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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

H. O. Harkness Stable Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

111 South Railroad St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

McCammon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF
CODE

16

COUNTY

Bannock

CODE

005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Merle Martin

STREET & NUMBER

111 South Railroad

CITY, TOWN

McCammon

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bannock County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

East Center Street

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in exactly due East-West position several yards from the west bank of the Portneuf River is the original building known since its erection as the H. O. Harkness Feed, Sale and Livery Stables. It is rectangular, two-story, with a western pioneer boomtown false front. It is 30' 6" wide across the front by 71' long. Except for the false front it is constructed of heavy native lumber from the Harkness sawmill. In front is a cross-braced main door 8' 6" x 7' 10" which operates on a slide. Directly above the main door is a smaller double-braced door on the second floor 4' x 6'. On the south side of the main front door is a boarded up window 2' 10" x 6' 1". Adjacent to the window on the south we find a small entrance door 2' 10" x 7' 1". In the rear of the building is a large horse door 7' 6" wide x 6' 10" high. The second story door directly above is 2' 6" x 4' high. On the south side there are three windows on the first floor, 1' 10" x 3' 6". On the second floor, south side are three windows 2' 11" x 4' 11".

Visible from the main front entrance is ample evidence of the heavy wear of horses' shod and unshod feet on the heavy floor planking throughout the center passageway. This passageway is between horse stalls and tack rooms. To the left (north) are several horse stalls and to the right are small rooms for harness, saddles, grain, etc., sometimes called tack rooms. Toward the rear (20' from the rear end of the structure) is a jog in dimensions; the building is actually 2' 6" wider on each side. This area was used primarily for the storage and protection of buggies. The first floor height is 9' 11". Supports are native 4" x 4". Side studding is 4" x 6".

The second floor is primarily an open hay loft which is entered by way of a stairway from the smaller outside front door. Supports of 4" x 6" are every 8 feet. The clear area is 14' above the floor. It is 20 feet to the ridge. In other words, the total height is 30 feet. Strong cross collar ties support the ridge and roof. The building is metal roofed.

Alterations from the original are few. The ten horse stalls are used for storage of various items. In the rear on the south side are six cow stanchions. The original cupola on the roof, which was for ventilation purposes, is no longer extant. The original shingle roof has been replaced by the sheet metal roof. On the south side is a lean-to used to shelter tractors, cars, trucks, etc. The main doors now on slides were originally on hinges. Four small vent "windows" have been added along the first floor southeast side. The small door to stairs going to the second floor. There is plain evidence that the original stairway was situated inside between the tenth horse stall and the first buggy stall on the north side of the building. It is possible the words "and Livery" may have been painted on the front sometime after it was built. It is very evident that the building needs paint and some repair. The present owner stated he had placed one support back of the buggy stalls on each side.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> _AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" 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 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 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The H. O. Harkness Feed, Sale and Livery Stables building is a very well preserved frame building of Western pioneer boomtown construction. It is a two-story building; most western pioneer buildings with a false front were one story only.

In 1882 the Utah and Northern Railroad and the new Oregon Short Line Railroad, both subsidiaries of the Union Pacific, met on this spot, forming a junction soon known as McCammon. In 1883, before the completion of the Oregon Short Line, this building was erected, along with the famous Harkness Hotel. Its purpose was to facilitate the needs of travelers, sightseers, explorers, fishermen, hunters and settlers.

It was part of an oasis in the Territory of Idaho and the intermountain country, surrounded by the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, sagebrush, and a wild untamed country. It is mentioned in W. W. Elliott's Territory of Idaho, published in 1884, as well as in other documents. According to James L. Onderdonk, Territorial Controller, the upper floor of the building had a capacity for the storage of thirty-five tons of hay on one side and 6,000 bushels of grain on the other, with a wagon way between. Loaded wagons were hauled up to the second floor by means of a railway, operated by pulleys and horsepower. It served its purpose for all types of western pioneers including bankers, early Forest Service Rangers and at least one United States Senator. It was involved in housing horses connected with the 1902 Fort Hall Reservation Land Run. H. O. Harkness stabled many of his blooded horses here. Part of his cattle round-ups started here. It was significant in the settlement of Southeastern Idaho. The stable has been in continuous use for ranch purposes for ninety-six years and still serves the present owners. It was, of course, tied to the activities and needs of the guests of the H. O. Harkness Hotel, which itself was completed ahead of the Oregon Short Line Pacific Hotel in Pocatello.

Captain H. O. Harkness was a Civil War veteran and came to this place to manage the Murphy-Harkness toll road to Montana, which included the toll bridge across the Portneuf one-half mile below the stables. He established an "empire" on the frontier, greatly facilitating the settlement of eastern Idaho. He also helped to write the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Elliott, Wallace W. & Co., History of Idaho Territory, San Francisco, California, W. W. Elliott & Company, 1884.

Various Southeastern Idaho newspapers.

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME McCammon

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION This nomination includes the H. O. Harkness Stable Building and the ground on which it stands including a 25-foot clearance on all sides of the structure at 111 S. Railroad in McCammon on property owned in 1979 by Merle Martin, between the west bank of the Portneuf river and the Merle Martin house road.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

H. Leigh Gittins, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Bannock County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

740 University Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Pocatello

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

Merle Martin

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 6 Dec 79

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

Sally J. Oeda
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/1/80

ATTEST

W. Ray Luce
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 1-22-80