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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

79000781

1 NAME

HISTORIC Bonneville County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Capital Avenue at the head of C Street

CITY, TOWN _____ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Idaho Falls _____ VICINITY OF Second

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Idaho 16 Bonneville 019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Bonneville County

STREET & NUMBER
Bonneville County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE
Idaho Falls _____ VICINITY OF Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bonneville County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER _____
CITY, TOWN _____ STATE
Idaho Falls _____ Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1972
____ FEDERAL STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE
Boise _____ Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bonneville County Courthouse is a two-story reinforced concrete building with a second story Denver turkey brick veneer. This rectangular building has an outset central entry bay and is characterized by its use of classical motifs.

The main entry is elevated and its doors are framed in Boise sandstone. An entablature supported by Corinthian pilasters is the principal feature. A round arch with garlanded spandrels surmounts the doors. A pair of double hung sash windows flank the entry on the main level.

The building is five bays deep and an equal number wide. All bays, except the main entry, have sets of three double hung sash windows on the ground and main floors. The main floor windows have transoms broken into eight triangular lights. Ground level entries are located in the center bays of the sides and rear. Shield shaped plaques of Boise sandstone decorate all corners and the center bays. A denticulated cornice with a parapet crowns the building. A shallow, dome-like, skylight is in the center of the roof.

The only exterior alterations are the reworking of the front steps and the stuccoing of the first story in a light beige color. There are no additions.

The interior remains unaltered on the main floor. Marble stairs lead up to a wide hallway which opens up into the central foyer. All floors in these public spaces are of white vitreous mosaic tile and an Alaska marble wainscot graces the walls. The woodwork and beamed and paneled ceiling also remain in their original form. The central foyer has a balustraded square opening which looks down to the ground floor. The stained glass skylight with the Bonneville county crest is above this opening.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1921 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Lionel E. Fisher & Charles Aitken

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bonneville County courthouse is architecturally significant as an imposing local public building with good classical details. Its stonework exhibits good craftsmanship and its well preserved interior is a noteworthy reflection of the prevailing tastes of the period. The interior is perhaps the state's most intact and distinguished example for the post-war period.

As the seat of county government the courthouse retains many community, political, and judicial associations and as such is a local landmark.

Lionel E. Fisher and Charles Aitken were a prominent Idaho Falls Architectural firm of the period. Other examples of their buildings include the high schools at Aberdeen, Arco, Bancroft and Leadore, grade schools in Roberts and Idaho Falls and the physicians' residence at the state hospital in Blackfoot.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Falls Sunday Post, January 23, 1921, p. 2, c. 1-4.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the real estate on which the courthouse is situated, on Capital Avenue at the head of C Street in Idaho Falls; the property is owned in 1978 by Bonneville County, and comprises lots 7-8, block 13, Holmes' addition to Idaho Falls.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

DATE

TELEPHONE

384-2120

STATE

Idaho

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

Mark Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

30 Apr 79

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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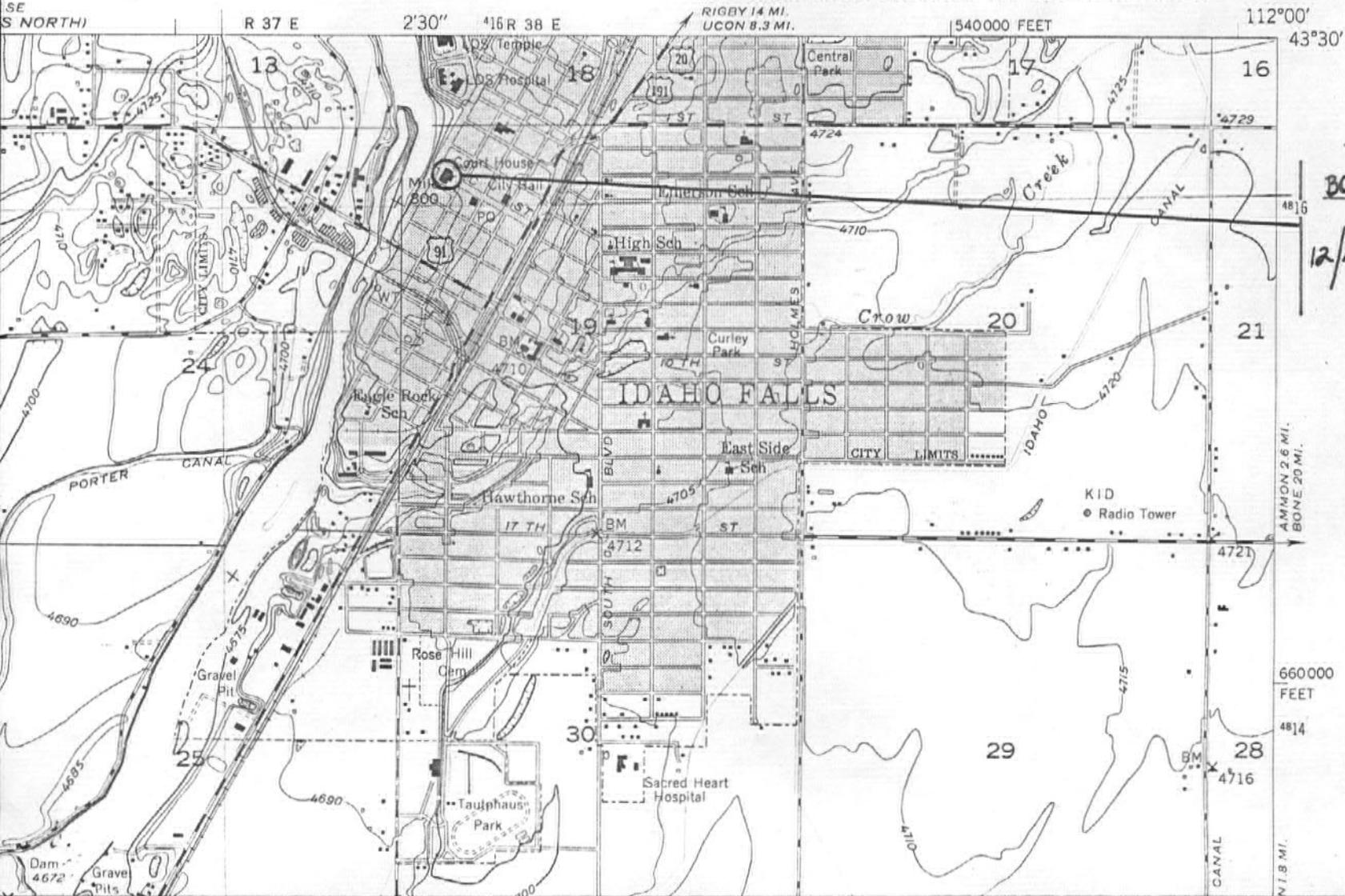
Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

Idaho State Historical Society
610 N. Julia Davis Drive
Boise, Idaho 83706

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OF THE ARMY
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S NORTH

IDAHO FALLS SOUTH QUADRANGLE
IDAHO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

3671 III SW
(UCON)



BONNEVILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

12/4,15,880/48,16,110

AMMON 2.6 MI.
BONE 20 MI.

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VI.8 MI.

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BONHEVILLE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

