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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 McCammon State Bank Building

AND/OR COMMON
Howell's Big Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Northwest corner of Center and Third Streets

CITY, TOWN McCammon VICINITY OF CODE 16 COUNTY Bannock CODE 005
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Second

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 Marshall C. Harris

STREET & NUMBER c/o Wm. Howell

CITY, TOWN McCammon VICINITY OF STATE Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Bannock County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Pocatello 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

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 former McCammon State Bank is a two-story brick block in a Romanesque revival style. It occupies a corner lot; the original entrance opened onto the intersection in conformance with preferred banking house convention.

The design emphasis, too, is on the corner. Narrow round-arched entries onto the inset corner porch are set against double-width round-arched windows in the adjacent bays. In the upper story a more regular pattern is established. Segmentally arched windows alternate with flat pilasters, and stepped bricks are set into the corbel table in bracket fashion. The stories are unified vertically by the pilasters, which are interrupted by plain capitals and terminate in squared pinnacles. Horizontal articulation is achieved by string courses on the upper facade. On the lower it is provided by recessed "architraves," and by a foundation, sills and trim of rusticated stone.

Comparison of historic with contemporary photographs indicate that--except for the closing of the corner entry, the partial filling of both first and second-story windows, the whitewashing of the first-floor walls and minimal adaption of the storefronts to the conventions of modern commercial use--the structure is little changed from its original appearance. It is cornerstone-dated 1906.

6 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McCammon State Bank building is architecturally significant as a handsome and well-preserved example of a Romanesque Revival style in this small-town setting. It is the only commercial building of much pretension to survive in McCammon, dominating a streetscape of mostly modest one-story structures. It is in fact one of the few to be built, at any rate in such substantial material. Most of the important (and no longer extant) structures of the town--e.g., the Hotel, the opera house, and the roller mill, all built by H. O. Harkness--were of frame construction.

McCammon is a town situated 25 miles southeast of Pocatello in an agricultural valley. It is located on the Portneuf River, on the stage and freight route that dispensed goods from Salt Lake City to the Montana mines beginning in the summer of 1865. First William Murphy and then his nephew H. O. Harkness maintained toll road operations here. Later it became a convergence point for the Utah and Northern Railway with the Oregon Short Line. It was thought by local enthusiasts to lie along the logical westward route of the Chicago and Northwestern; it was the subject of considerable boosting around the time of its incorporation in 1908; it was expected to grow. The McCammon State Bank, chartered in 1907 and listing among its officers H. O. Harkness, who had become a millionaire cattleman and outstanding entrepreneur of the town, is tangible evidence of that expectation.

However, the hoped-for C.N.W. route was never built and McCammon remained a service center for a relatively small rural area. The former bank now houses the post office, some apartments, and several small businesses. It is the major architectural landmark and expression of early aspirations extant in the town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME McCammon

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION This nomination includes the former McCammon State Bank building on the northwest corner of Third and Center Streets in McCammon and the property on which it stands: lots 5-10, block 5, Harkness townsite.

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

Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

30 April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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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 X

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

30 April 1979

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

Bill Iobovich
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

July 9, 1979

ATTEST: W. Ray Vance
for CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

July 6, 1978