Salida Colorado Feb 12 1906

Honorable Andrew Carnegie 2 East 91st Street New York

Dear Sir:-

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The letter of December 23rd by your secretary ,Mr Jas Bertram,was duly and most thankfully received. I have delayed a reply thinking each week it would develop that I could report we have a site for a library .However,I fear the securing of our site will yet be delayed a few weeks.We are working quite hard to get all the conditions fulfilled for accepting your generous gift.As soon as I can I shall write yourthe happy result .

Thanking you for our Library Association, and in fact for our whole town, Iam

Yours most sincerely,

Mrs Ruth H Spray Pres. of Salida Library Association,

## Salida Colorado Aug 28th 1906

Mr James Bertram, Secy to the Honorable Andrew Carnegie 2 East 91st Street New York

Dear Sir:-As I suppose, Mr Carnegie is away on his summer vacation I write directly to you to say that we are still working on the proposition of getting a site for our prospectime library building that Mr Carnegie promised us last December.

We are slow on account of our disposition to get just the lots we want and that we are sure will be the most satisfactory for our purpose.We hopehidewillobel only a very short time before we can close the deal for a most delightful spot on which to build our-long-hoped-for library,We hope to be able to go right ahead with the building just as soon as possible after securing our site.

Trusting that Mr Carnegie has not forgotten us in our long delay, Iam

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs Ruth H Spray,

Pres Salida Library Associati Association

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## Salida Colorado Nov 7 1906

Honorable Andrew Carnegie 2 East 91st St N**ê**w York

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find affidavits of the Mayor and the City Attorney of Salida, Colorado, combined on one sheet, also my own affidavit.

We have now succeeded in purchasing a piece of groundd for the building of a Free Public Library, which the owners were loth to sell, but which is the very best site in Salida for a library. It is easily accessible, being situated between the two principal school buildings and not far from the centre of the town. It is on a corner, is 755t by 150ft and fronts on a beautiful little park.

We believe we are ready to conform to any further requirements of yours for the fulfilment of the proposition you made us in a letter from your secretary,Mr James Bertramof date the 23rd of last December.

Thanking you sincerely for former encouragement, and hoping to hear from you soon again, we are,

Very truly yours

The Salida Library Association by Ruth H Spray, President

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STATE OF COLORADO) )ss. COUNTY OF CHAFFEE)

Ruth H Spray being duly affirmed says:-That the Salida Library Association owns lots 24,25, and 26, Block 58, Haskells Addition to the City of Salida Colorado; That said lots were bought by said Association for the sole purpose of erecting thereon a Public Library; That said Association intends to donate said property to the City of Salida Colorado in accordance with further conditions which may be involved in the promise of Mr Andrew Carnegie to give to the Association nine thousand dollars for the erection of a Public Library.

## Ruth H. Spray .

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 7th day of November, A D 1906.

Frank W Gloyd Notary Public <u>Copy</u> State of Colorado) )s s. County of Chaffee)

Louis Wenz and A R Miller, being first duly sworn on their oathssay:

That the said Louis Wenz is the duly elected, qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Salida, Colorado, and that the above named A R Miller is the duly elected, qualified and acting City Attorney of said above named city:

That they have made personal investigation concerning the title to Lots 24-25 and 26, Block 58, Haskells Addition to the City of Salida Colorado, and each for himself states that The Salida Library Association has now acquired , and there is invested in said Association the good and perfect title , in fee simple, to said above named lots and that said Association is now in a position , and ready to deed and convey said property to the City of Salida for the purpose of erecting on said lots , a Public Library, in accordance with conditions which shall be made by Mr Andrew Carnegie; that the City Council of Salida, Colorado, has granted an annual tax of one mill onthe dollar for the support of a Public Library; and that said Council has made such appropriation for the year 1907.

Louis Wenz

A R Miller Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of NovA. D1906 Frank W Gloyd Notary Public HOME TRUST COMPANY, HOBOKEN, N. J. R.A. FRANKS, President.

November 20th, 1906.

Madam:

Yours of the 7th instant with enclosures, addressed to Mr. Carnegie, are referred to the writer.

I note that site has been provided for Library Building. Will you please send me certified copy of resolution of Councils, guaranteeing not less than \$900.00 per year for support of Library, obliging

Yours very truly,

RA. Frank

Mrs. Ruth H. Spray, President, Library Association, Salida, Colo. HOME TRUST COMPANY, HOBOKEN, N. J. R.A. FRANKS, President.

December 20th, 1906.

Madam:

Yours of the 4th instant with enclosure received.

Mr. Carnegie's grant of \$9000.00, for erection of Library Building at Salida, is now available, and will be remitted from this office in instalments of \$2000.00 or \$8000.00 each, as needed from time to time during the construction of the building.

Please notify me by letter, signed by the President and Treasurer of Library Association, when funds are required, and enclose architect's statement certifying that work to the value of the amount called for has been done on the building.

Yours very truly,

MA. Franks

Mrs. Ruth H. Spray, President, Library Association, Salida, Colo.