

## TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY FORM

PROJECT # 1675-Waxahachie Phase 2 Zone 1  
 County Ellis  
 Address 515 W Main St

HHM ID 94161  
 City Waxahachie

## SECTION 1

## Basic Inventory

Current Name N.P. SIMS LIBRARY AND LYCEUM

Historic Name SIMS, N. P., LIBRARY AND LYCEUM

## Owner Information:

Name SIMS LIBRARY Status PRIVATE  
 Address 515 W MAIN ST City WAXAHACHIE  
 State TX Zip 75165

**Geographic Location:** Latitude: 32.387861399999998 Longitude: -96.852656999999994

Online map available by copying and pasting url below into web browser  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/32.387861399999998,-96.852656999999994>

Legal Description (Lot/Block): LOT PT BLK 80 TOWN 1.717 AC

Appraisal District ID 193804 Year

**Property Type:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District

**Current Designations:** Contributing to a NRHP district, OTHM marker

☒ NR District (Is property contributing? ☒ Yes ☐ No)

☐ NHL ☒ NR ☐ RTHL ☒ OTHM ☐ HTC ☐ SAL ☐ Local ☐ Other

**Architect:** S. Weymes Smith

**Builder:** Unknown or N/A

**Construction Date:** 1905 (source: Website)

## Function

**Current Use:** Governmental

**Historic Use:** Governmental

## Image Information

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## SECTION 2

## Architectural Description

## General Architectural Description:

The building at 515 W Main St is a two-story library built in 1905, according to the website for the property. The property was originally built for library purposes, and its use remains unchanged. The building's style is indicative of the Classical Revival movement, which was popular during the early twentieth century and relied on forms and detailing associated with Greek and Roman architectural traditions. The building has a flat roof with a covering that is not visible. The windows are double-hung with wood sashes. The building has a double-door primary entrance. Door feature(s) include the following: pediment, entablature, transom. Landscape feature(s) include the following: flag pole, lawn, parking lot, walkways.

## Alterations/modifications

☐ Relocated, specify date, former location and information of interest:

## Classification

## Type

Library

## Plan

Temple front

## Stylistic Influence

Classical Revival

## Physical Characteristics

## Roof

Form: Flat

Materials: Not visible

## Wall

Exterior material(s): Marble, Brick

Features/Embellishment: Entablature

## Door(s) Primary

Double door(s) primary entrance Door feature(s): Pediment, Entablature, Transom

## Windows

Double-hung, Wood frame

## Porches/Canopies

## Other exterior features

## Ancillary Buildings

## Landscape/Site Features

Landscape feature(s): Flag pole, Lawn, Parking lot, Walkways

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SECTION 3

Historical Information

**Associated Historical Context:** Planning/Development, Law/Government, Social/Cultural, Architecture

History Notes:

**Applicable National Register (NR) Criteria:** Criterion C

- A - Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history
- B - Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past
- Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a
- C - master, or possesses high artistic value, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinctions
- D - Has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory of history

**Areas of Significance:** Architecture, Community Planning and Development

**Period(s) of Significance:** 1905

**Level of Significance:** ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local

**Integrity:** Association, Design, Feeling, Location, Materials, Setting, Workmanship

**Integrity notes:** Most alterations within period of significance

**Individually Eligible?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undetermined

**Within Potential NR District?** ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Undetermined

**Is Property Contributing?** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undetermined

**Priority:**  
(see manual for definitions) ☒ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low Explain:

Other Information

**Is prior documentation available for this resource?** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown **Type:** Contributing to a NRHP district, OTHM marker  
Documentation details

