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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 Little, Thomas K., House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 703 East Belmont Street

CITY, TOWN Caldwell VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
STATE Idaho CODE 16 COUNTY Canyon CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First  
CODE 27

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input 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 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 Edward Perry

STREET & NUMBER

703 East Belmont Street

CITY, TOWN Caldwell VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE Idaho

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Canyon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Caldwell STATE Idaho

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Idaho State Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1972  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN Boise STATE Idaho

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

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EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Thomas K. Little house sits on four lots in the oldest residential neighborhood of Caldwell northeast of the railroad tracks that divide the town. Built in 1896, the house's irregular massing, floorplan, and roofline and its combination of styles are expressive of late Victorian eclecticism. The house is a one-and-a-half-story balloon frame and clapboard structure on a lava rock foundation. The shingled roof with its four gables (side, rear, and forward) and offcenter hipped section, reflects the interior plan of small rooms scattered around two central parlors.

The house has two transomed entrances on either side of a three-sided bay on the southwest facade. Above the bay is a gable with molding, bargeboards, a scrolled apron, and fishscale shingles around a small double-hung sash window. Similar Queen Anne decoration graces the two side gables. The more plain rear gable has a "Palladian" window of three rectangular sashed sections. On the first-floor level, the house is sheathed with narrow white clapboards crisscrossed horizontally and vertically with stick-like members, a surface treatment which alludes to the Western Stick Style. The southeast exposure is elaborated with a circular leaded window lighting the entrance hall and a tripartite window surmounted by a curved pediment-like decoration. Farther to the rear on this exposure, the roofline is pulled down to hood a three-sided dining room bay with double-hung sash windows. The central hipped section of the Little house roof, with its large rectangular, corbelled chimney, unifies the house's eclectic massing and ornamentation.

Two sections of the Little house may date after 1896. The rear lean-to kitchen and screened-in porch is sheathed with shiplap rather than clapboards. The bungalow front porch is either an addition or a remodeling, with its thick, square, battered pillars and its shingled, battered lower walls.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Architect unknown; Contractor:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Robert E. Miller

The former Thomas K. Little house is architecturally significant as a local example of Queen Anne eclecticism, as a remnant of nineteenth century residential architecture in Caldwell, and perhaps as one of the town's few architect-designed houses. The house is historically significant as a remnant of an early residential neighborhood in Caldwell and as a physical reminder of the Thomas K. Little family.

Among Caldwell houses of the period--and few remain as intact as the Little house--this house is unusually elaborate and aesthetically satisfying. It may well be that, as the Caldwell Tribune reported on March 7, 1896, "an Eastern architect" designed the house. By April of that year, the house was under construction, contracted locally to Robert E. Miller for \$3,000. The Little house draws on Gothic, Queen Anne, Georgian Revival and Western Stick Style decoration, making it truly "Victorian eclectic".

T. K. Little came to Caldwell from Chicago in 1892 and joined the newly-incorporated M. B. Gwinn Mercantile Company, one of the oldest businesses in the town. In 1894 he and Gwinn divided their business, Little taking over the dry goods department. Two years later he had this house built in the residential neighborhood where many of his fellow businessmen were settling. Little's name is associated with the Little Block (now Harmon Block) on Main Street, which he purchased in 1899 and expanded in 1906, the year after he served as mayor of Caldwell. In 1909 he closed his dry goods business, and in 1910 the Littles sold their house and moved from Caldwell.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Caldwell Tribune, 1883-1910

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Caldwell

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5 minute

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 525420 4834940

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nomination includes the former Thomas K. Little house and the property on which it stands: lots 1-4, block 35, in the Caldwell Original Townsite.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Jennifer Eastman Attebery, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society

DATE 10 June 1980

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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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 10 June 1980

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

for Anthony W. Ray  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
ATTEST

DATE 8/18/80

DATE 8-5-80

~~CHIEF OF REGISTRATION~~