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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89001000

Date Listed: 08/11/89


Hagerman State Bank, Limited  
Property Name

Gooding  
County

ID  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

8/11/89  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of significance: Criteria

Criterion C was inadvertently not checked when the nomination form was submitted: Criteria A and C are correct as justified in the text.

This information was confirmed with Elizabeth Egleston, IDSHPO, by telephone.

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- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hagerman State Bank, Limited  
other names/site number Hagerman United States Post Office, Hagerman Valley  
000961 Historical Society Museum

2. Location

street & number 100 South State St. N/A not for publication  
city, town Hagerman N/A vicinity  
state Idaho code ID county Gooding code 047 zip code 83332

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
*Ronald J. Beer* 6/19/89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Idaho State Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
*Beth L. Savage* 8/11/89  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/TradeFinancial InstitutionGovernmentPost Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation/CultureMuseum**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Romanesque Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stonewalls brickroof wood frame and composition shingles

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hagerman State Bank building is a rectangular, one-story brick structure situated on a corner lot with a recessed, covered entrance in its northeast corner. The bricks are laid in stretcher bond with contrasting light grey bricks used to highlight arched door and window openings and string courses at the impost and sill levels. The hipped roof originally had wooden shingles and a brick chimney at the ridge. Non-functional three foot high parapet-like constructions at each corner of the roof simulate Romanesque Revival towers and contribute to the massive feeling of the building.

The northern elevation of the structure is dominated by two large round-arched openings of equal height. The opening on the right is a ten feet wide by eight feet high rectangular single pane window topped by a semi-circular wooden panel. Originally there was a fixed pane window in this space until 1936 when the interior ceiling was lowered from fifteen to ten feet. On the left is an eight feet wide by twelve feet high arched opening to the corner porch containing a steel railing spanning from the massive brick pier in the northeast corner to the north wall of the building.

This opening is matched on the east facade by a similar round-arched porch entrance, eight feet wide by fourteen feet high. The porch steps lead to an enclosed rectangular space, one corner of which is cut off by a diagonal brick wall containing the front door of the building. This is a glazed door with a sixteen inch high transom above. A simple wood paneled door on the east wall of the porch was the original employee's entrance to the bank. Flanking the porch entrance to the left are four equally spaced, identically sized windows, six feet wide by eight feet high, with semi-circular wooden panels set into their arched tops.

The south elevation was a plain brick wall and was completely covered by a new building in 1925. Similarly, a 1947 construction adjoined the west side of the building. The front door opens into a large rectangular room with a ten foot high ceiling. Originally the room was divided by a bank service counter and later a wall containing mail boxes. The entire space is now used to house museum displays. The original baseboards and plaster walls have

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Architecture  
Commerce  
Communications  
Economics  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance  
1909-1939  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates  
1909  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The property is significant under Criteria A because, as the first bank and later the local post office, this building has played an important role in the establishment and growth of the small town of Hagerman, situated on the Snake River in south-central Idaho. In 1909, when it was built to contain the Hagerman State Bank, it was at the heart of the commercial boom associated with the anticipated arrival of the railroad to the community.

The history of the Hagerman Valley began with the Indians who lived in the area for seven thousand years. Plentiful supplies of fish and game combined with a mild climate provided justification for choosing a home there. In the 1840's and 50's the Upper Salmon Falls of the Snake River became an important stop on the Oregon Trail where emigrants were able to rest and barter with the Indians for smoked salmon and game. Within a few years, white settlements were established at ferry sites near Upper Salmon Falls and later down stream at Gougers Bend. In the 1870's and 80's the rush for gold brought miners and more settlers to the valley. In 1892, the miners and farmers saw a need for a post office, so the first storekeeper, Stanley Hagerman, obtained a franchise for the town in his name at its present location.

In 1908, the Orchard Investment Co. plotted the Hagerman townsite and conceived the idea of building a railroad into the valley. Hundreds of people rushed to the town and built new houses and businesses. One of the first was the Hagerman State Bank, built in 1909 at the corner of State and Main to help finance the railroad "boom".

The railroad grade was eventually finished but, unfortunately, the railroad never arrived. This disappointment did not deter the local population, however. The settlers continued to farm and, gradually, Hagerman became the center of a popular recreation area with excellent hunting and fishing nearby. Three years after it was built, the Hagerman State Bank

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Ervin Condit manuscript, 1965. In the collection of the Hagerman Valley Historical Society.  
Gooding County Leader, December 26, 1984, p. 17.  
Hagerman Commercial Club manuscript, June 20, 1911. In the collection of the Hagerman Valley Historical Society.  
Hagerman Valley Sun, June 16, 1911.  
Mrs. Wm. Justice manuscript, "Pioneering in Hagerman From 1877 to 1900," November 17, 1921. In the collection of the Hagerman Valley Historical Society.  
Route of the Oregon Trail in Idaho. Bicentennial Commission, Idaho Historical Society and Idaho Transportation Department, May, 1963.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A  
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:

Hagerman Valley Historical Society

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 

1	1	6	7	1	8	7	0	4	7	4	2	3	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

  
C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

  
D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies Lot 1, Block 39, Hagerman Townsite

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire town lot historically associated with this property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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been retained and a bank vault still stands in the southwest corner. The original oak floor can be seen in the vault but elsewhere it is covered by a carpet. An acoustical tile ceiling and flourescent lights were added in 1936 when the bank became a post office.

The predominant external features of the Hagerman State Bank -- its rough stone foundation, the wide round-headed brick arches, the contrasting light grey trim, and the unusual tower-like structures on the roof -- remain intact providing not only a familiar focal point for the town, but also a great source of pride for the residents of Hagerman.

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consolidated with the Farmers State Bank to become the First National Bank of Hagerman and as such it served the area until November 1935 when it closed. In 1936, the building was sold to the city and then leased to the U.S. Government who converted it to a post office. For the next forty-six years the building served the community in this capacity. In 1984 it became the home of the Hagerman Valley Historical Society Museum.

Although the early railroad "boom" failed to materialize, the town of Hagerman survived and continued to thrive. The former Hagerman State Bank with its distinctive Romanesque Revival arches, the only building of this style in the valley, remains an important center of activity in the town and an enduring symbol of the continued growth and prosperity of this small community.