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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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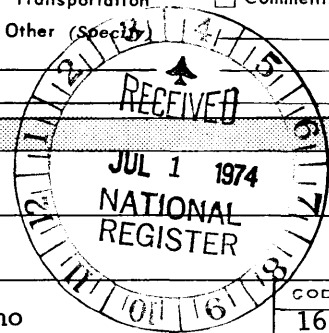
SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Idanha Hotel
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 10th and Main Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: District 1	
STATE: Idaho	CODE: 16	COUNTY: Ada	CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <small>(Check One)</small>	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <small>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <small>(Specify)</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Broadbent Development Company			
STREET AND NUMBER: 307 Sonna Building			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		STATE: Idaho	CODE: 16



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Ada County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: 514 West Jefferson Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		STATE: Idaho	CODE: 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Idaho State Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		STATE: Idaho	CODE: 16

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

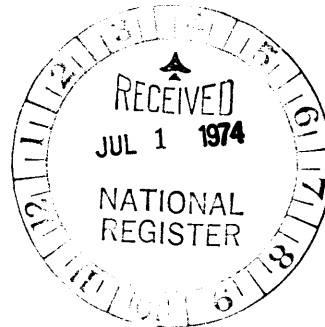
Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Idanha Hotel is a large, six-story brick structure whose fairy-castle external appearance is an incorporation of the French Chateau style. The stone of the two round-arched entrances, windows, turrets and horizontal linear trim between floors utilizes cyclopean rustication to nicely set off the red brick. The raised basement walls and foundation are sandstone.

Three round corner turrets, along with two tiers of bay windows on the west side, are the most prominent features on the exterior. Liberal use of tall windows, especially in the turrets and bays, insures a well-lit interior. The two tall bays are crowned with battlements which are the same height as matching crenellation along the top of the first incline of the mansard-style roof. This part of the roof is at the sixth floor level and sports symmetrically placed hip-roofed dormers.

The first significant change in the building was the addition of a new \$5000 grille room in 1906. Subsequent changes have included a modern front and lowered floor of the ground-floor store on Main Street, and the addition of a bar-lounge in the basement on the Tenth Street side. Two covered entryways with their balconies stood for many years but have since been taken down. Other than a few minor changes and a recent paint job on the turrets and trim, the building remains much as it was. Even the interior boasts many of the original furnishings, brass handrails, and original doors, windows, and woodwork.



S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **completed 1901**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

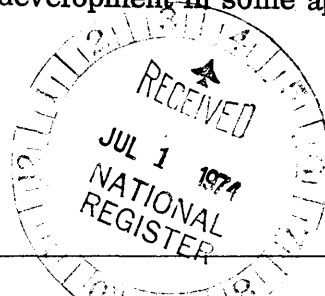
At the time of its completion in early January 1901 at a cost of \$125,000, Boise's pride and joy, the Idanha Hotel, was the most expensive building ever built in Boise. Walter S. Campbell was the architect, the superintendent of construction and the promoter of the deal which made building the hotel possible. He visited modern hotels between Boise and New York and combined many of the best features for the Idanha. The Idanha boasted having only three inside rooms on the entire building, a thing considered very modern and original when incorporated into some rather recent hotels.

The fairy-castle external appearance is an incorporation of the French Chateau style of a number of famous Canadian and eastern U.S. hotels. Chateau Frontenac in Quebec, built in the 1890's, is a famous example. In selecting the round corner turrets, Campbell was the first in Boise to use them on a commercial structure. The turrets fit right in because Boise's domestic architecture had already made them popular.

Idaho's famous senator, William E. Borah, is associated with the Idanha in what was one of the most dramatic and boisterous events ever to take place there. On October 2, 1907, Senator Borah spoke to a large crowd from the balcony above the Main Street entrance to the Idanha after he had been vindicated by the court of alleged participation in defrauding the government. Later than evening, a mighty crowd of fans stretching curb to curb from Sixth Street to Tenth Street paraded with Borah amid fanfare and band music. Upon reaching the hotel, Borah was lifted to their shoulders and carried into the Idanha and out onto the same balcony where he again addressed the crowd.

The Idanha has retained its popularity through the years, both as a fine hotel and, more significantly, as a Boise landmark which has added much to the character of the city. It hopefully will survive urban redevelopment in some appropriate form of adaptive use.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Daily Statesman, 26 November 1899, p. 6.
 1 January 1901, p. 4.
 3 October 1907, p. 1 and p. 6.

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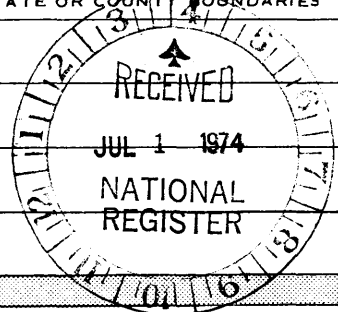
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

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 AND TITLE:
Thomas B. Renk, Site Survey Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Idaho State Historical Society** DATE: **14 February 74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: **Boise** STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Merle Wells

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 1 April 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/9/74

ATTEST:
Charles A. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7-8-74

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6. IDANHA HOTEL

Historic American Buildings Survey

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Department of the Interior

National Park Service

Washington, D. C. 20240

Code: 11

