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DATA SHEET

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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 **\*\***  
Skattaboe Block  
AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Corner of Main and Fourth Streets  
CITY, TOWN  
Moscow  
STATE  
Idaho  
VICINITY OF  
First  
COUNTY  
Latah  
CODE  
057

## CLASSIFICATION

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

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
General Telephone Company of the Northwest  
STREET & NUMBER  
1800 - 41st  
CITY, TOWN  
Everett  
STATE  
Washington

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Latah County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Adams and Sixth  
CITY, TOWN  
Moscow  
STATE  
Idaho

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE  
1972  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Idaho State Historical Society  
CITY, TOWN  
Boise  
STATE  
Idaho

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Skattaboe Block is a two-story commercial building distinguished by a rounded corner and Romanesque character. Its second story windows are round arched rising from brick pilasters with caps. The structure's verticality, as conveyed by brick pilasters, is balanced through the use of wide brick bandings between the first and second stories. The building terminates with a brick cornice with the pilasters contributing to the ornamentation with round arched recesses and square caps. All first story openings, including the recessed corner entry, have segmental arches as do the front windows on the second story. The second story side windows continue the motif of the corner.

The Skattaboe block has been only slightly altered with a recent remodeling in 1972 which added first story exterior globe lights and filled in the transom lights.

# 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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1892

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Taylor and Lauder

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Skattaboë Block is architecturally significant in Moscow as a good commercial rendering of the Romanesque style, located at the historic central intersection of the town. Its rounded corner and good brickwork make it a distinguished part of the Moscow streetscape and a city landmark.

Taylor and Lauder were Moscow's most prolific mason contractors of the period, and they operated their own kilns. They built most of downtown Moscow and major buildings on the campus of the University of Idaho nearby. This is a worthy example of their craftsmanship.

In the early 1900's Mr. West purchased this commercial building and converted it for the use of the Moscow Telephone and Telegraph Company. In 1925 the Inland Telephone Company purchased the building and in 1931 changed their name to the Interstate Telephone Company. In 1952 the General Telephone Company purchased the building and have used it to the present day. Thus the structure continues to be associated with the history of the telephone in Moscow.

This is one of the earliest examples of adaptive use in Idaho.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Moscow Mirror , January 8, 1892, p. 1, c. 4; March 18, 1892, p. 1, c. 3.

interview with Carma Morgan on November 15, 1977

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,1	49,994,0	5,17,511,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property includes the Skattaboe block and the land it stands on at Main and Fourth

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

12 Dec 77

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

*Maria Wells*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12 Dec 77

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

<p><i>Huntley</i></p>		DATE	5-22-78
<p><i>William Cole</i></p>		DATE	5-12-78
<p>KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER</p>			