

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Shelton L.D.S. Ward Chapel

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

SW of Bonnevile on Shelton Rd.

STREET & NUMBER 1/2 Mile north of U. S. Highway 26 on Shelton Road

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF Ririe

CODE

16

COUNTY

Bonneville

CODE

019

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 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME L.D.S. Church, c/o Bishop Wayne H. Johnson

STREET & NUMBER

Box 201, Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Rigby

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Bonnevile County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Idaho Falls

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shelton Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is a compact Gothic Revival structure built of locally quarried rusticated sandstone. A centrally placed front tower of the western facade is partially imbedded in the main gable roof, its pyramidal cap resting on a flared eave course. The central doorway is round arched, but side windows on north and south sides of the entry hall are pointed. Second level Gothic arches above these have been filled in with plywood. A small round window decorates the front of the tower above the main door, but it too has been closed with wood.

The nave of the chapel is lighted by four Gothic windows on north and south, by two in the front (one on each side of the tower) and by four shingled dormers set just above the eave line on each side of the main space, corresponding to the Gothic windows below. These were added in 1927 when the upper part of the building was made into classrooms by lowering the meeting house ceiling.

Two stone additions at the east end match the stone of the rest of the building. A seven foot basement with walls six feet thick is lighted by window wells matched to the principal Gothic windows above.

The structure is in excellent condition.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 1909-14

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Hans Jensen and Albert Carlsen

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shelton Ward chapel was built between 1909 and 1914 when it was dedicated. Stone from the Miskin quarry on Willow creek was hauled to the site with teams of horses. The stone was quarried, cut, and finished by volunteers from the congregation. Using plans supplied by the Mormon church in Salt Lake City, two Danish immigrant stone masons, Hans Kensen and Albert Carlsen, laid up the building. The quality of their old-world craftsmanship is outstanding, and no small part of the building's significance comes from the fact that no comparable work survives in the neighborhood. Other buildings by these men have been lost.

Shelton Ward chapel has important local significance for its architectural qualities in a place where nothing like it remains, and for its historic meaning to the local Mormon community. It is a landmark symbolizing the years of hardship and struggle needed to establish a successful farm community in this area. There is a strong local movement to acquire the building for preservation and restoration.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Neil, J. Meredith, Saints and Oddfellows: A Bicentennial Sampler of Idaho Architecture. Boise Gallery of Art, 1976.

Lovell, Edith Haroldsen. "Shelton is Special." Supplement to Snake River Echoes. Idaho Falls: Bonneville County Historical Society, June 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Rigby SE Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 43 3707 114923
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the Shelton Ward chapel and the 2-acre lot on which it stands, immediately east on Shelton Road one-half mile north of U.S. Highway 26 southwest of Ririe, Idaho; the property was originally donated by Ed Brown and

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

Arthur A. Hart: Architectural Historian, Director of Historical Society

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

26 June 1979

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 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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 4 July 1979

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

W. Ray Juce

DATE

8-30-79

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

8/29/79

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is owned in April of 1979 by the L.D.S. church.