



PUBLIC LIBRARY, INGERSOLL, ONT.

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A HISTORY OF THE
INGERSOLL LIBRARY

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Prior to 1890, Ingersoll had two libraries. One was a small rental library, the other, the Mechanics library. In 1890, the two merged. This resulted in a public library with a small charge. There were 5,000 books available for use. It was located first on King St. E. In 1899, it moved to the Royal Block on Thames St., where more room was available. Mrs. Court was the librarian for years. In 1909, the town council took advantage of a very generous offer for municipal libraries, made by an American millionaire, Andrew Carnegie. The council appointed the following gentlemen as the first Carnegie Library Committee: J. L. Patterson, chairman (occupation, lawyer and magistrate); William Briden, secretary; R. J. Robertson, town treasurer; Walter Mills, contractor; S. M. Fleet; J. G. Gibson, lawyer and to represent the council; Mayor George Sutherland. This committee submitted plans and conditions to Mr. Carnegie which were satisfactory to receive the grant. The committee selected a site east of the Merchant's Bank on Charles Street, which was purchased from the bank. Mr. F. J. Ure was secured as surveyor and staked the site. In June 1909, the committee called for tenders for the building. The tender of James Coulter, Woodstock was accepted. Work started in the fall of the year and the building was completed and transferred to the committee on May 28, 1910. The town paid \$1,000. for the site. The building when completed with heating plant, lighting, and shelving cost \$9,000. The Merchant's Bank made a verbal agreement with the committee not to erect a building between the bank and library. There was a free reading room, where current daily and weekly papers, monthly magazines and illustrated publications were on the tables or in the files. It was open from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. and from 7 till 9:30 p.m. each weekday. The annual expenditure was about \$800 and the privileges of the entire institution were available to any responsible citizen free of cost except five cents for the catalogue.

excerpt from Ingersoll: our heritage by Harry Whitwell

History of the Ingersoll libraries 1855-1890

By Rosemary Lewis and Ken Moyer

EARLIEST ACCOUNT OF THE INGERSOLL LIBRARY 1855

It is unclear when a library was first established in the community of Ingersoll. A library was in existence in the village by 1855: an editorial in the Ingersoll Chronicle of February 23, 1855: praised the Ingersoll Public Library, located in the Common School on Thames Street South (near the location of Victory Memorial School), for its collection of some 700 volumes, "and this entirely free to any inhabitant of Ingersoll". The "obliging librarian" was Mr. Barker.

In 1861, the library was still part of the school. In a list of accounts paid by the School Board January 14 (reported in the Chronicle of February 3, 1861) is "D. Paine Librarian's salary...24.00".

In the Ingersoll Chronicle of January 17, 1862, in a report of a

School Board meeting we read: "On motion Mr. Joseph Barker was reappointed librarian." By 1868, Mr. Barker was being paid \$13.00 every six months (Ingersoll Chronicle January 16, 1868).

FORMATION OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTE 1866/1871

The Ingersoll Chronicle of December 6, 1866 announced a meeting in the council chambers "of persons interested in the formation of a Mechanics' Institute". This meeting was held on Friday, December 7, 1866 (reported in the Chronicle December 13, 1866) and a further meeting on December 19, 1866 was planned.

It seems that a Mechanics' Institute was not actually formed at that time. Four years later, in the Chronicle of January 12, 1871, we read: "A meeting of the subscribers of the fund to establish a Mechanics' Institute in this town will be held in the building known as Jarvis Hall (now occupied by the Good Temp-

lars), on tomorrow (Friday) evening at half-past seven". The Chronicle of February 2, 1871 records a public meeting (date, place) to organize the Institute.

The Ingersoll Chronicle of October 5, 1871 records the annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute "held in the reading room". The officers elected were President C. E. Chadwick, Vice President Dr. Williams, and Secretary & Librarian Joseph Fox.

From this report we know that the Ingersoll Mechanics' Institute, like most Mechanics' Institutes in Ontario, had a library with a reading room and a librarian.

TWO LIBRARIES 1871

The establishment of the Mechanics' Institute meant that there were two libraries in Ingersoll in 1871. Almost immediately, there was a recommendation that they be brought together. A report of a School Board meeting in the Ingersoll Chronicle of Thursday, Sep-

tember 14, 1871, states "that the committee appointed to examine the state of the library, reported recommending that it should be placed in charge of the Mechanics' Institute Librarian".

This same report indicates that the public library was still under the jurisdiction of the School Board and names Mr. Barker as librarian. This library is mentioned in the Oxford Gazetteer 1870-71 (p158) in the description of the town of Ingersoll: "a public library of a 1000 volumes". We do not know whether this library was still located in the school (which had by this time become the Union School).

At the meeting, Mr. Barker vigorously opposed the combining of the two libraries. The Chronicle (September 14, 1871) states: "Mr. Barker did not think it was in the power of the Board to place it out of the charge of the Board in that way"; "Mr. Barker -- We could not amalgamate our library with that of

the Mechanics' Institute".

ONE LIBRARY 1871

Nevertheless, the School Board decided to place the public library "in charge of the Mechanics' Institute Librarian" (Ingersoll Chronicle Thursday, September 14, 1871).

FIRE WIPED OUT LIBRARY 1872

Only a few months after the libraries were united, on May 7, 1872, fire struck the town of Ingersoll. "The Mechanics' Institute lost their entire library and furniture valued at \$500. as well as the town library which was placed in their charge -- no insurance" (Ingersoll Chronicle May 25, 1872). In the May 30 edition the town library loss is given as "\$300. - no insurance".

Because of the reports of the fire, we know that the Mechanics' Institute had been on Thames Street, in a building owned by W. McMillan,

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Earliest account of the library 1855

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and which was also occupied by J.G. Chown, hardware (London Free Press September 13, 1952 reprint of article on the Ingersoll fire of 1872). This building is on the east side of Thames Street, where the Ingersoll Department Store Annex is today.

This fire was a disaster for library service in Ingersoll: not until 1880 was a library re-established.

1870s PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR RE-ESTABLISHING A LIBRARY

In the Chronicle of June 22, 1876 a letter to the editor from "SHELL" indicates public support for re-establishing a library: "I observe that there is a subscription list on foot in town for the purpose of raising funds to provide books, etc. for a free library or Mechanics' Institute". This writer suggested: "instead of attempting to set on foot an enterprise which, from

its reliance upon casual voluntary subscriptions, would inevitably be a failure... that the mater should be thoroughly ventilated to ascertain whether the sense of the ratepayers is not in favor of an appropriation from the revenue of the town...". A shrewd observation in the light of subsequent developments.

The Chronicle of April 11, 1878 reports a meeting on April 9 in the Council Chambers to re-establish a Mechanics' Institute. A committee was set up consisting of Joseph Gibson, W.K. Sumner, M. Minkler, W.H. Root, and Thomas Hovenden.

In the Ingersoll Chronicle of July 4, 1878 all those interested in a Mechanics' Institute were invited to a meeting in the Council Chambers on July 11.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTE 1880

The first page of the minute book of the Mechanics' Institute records

a public meeting in the Council Chamber November 12, 1880 at which the Mechanics' Institute was formed. At the next meeting, December 7, 1880, the Ingersoll Mechanics' Institute had received a grant of \$400. from the Province of Ontario. In June of 1881, the Town Council granted the Institute \$100. (Ingersoll Chronicle June 9, 1881).

The library was located in two rooms rented at \$50. per year from Mr. Gurnett, publisher of the Ingersoll Chronicle (minutes of December 9, 1880). The rooms were "the second flat of the Chronicle building", located where the Sentinel-Review offices are now, and were expected to be ready "shortly" (Ingersoll Chronicle December 16, 1880). Mr. Adkins was appointed librarian at a salary of \$50. per annum (minutes of December 9, 1880).

The library opened in this location sometime early in 1881. From March 1, 1881, the minute book

gives the location of meetings as "Ingersoll Mechanics' Institute rooms".

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIBRARIANS 1880s

From the minute book of the Mechanics' Institute, we know that Mr. James Adkins was the librarian from 1880-1882, when he became ill. From 1882-1887, the librarian was Mr. Richard Grigg.

1880s; FINANCIAL STRUGGLE

The minute book of the Mechanics' Institute indicates a struggle to raise funds and pay the bills throughout the years from 1880 to 1888. The library was supported by subscriptions, set at "one dollar over" at the first meeting in 1880, and by fundraising from entertainments, concerts, trips, and classes.

In the midst of this effort, the library was without a librarian: the minutes of July 7, 1887 read: "The Librarian, R. Grigg having gone to

England... the Vice-Pres. and the Secretary be authorized to make what arrangements they think best for filling the position of librarian". A librarian was not hired until 1889.

BRANCH LIBRARY IN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

In the minutes of October 1, 1884, the Mechanics' Institute established a branch library in the high school, "in charge of the Head Master", for which the school was to pay \$40. per year to the Mechanics' Institute. That these books were still at the school in 1889 is indicated by the minutes for June 17, 1889, in which the Library Committee recommended "that the books belonging to the Mech. Inst. now in the Coll. Inst. be catalogued and marked with an asterisk in the new catalogue".

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1888 A Free library becomes a possibility

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In the Mechanics' Institute minutes of October 24, 1888, we read of a possible solution to the money problems: The W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union) proposed, not for the first time, the establishment of a free reading room. "After considerable discussion as to the feasibility of the scheme, it was moved by J. Gibson seconded by C. H. Slawson and resolved that the president be requested to ascertain if the law provides for the levying of a rate of

half a mill on the dollar on the taxable property of the town for the purpose of establishing a free library and reading room, and if so, that the proper steps be taken to submit a by-law to the rate-payers with that object in view...". In fact, the Free Libraries Act had been passed by the Ontario Legislature in 1882.

With the discovery that property taxes could be used to support a

free library, things began to move quickly. In June 1889, William Johnston was appointed "caretaker and librarian" at a salary of \$150. per year (from the minutes of June 10, 1889).

The Ingersoll Chronicle and Canadian Dairyman of November 21, 1889 reports that "a petition signed by 206 ratepayers for a by-law establishing a free library and reading room as laid before the council". The December 5, 1889 issue announced that this by-law would be voted upon "in the coming municipal elections", and was expected to carry.

Results of the vote were reported in the January 9, 1890 issue: 486 for the free library, 187 against.

1890 MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BECOMES A FREE LIBRARY

By March, the Free Library Board had been formed. The March 13, 1890 Ingersoll Chronicle and Canadian Dairyman reports: "The Mechanics' Institute having been merged into a free library, the

directors of the Institute met on Tuesday evening last (i.e. March 11) and wound up the business in connection therewith." The board then adjourned, and "a meeting of the Free Library Board was then held with all members being present but Mayor Buchanan."

The members of the Free Library Board who were at this meeting were listed in the minutes of March 11, 1890: H. F. McDiarmid, H. Richardson, L. C. Menhennick, J. Sinclair, G. O'Callaghan, M. J. McDermott, J. McKay, and W. Briden.

The Board decided "that all books now out be called in by the librarian, and held until new regulations are issued". The minutes of this meeting show that the Mechanics' Institute passed a balance of \$6.20 to the Free Library.

The Ingersoll Chronicle and Canadian Dairyman of March 27, 1890 reports that the Free Library Board decided to "ask the council for a grant of 3/8 of a mill on real and personal property of the town

instead of the \$454.00 as previously decided upon".

The April 10, 1890 Ingersoll Chronicle and Canadian Dairyman reported that "The by-law to legalize transfer of the Mechanics' Institute and library to the town was read a third time and finally passed."

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The minutes of March 18, 1890 state: "The Reference and Circulating Library and the Reading Room shall be open every week day from 2 to 6 and 7 to 10 p.m...".

The Thursday, April 17, 1890 Ingersoll Chronicle and Canadian Dairyman announced on the front page that: "Persons desiring books from the free library can procure forms of application and cards from the librarian on Saturday and any subsequent days, but books will not be issued before May 1. Donations of books to the Free Library, will be gladly received by the Board. The following have been received this week: -- Thiers' History of the French Revolution, presented by

Geo. Johnston; Proctor's Pictures' on Astronomy, presented by Wm. Johnston".

The librarian's report from the minutes of the Free Library, April 29, 1890, gives the number of books in the library: 1580 on the shelves and 98 not yet returned, for a total of 1678 volumes. At this same meeting, the Board discussed "rearranging the furniture in the rooms and making them more attractive", in preparation for opening to the public.

LIBRARIANS

?... 1855-1860 Mr. Joseph Barker
Ingersoll Public Library

1861 D. Paine
Ingersoll Public Library

1862-1871 Mr. Joseph Barker
Ingersoll Public Library

1871 Mr. Joseph Fox
Mechanics' Institute

1880-1882 Mr. James Adkins
Mechanics' Institute

From the Carnegie Archives, New York, beginning in May of 1907, what follows is the application by the Town of Ingersoll to the Carnegie Foundation, proposing a Carnegie Library be built in Ingersoll.

LIBRARY.

Town..... *Ingersoll N.Y.*

Population..... *5000*

Correspondent..... *W.R. Smith*

Date of Application..... *May 7/07*

Amount..... *10000* Increase.....

Promised..... *June 2/08* do. promised.....

Drafts Authorized..... do. authorized.....

NOTES..... *Resolutions. Litt. Payments 9/1907*

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\$ 10,000

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

10000

1. Town? *Windsor, Ontario*
2. Population? *5000*
3. Has it a Library at present? *Yes*
4. Number of Books (excluding Government Reports)? *5000*
5. Circulation for past year? *17,466*
6. How is Library Housed? *in rented rooms*
7. Number and measurements of Rooms, and their uses? *2 - 20 + 40 + 20 + 30*

8. *Finances according to last yearly report.*

Receipts:	Expenditures:
City Appropriation, \$ 600.00	Rent, \$ 180
Requests,	Salaries, 228
Miscellaneous Receipts, 178.43	Books, 329.42
	Miscellaneous, 199.67
Total Revenue for year, \$ 778.43	Total Expenditures, \$ 784.09

9. Rate at which Councils will pledge support of Library yearly (levying tax for purpose) if building obtained? *\$1000.*

10. Is Requisite Site Available? *Yes*

11. Amount now Collected toward Building? *Nothing collected toward new building*

To facilitate Mr. Carnegie's consideration of your appeal, will you oblige by filling in the above, and returning with statement of any other particulars likely to assist in making decision.

It is necessary to give explicit answer to each question, as in the absence of such, there is no basis for action, and the matter will be delayed pending further communication.

Signature
Designation

J. Bertram
Mayor

Respectfully,

JAS. BERTRAM,

Secretary.

PATERSON & PATERSON,

Barristers, Solicitors, &c.

J. L. Paterson, LL.B. R. A. Paterson, LL.B.

Office, King St. opposite Market

Ingersoll, Ont. May 7th, 1907.

Andrew Carnegie, Esq.,

4573-

2 East 91st Street, New York.

Dear Sir :-

I am a member of the Ingersoll town council and am also chairman of a committee appointed by that body to look into the question of obtaining a Carnegie Library for this town. I therefore write to ask if an application for a grant of ten thousand dollars for that purpose would be favorably considered by you, and the terms and conditions on which it would be made (if at all.)

I might say that Ingersoll has a population of about 5000, is the centre of the dairy industry, and claims to be the fifth largest exporting point in the Dominion. We have several important industries, among others, the Noxon Co. (agricultural imploments) employing from two hundred and fifty to three hundred hands, the St. Charles Condensing Co. and the Ingersoll Packing Co., each employing over one hundred hands, the Machine Screw Co, the Ingersoll Nut Co, a furniture factory, a piano factory, a knitting factory and other minor industries.

We are situated on the C. P. R. and the G. T. N. and have a water-works system, electric light and gas plants,

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Opposite King St. opposite Market

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public schools and collegiate institute .

If this application is favorably received, I should be glad to hear from you and report the same to the council to take action thereon.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. Paterson

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Library

OFFICE OF _____

W. R. SMITH, Town Clerk.

LIBRARY, U. S. A.

August 9th 1907. 190

Andrew Carnegie Esq,

2 East 91st Street, New York,

4573

Dear Sir:-

As Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll, in the Province of Ontario, I am instructed by resolution of the Town Council to make application to you for a grant of \$10,000. for the purpose of erecting a Library Building in this town.

Our Town has a population of ~~6000~~, is a live industrial centre, being the fifth largest exporting centre in the Dominion of Canada, has first class railway connections, is well endowed with Churches and Schools, has splendid Banking facilities, and is in every way a good progressive town.

We already have a good free public library but do not own the building.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply in the near future, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Mayor of the Town of Ingersoll.

February 24, 1908.

Mayor Colerich,
Ingersoll, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Schedule of particulars filled in by you, received.
Should like to have some particulars about the present accom-
modation; who owns the building, etc., etc.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

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OFFICE OF

W. R. SMITH, Town Clerk.

April 13th 1908.

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Jas. Bertram Esq.,

2 East 91ST ST.

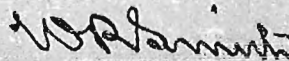
New York.

Dear Sir:-

--:Re Carnegie Library for Ingersoll:--

The accomodation of our present Library is very limited and not sufficient for our present demand, there are only two rooms, Reading Room & Book Room, the reading room is about 12 X 20 feet and Book room 12 X 10 feet, it is situated in a Block which is owned by Justus Miller an ex Mayor of our town. The Library Board have just submitted their estimates for the present year and are asking \$700.00 which is \$100.00 higher than last year, and the general feeling of our citizens are that they would sooner pay more and have a suitable building.

Trusting this information will be satisfactory and that we will receive a favourable reply from Mr. Carnegie in the near future, I remain.



Town Clerk.

April 15, 1908.

W. R. Smith, Esq., Town Clerk,
Ingersoll, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Yours of April 13th received. We have received two different statements as to the accommodation. Which is true? You state two rooms 12 x 20 and 12 x 10. The Mayor states two rooms 20 x 40 and 20 x 20.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

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OFFICE OF

W. R. SMITH, Town Clerk.

May 7th 1908. 190

Jas. Bertram Esq.,

New York,

U. S. A.

Dear Sir:-

Re present accomodation of Ingersoll's Public Library:-

I have accurately measured it and find that the Reading Room is 16ft 8in X 34ft and the Book Room 16ft 8in X 24ft. I had not measured it when I sent you the former information, but got my information from the Librarian over the Phone, and I suppose she must have guessed at it.

The building in which the Library is situated is a very old one and much out of repair, it was originally built for and used as an hotel, but at present a large portion is not occupied at all.

Trusting this information will be satisfactory, I remain.

Yours resp'y.



Town Clerk.

June 29th, 1907.

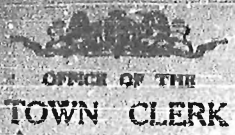
W. R. Smith, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Ingersoll, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Responding to your communications on behalf of Ingersoll,-
If the City agree by Resolution of Councils to maintain a Free
Public Library at a cost of not less than One Thousand Dollars
a year, and provide a suitable site for the building, Mr.
Carnegie will be glad to give Ten Thousand Dollars to erect a
Free Public Library Building for Ingersoll.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.



TOWN OF INGERSOLL

Sept. 8th 1906

Copy of a resolution passed by the Municipal Council of the
Town of Ingersoll, Canada, on above date:-

That this Council accept the offer of Mr. Carnegie to make a
grant of \$10,000. to provide a Library Building for Ingersoll and
we undertake to provide a site for the same and to provide the sum
of \$1,000. per annum to maintain the building when erected, and that
a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Carnegie.

Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE
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TOWN OF INGERSOLL

Sept. 14th 1903

James Bertram Esq.,

2 east 91st St.

New York.

Dear Sir:-

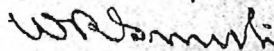
re Carnegie Library for Ingersoll-

Enclosed please find copy of resolution passed by the
Municipal Council on the 8th inst.

Please advise us what further steps are necessary, if any
in order to secure the \$10,000. grant offered by Mr. Carnegie.

Awaiting your early reply, I remain.

Yours obediently



Town Clerk.

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October 5th, 1908.

W. R. Smith, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Ingersoll, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Yours of September 14th received. When we see plans, which can be approved, and hear that you have site purchased and paid for, Mr. Carnegie will make arrangements for payments on the building as work progresses.

Respectfully yours,

P. Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF INGERSOLL

March 22nd 1909.

James Bartram Esq.,

2 East 91st Street,

New York,

Dear Sir:-

re Carnegie Library for the Town of Ingersoll, Ont.

Before having plans prepared and submitted for the Library our Council would like to know if Mr. Carnegie would allow the establishment of a School of Technical training ^{and} Manual Training and Domestic Science in connection with the Library Building.

Will you please advise ~~if~~ re the same at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours Resp'y

W. A. Smith

Town Clerk.

March 23, 1899

W. H. Smith, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Ingersoll, Cal.

Dear Sir,

The answer to yours of March 22nd is in the negative.

Respectfully yours,

F. Secretary.

Form 1.

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July 5 1909

Dated

Ingersoll Dist Sta Oct. 20th

To

Caretaker

2 East 91 St

Please forward plans for
Ingersoll Carnegie Library
to Mr Bertram and ask him to
wire me at once if acceptable.
W. R. Smith, Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF INGERSOLL
NY

June 21st 1909

James Bertram Esq.,

2-East 91st Street,

New York.

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Dear Sir:-

The Town of Ingersoll have now secured a site and have had plans prepared for \$10,000, Carnegie Library and I enclose you said plans under separate cover for your approval. Our Committee spent considerable time and money visiting other places where Carnegie Libraries have been built and after due consideration have decided upon plans submitted, which we think will make a very suitable building for our Town.

Please advise me at your earliest convenience if suitable to you and what should be our next step in the matter.

Yours Resp'y.

W. J. Smith

Clerk of Town of Ingersoll.

P. S. We have already advertised for tenders.

WRS
D. S.

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TOWN OF INGERSOLL

July 15th 1909

R. A. Franks Esq.,

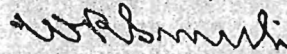
Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter re Ingersoll Carnegie Library received and note your objection to plans and in reply would say,- Our main object in putting up a two storey building was to suit the building to the site and surroundings. The room in upper storey called auditorium on plans submitted is intended for Lectures and other gatherings of an educational character in connection with the Library and for no other purpose and will only seat about 150 people and should be called Lecture room. Our Library Committee found in visiting other places similar rooms in the second storey in St Catharines, Stratford, Waterloo ect. ect. I enclose you herewith photo of Waterloo Library from which our plans were virtually drafted. The basement will only be used for furnace, coal and general storage room.

Trusting this explanation will be satisfactory and hoping to have your favourable reply in the near future, I remain.

Yours Resp'y.



Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF INGERSOLL

File

July 26th 1908

R. A. Franks Esq.,

Supt. Home Trust Company,

Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sir.-

Mr. J. L. Paterson Chairman of the Ingersoll Carnegie Library Committee will call on you about the middle of this week, and I trust that you and him will be able to definitely settle any defect that may appear to exist in plans submitted for Ingersoll Library.

Yours Res'y.

W. B. Smith

Clerk of the Town of Ingersoll.

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C/o Home Trust Co

Hoboken N.Y.

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Telephone 22.

Office, King St. opposite Market.

Ingersoll, Ont. July 24th 09

Dear Sir

re Ingersoll Carnegie Library

I expect to be in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday and as chairman of the Library Committee of our Town Council I would be extremely obliged if you could spare me a few minutes of your time. I expect to arrive at Grand Union Hotel (opp. Grand Central Station) on Tuesday evening and if you could let me have an appointment for say Wednesday I would be glad if you would drop me a line to that address stating the time & place. Yours truly J. L. Paterson.

INGERSOLL, CANADA Sept. 7th. 1908.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
NEW YORK, N.Y.,

Dear Sir:-

*This letter
delivered by Mr. Johnson
at Montreal 9/5/08*

Under separate cover we are mailing you revised Plans of our Library, which we trust will meet with your approval. We did not bother with the Basement Plan as that is only a room for coal and the Furnace. The side elevations will be the same design as the front.

As regards windows and general appearance. If there is anything you can suggest which you think would add to the appearance or to the usefulness of the Building we would be glad to receive said suggestion and will have same embodied in our final Plans.

We will be glad to have you pass on these Plans at your very earliest convenience as we would like to get as much done before cold weather as possible.

After we receive your suggestion, if any, we will prepare a complete set of Plans and forward you a set of same.

Yours truly,

Dict. T.W.H.

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Can I have interview with you tomorrow between eleven and twelve
re library plans ingersoll ont wire answer g n w at once

J E Patterson.

1015AM

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RECEIVED at 1616 3rd Ave
 Dated Ingersoll (Oct 30) 1907
 To Jas & Betram

of East 91st

Please write at our expense if plans for Ingersoll library are acceptable we are prepared to let contract at once

W.R. Smith

November 29, 1909

W. H. Smith, Esq.,
Ingersoll, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

We exchanged telegrams with you as follows:

"Jan. 20, 1909. -- Please wire at our expense if plans for Ingersoll
Library are acceptable. We are prepared to let contract at once,
W. H. Smith."

"Toronto, Ontario plans adopted for Ingersoll Carnegie Library. Cable
if acceptable to you. Smith, Town Clerk."

"Town Clerk, Ingersoll, Ontario. Can't say without seeing. Bertman."

Will you kindly say what is the status of the matter at the present time.

Respectfully yours,

F. Secretary.

January 10, 1916

F. A. Smith, Esq., Town Clerk,
Ingersoll, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

Yours of January 5th received. Before paying any attention to same we must have reply to our letter of November 29th, which you have

Respectfully yours,

F. Secretary

Register, Schenectady Co.

Ingersoll, Ont. Jan. 13th, 1910.

James Bartram, Esq.,

3 East 91st St., New York.

Dear Sir :-

I am asked to reply to your letter of January 10th to W. R. Smith, Esq., Town Clerk, Ingersoll, asking for an answer to a previous letter of yours enquiring as to the status of the Carnegie Library question in this town.

Last year I was chairman of the Carnegie Library committee but have recently been appointed Police Magistrate of this town by the Ontario Government and am now no longer a member of the council. However, most of the library business last year was transacted through me. Early in the summer we submitted plans addressed to 3 East 91st St., New York, but received reply that the house was closed for the summer. The Town Clerk then wired Mr. Carnegie in Scotland, I understand, asking if our plans, describing them, would be satisfactory. He received for reply "Can't say until I see Bartram." About the 20th of July I was in New York and called at the offices of the Home Trust Co, Hoboken, N. J. as we had some correspondence signed by Mr. R. A. Dranks at that address. I was informed

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that he was in Europe but that his secretary could see me and transact any business I had to do in connection with Carnegie Libraries. I saw her, Miss Stewart, I think, and submitted our plans and went over the situation with her when she informed me that our plans would certainly not be acceptable. On coming home we had new plans prepared and I was again in New York on September 8th and again called at the same office and submitted revised plans to the same party and was told that they would be acceptable and that we were at liberty to go ahead with the work. I asked to have something in writing to that effect and she said she would send me a letter formally accepting the plans and instructing us how to proceed to draw the money. In a day or two after my return home I received such a letter saying that the plans submitted by me on the 8th were acceptable and going on to say that the money would be paid over from that office in amounts of from two to three thousand dollars on receipt of progress estimates and the architect's certificate. We at once went ahead and, I understand, a month or so ago a progress estimate was

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sent in for \$2511. on which we received a cheque payable at New York for \$2521. As this cheque was received almost immediately after your letter of enquiry above referred to, the Town Clerk took it for granted that the position of affairs had been made known to you through Mr. Franks so that he apparently neglected to reply.

Trusting that this explanation will be satisfactory,

I remain,

Yours truly,

J. L. Paterson

January 22, 1922

J. L. Patterson, Esq.,
Ingersoll, Ontario.

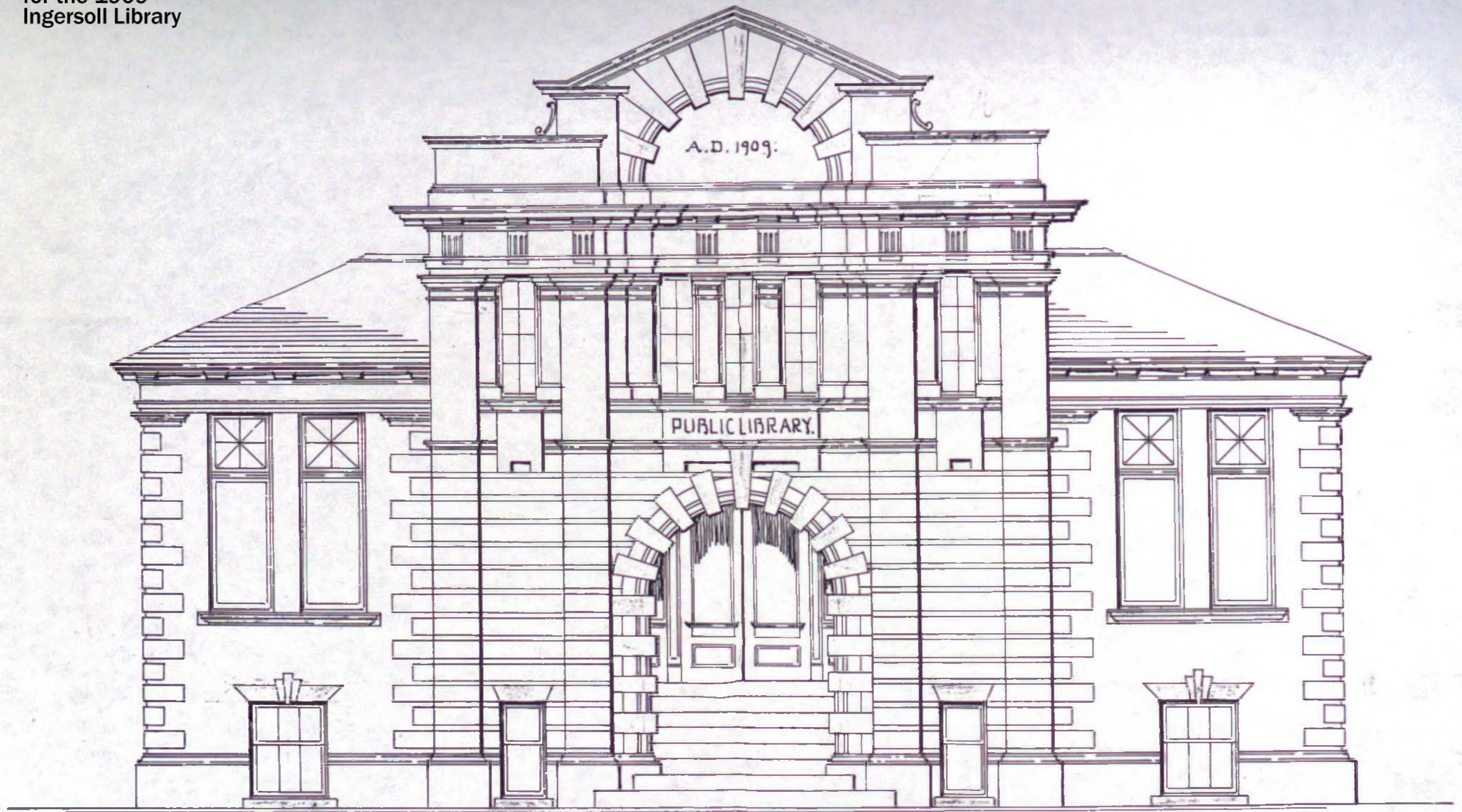
Dear Sir,-

Letter of January 12th received. This trouble has arisen thru your communi-
cation with us since settling the matter with Mr. Frank's office, without inform-
ing us that you had settled the matter there. The enclosed communication
should be sent to Mr. Frank, not to us.

Respectfully yours,

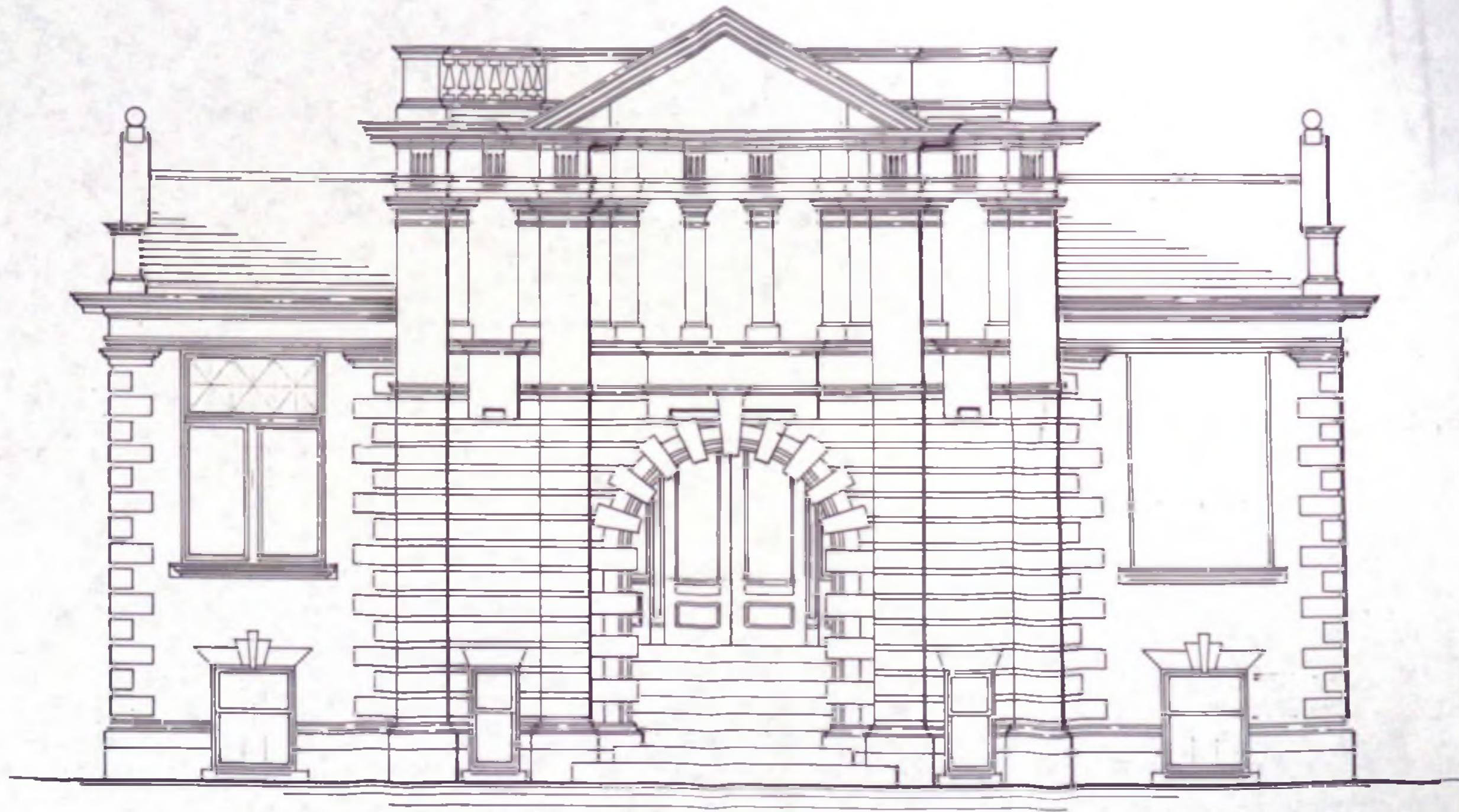
F. Secretary.

Original unused proposed plans
for the 1909
Ingersoll Library



FRONT ELEVATION.
Scale 1/4 in. = 1 ft.

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Stratford, Ont.



JAS. S. RUSSELL,
Architect.

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31'-0"

11'-8"

7'-2"

STACK ROOM.
10,000 Vol'ns.

15'-8"

7'-2"

Reference or
Librarian
6'-6" x 9'-0"

Counter

DELIVERY ROOM.
9'-0" x 19'-0"

READING ROOM.
17'-0" x 28'-0"

VESTIBULE.

CHILDRENS' ROOM.
12'-0" x 16'-6"

34'-0"

30'-0"

11'-0"

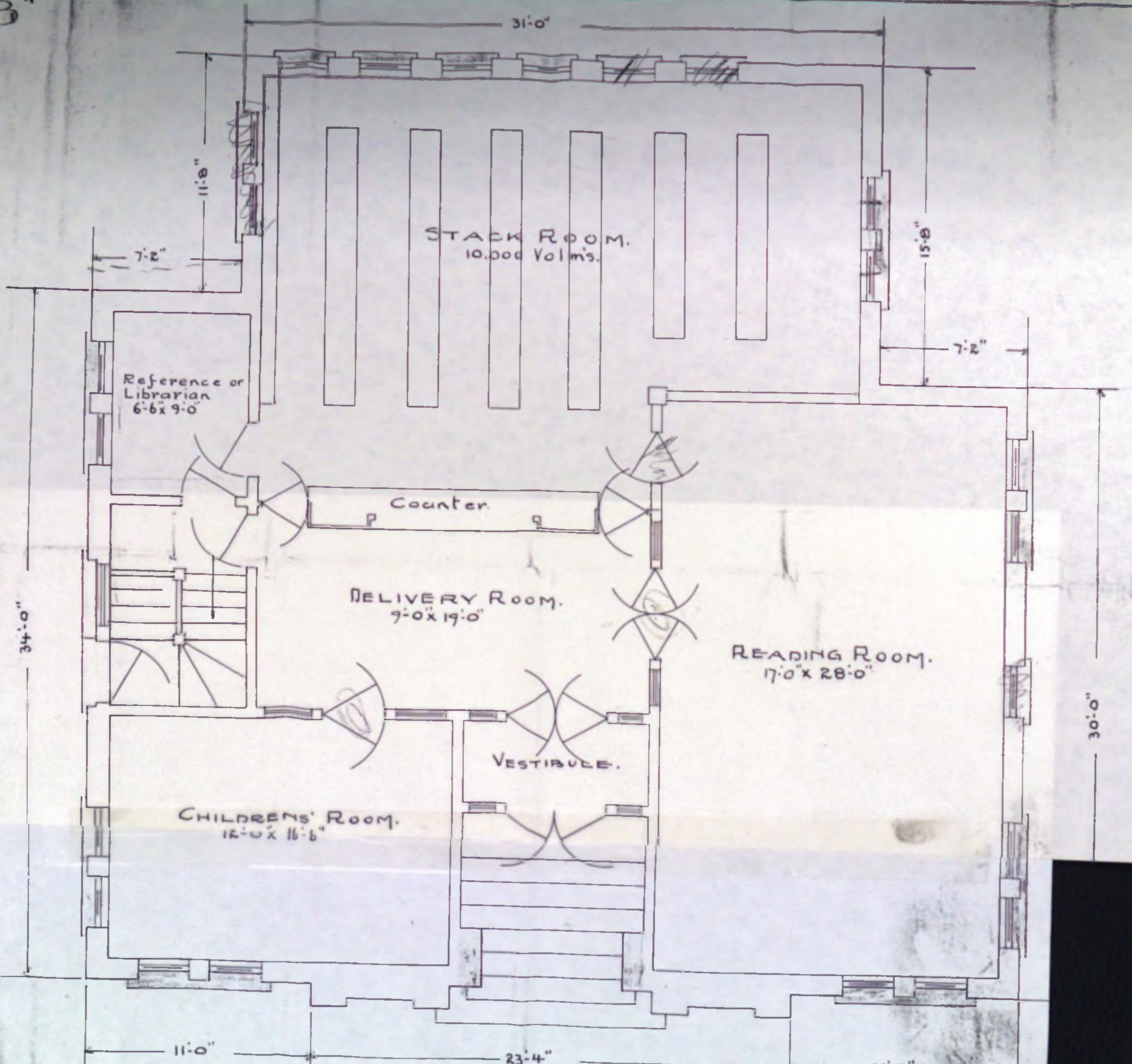
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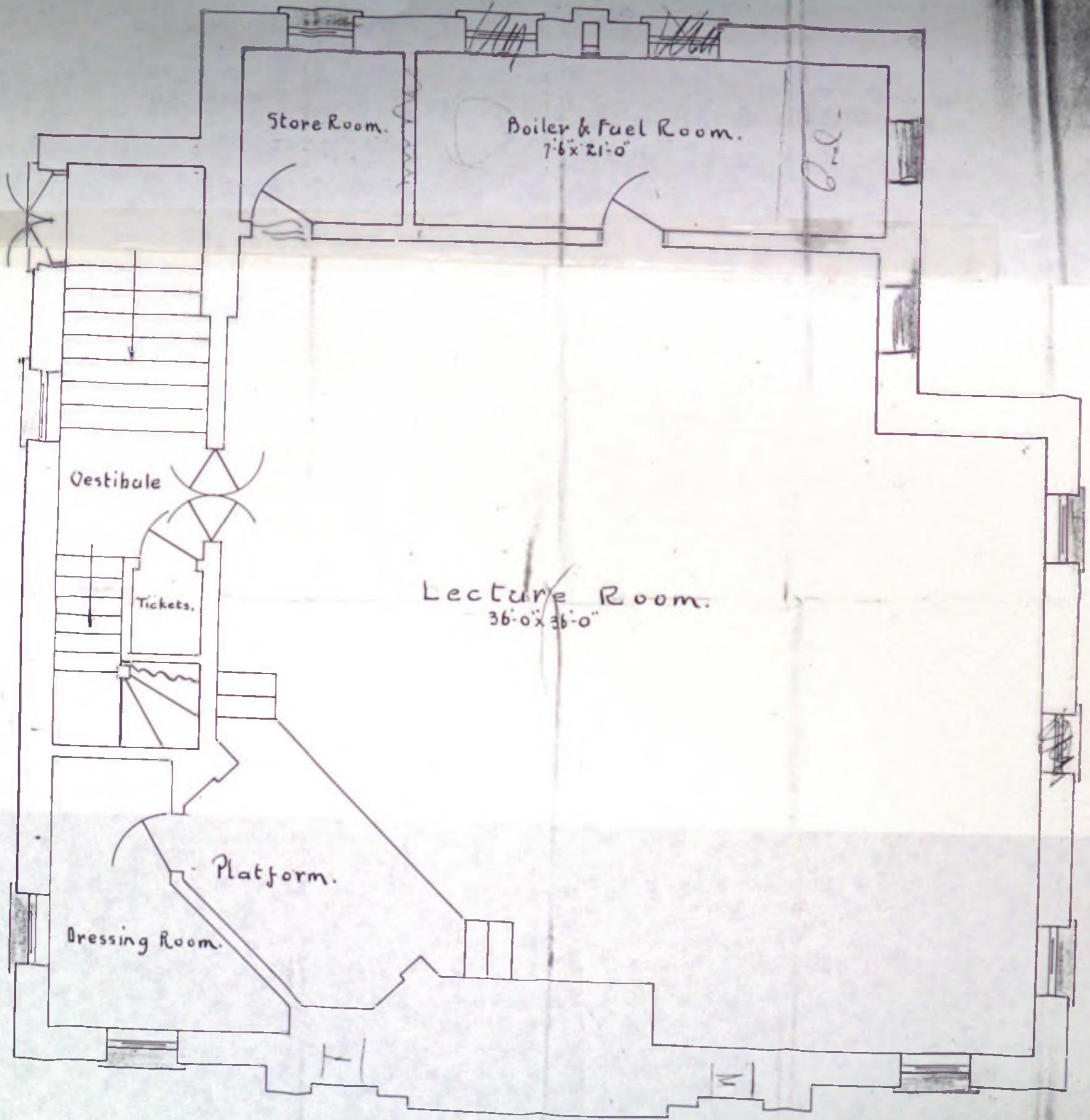
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GROUND PLAN.

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BASEMENT PLAN.

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