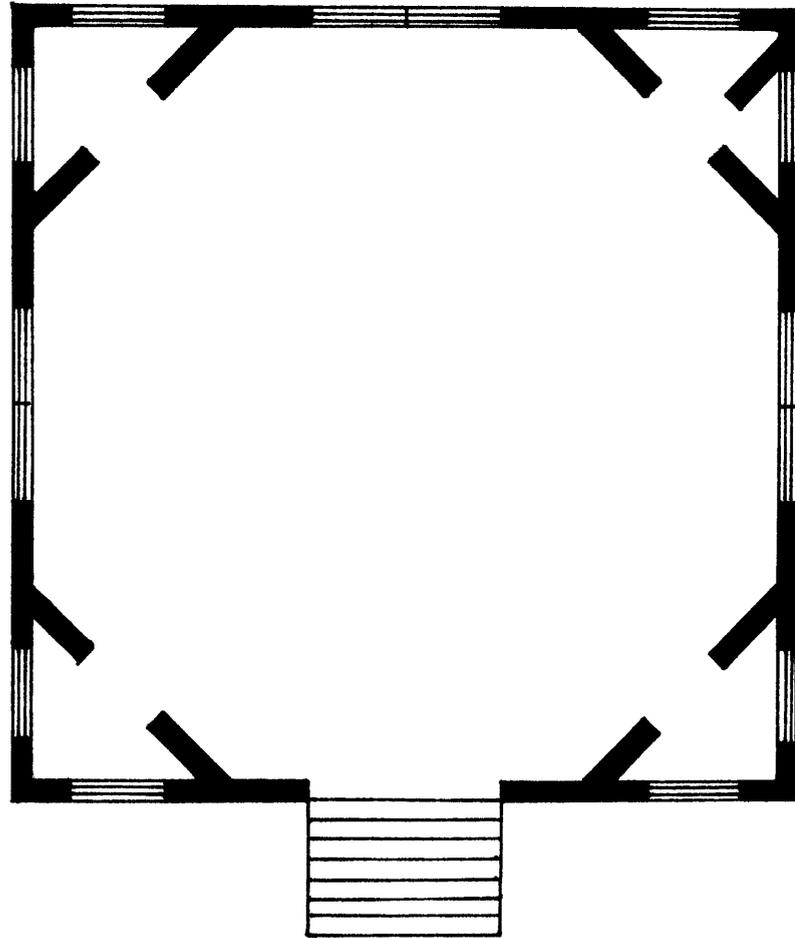
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Charles A. Adams*

DATE 7-20-79

ATTEST Carol A. Dombie  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7/6/79



Manning Library,  
Clarendon County, S.C.

Floor Plan

not to scale