

The Illinois church benefactions of Andrew Carnegie



In addition to funding hundreds of public libraries across the nation, Andrew Carnegie subsidized the purchase and installation of more than 6,000 pipe organs throughout the nation, and at least 200 in the Prairie State. This is the story.

Master and Mansion



The Carnegie Library in Illinois



Photographs by Raymond Bial

Text by Raymond Bial and Linda LaPuma Bial

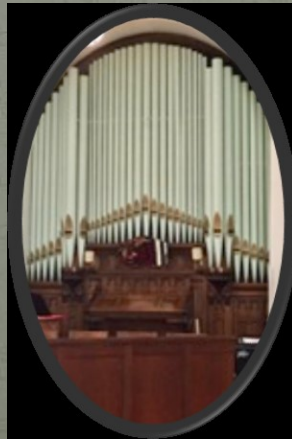
Foreword by George S. Bobinski

Carnegie's benefactions

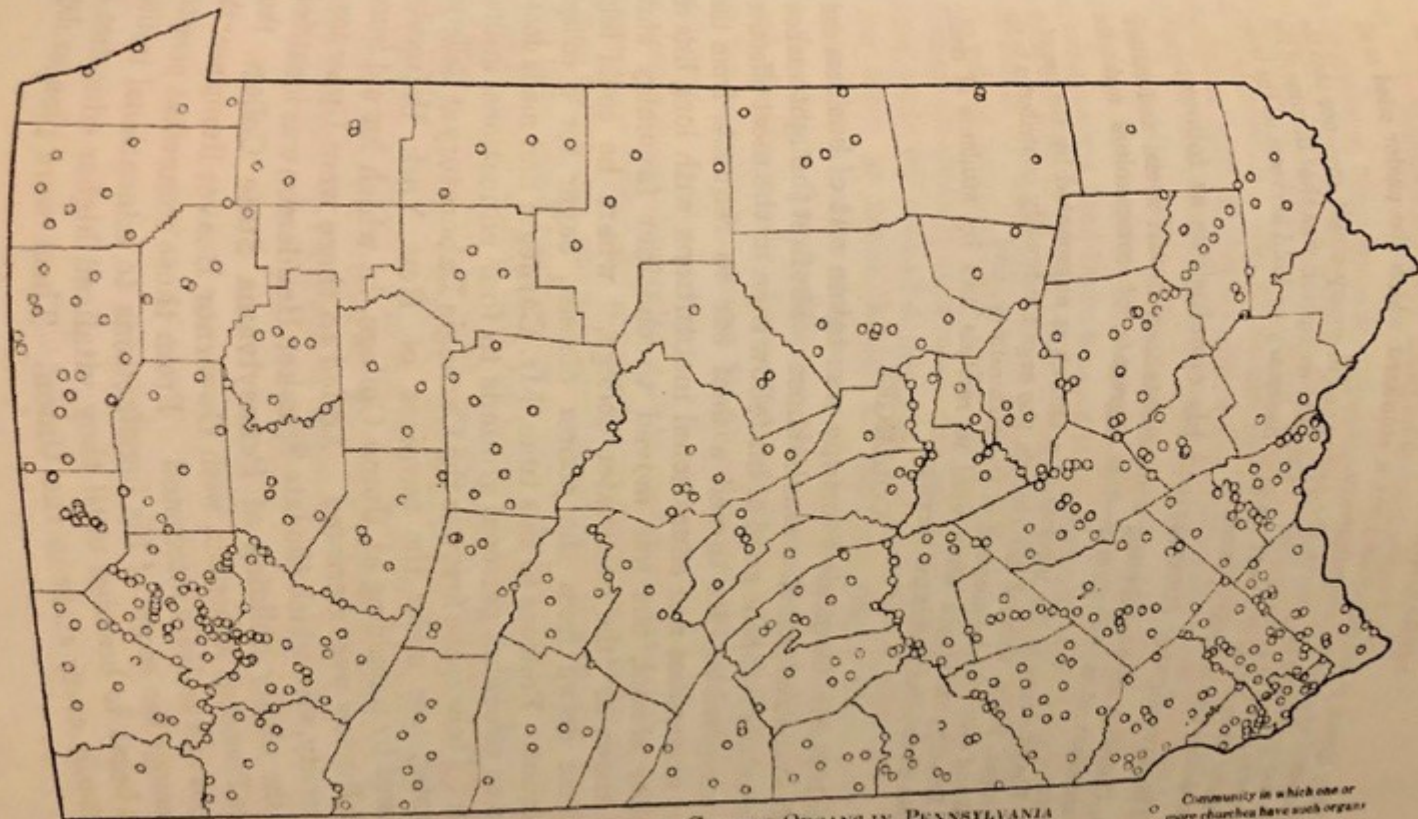
From 1898 to 1919, Andrew Carnegie gave \$39,172,981 to 1,406 communities to build public libraries through American. At approximately the same time, he funded and helped pay for the installation of more than 8,000 pipe organs in churches around the world, including 207 in Illinois.

Organ builders who manufactured Carnegie organs for Illinois churches

- * Hook and Hastings, Boston, MA
- * Hinners Organ Company, Pekin, IL
- * Johnson & Sons Company, Westville, MA
- * Estey Organ Company, Brattleboro, VT
- * Wicks Organ Company, Highland, IL
- * Austin Organs, Hartford, CT



Carnegie organ distribution in Pennsylvania



MAP SHOWING GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHURCH ORGANS IN PENNSYLVANIA

○ Community in which one or more churches have such organs

Carnegie organ, Virginia, Illinois



First Christian Church, Virginia

(Now Virginia Church of Christ)



First Christian Church

Notes on the instrument

The Hook and Hastings pipe organ here in this sanctuary is an example of the "Tracker-action" which was used before the advent of electric wiring from the keyboard to the valve in the wind chest at the base of each pipe. The principle of the tracker is much like that of the manual typewriter in that the musician can personally express a subtle shading of touch and sound from a tracker instrument.

This organ was built in Boston, Massachusetts in 1907 and then installed in the same fall through a gift from Andrew Carnegie and his Carnegie Foundation. The case of the instrument is of "Quarter-sawed" oak. The organ is composed of two keyboards and a full pedalboard. The upper manual (swell) is under expression. The lower manual (great) is without expression.

The organ specifications are as follows:

Swell:

Oboe 8'
Flute 4'
Viola 8'
Flute 8'

Great:

Octave 4'
Dulcet 8'
Diapason 8'
4' coupled from Swell
8' coupled from Swell

Pedal:

Subbass 16'
Swell coupled to pedal 8'
Great coupled to pedal 8'

Details, small



Details, large



Havana Carnegie Library, 1902

Funded by an \$8,000 gift from the Carnegie Foundation



First Christian Church, Havana, IL



First Christian Church, Havana, Illinois

View from the pew



View from the bench



Behind the scenes



The console



Visiting organist



Paula talking shop with Havana organist Hugh McHarry



First Christian Church, Petersburg

Carnegie Organ



The keyboard



Petersburg, Illinois

Carnegie Library, 1908



1st Christian Church



First Christian Church, Petersburg



Details of the Hinners organ



Behind the scenes



First United Methodist Church, Mattoon

The new sanctuary



The original Carnegie organ



First Methodist Episcopal Church, Mattoon, 1903

Dedication program



Sanctuary, 1st ME, Mattoon



Detail of Carnegie organ dedication in Mattoon,

Program

9

9:00 a. m. Informal Greeting.

9:40 a. m. Public Worship.

Hymn, - - No. 862

Prayer, - Rev. S. H. Whitlock

Scripture.

Scripture Lesson, - -

- - Rev. W. R. Howard

Second Lesson, - -

- - Rev. W. S. Hooper

Anthem.

Sermon, Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald

Address, - Mr. Joseph W. Powell

Dedicatory Services.

Hymn, - - No. 770.

Benediction, - Rev. J. T. Orr

3:00 p. m. Sunday School Rally.

Song Service.

Prayer, - Rev. T. J. Wheat

Three Three-Minute Addresses, -

J. F. Clearwater,

T. H. Tull,

A. A. White.

Song.

Benediction.

6:00 p. m. Epworth League Rally.

Led by Mr. S. R. Badgley of
Cleveland, Ohio.

7:00 p. m. Public Worship.

Organ Prelude.

Hymn, - - No. 679

Prayer, - - Rev. I. Villers

Anthem.

Scripture, - Rev. D. W. English
Solo.

Sermon, - - -

Rev. C. B. Spencer, Kansas
City, Mo.

Address, - Joseph W. Powell

Hymn, - - - No. 871

Benediction, - M. W. Everhart

Mattoon Methodist Church's Boys Choir

