

INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Paris (Partial Inventory: Architecture)SITE NAME: LDS Stake Office building (Paris, Idaho) SITE # 69LOCATION: West side South Main Street, Paris, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: J. Lynn Rammell, Box 188, Paris, ID 83261QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Paris, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: Less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes former LDS Stake Office and property on which it stands: Fraction of lot 1, block 17, Paris Original Townsite.UTM(S): 12/4, 66, 930/46, 74, 680DATE OR PERIOD: 1910 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LocalAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, social/humanitarian movementsDESCRIPTION: Good condition unaltered original site

The former LDS Stake Office is an approximately square, one-and-a-half story structure which exhibits elements of the bungalow, prairie, and commercial Romanesque Revival styles. Exterior fabric, both of the walls and of the decoratively corbelled chimneys rising on either side, is smooth buff brick. Rusticated red stone is outset in window sills and in several bands on the pilasters which frame the broad, outset, two-story entry pavilion with its arched portal. Proportions of the whole are low. Eaves are filled. The roof is hipped, with a front-to-back ridgebeam drawn forward to form a hipped roof over the entry. On the sides and in back, subsidiary ridgebeams are thrown out over large hipped dormers with flared, shingled sides.

The entrance pavilion is centered between pairs of segmentally-arched two-light sash windows. On its upper face are two small sash windows, with the large round-arched portal below. Beyond the portal the walls are beveled inward to form a reverse two-sided bay, in each plane of which a door is set. Each door gives access to one of the two rooms which take up the first floor front of the structure. The right-hand room still contains a built-in safe on the rear wall. The safe displays the painted legend, "Bear Lake Stake," has floralesque marginalia picked out in polychrome, and was manufactured by the Alpine Safe and Lock Company of Cincinnati. The main room of the basement, contains a concrete baptismal tub. The attic space allows a single large lateral room, lighted by the dormers and with cloakroom space in the upper level of the entry pavilion.

The building is vacant but in good condition.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The LDS Stake Office building is architecturally and historically significant as the stylish quarters of the regional administration of the Mormon Church, a building which displays the expertise of local masons. It was built in 1910 by Paris contractor H. R. Shepherd, noted for the Queen Anne J. R. Shepherd house (site #36) and numerous bungalows and cottages. In its wide eaves and relatively broad hipped-roof profile, the Stake Office harkens to the Prairie bungalow of Les Shepherd (site #64) built about the same time. The fine brick body, with rock-faced native sandstone trim and foundation exhibits formal devices found on other buildings in town by the Tueller Brothers: corbel-capped pilasters, outset string courses at the cornice line and robust window sills.

Constructed under the administration of Stake President J. R. Shepherd, the tithing offices were first intended to be built on the northeast corner of the Tabernacle block, at the former site of the now-demolished High School. Instead, the new building took a place next to the old Tithing Office, across the street from the Tabernacle, perpetuating the visual resonance of the administrative and spiritual functions of the Church in Paris.