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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William (Hopkins) Residence <sup>House</sup>

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

300 Block East Hooper Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Soda Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF

CODE  
16

COUNTY  
Caribou

CODE  
029 ✓

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Young

STREET & NUMBER

East Hooper Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Soda Springs

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caribou County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Soda Springs

STATE

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

Boise

STATE

Idaho

# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD            | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Hopkins residence is a modest one story black basalt house with limestone quoins and window frames. Brick segmental arches cap all windows, and carved brackets embellish the front porch's posts.

A frame shed addition to the rear housed the kitchen and dining area. This part is in poor condition and its roof needs repair.

A later cinder block bathroom is the only modern alteration to the house. It is located on the right rear.

The original interior of the two rooms in the stone portion remain intact. The walls are paneled with the windows set into the walls with flared casings opening into the rooms. The doors are four panel. The larger room's ceiling is centered with a 5 foot in diameter plaster molding consisting of radiating circles.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William Hopkins

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Hopkins residence is architecturally significant as a good example of a typical small stone residence of the nineteenth century. Employing local stone, it is stylistically similar to Soda Springs' city hall and many of the structures in Beaver, Utah, and southeast Idaho.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Craig M. Call, October 27, 1976.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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| ZONE |  | EASTING |  |  |  | NORTHING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the William Hopkins residence and the ground it stands on.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

20 May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

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

*Merle Wells*

TITLE

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE 20 May 1977

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

ATTEST

*Bill Wroble*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*1/12/79*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*1/10/79*

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The William Hopkins residence

8. The William Hopkins residence, as already noted is a good example of a typical small stone residence of the nineteenth century. In its time it was a rather common structure in southeast Idaho as it provided a fairly substantial appearing structure for little cost, as the stone employed was plentiful and fairly easy to work. Building with lava rock basalt had the same advantages as building with brick today, low maintenance, and good energy preservation, certainly a major consideration in southeastern Idaho, the foothills of the Rockies.

All too many of these structures have been altered, especially the more diminutive examples of the genre, as they have been deemed too miniscule for today's living standards. Often these houses have been added onto, as has the Hopkins residence with its cement block bathroom. Frequently the construction of an addition is accompanied by the remodeling of the interior of the original structure. Such is not the case with the Hopkins house. Its interior is remarkably well preserved and displays a quite unique plaster molding in the main room, as discussed in the description.

The Hopkins residence is typical of vernacular stone architecture applied on an extremely modest scale to accommodate the needs of the frontier bachelor or family of two. Being of such a small scale its significance has all too frequently been ignored with the result this sort of structure is becoming a disappearing segment of the Idaho landscape. The Hopkins residence is the best example of its genre in Soda Springs and one of the more intact examples of its style in the state we have found in the course of our survey of the state to date.