

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 Aiken's Hotel

and/or common Eagle Hotel

2. Location

street & number 99 East State Street N/A not for publication

city, town Eagle N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Idaho code 16 county Ada code 001

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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 checked="" 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	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" 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:

4. Owner of Property

name James E. and Lois I. Bruce

street & number 428 Cashmere

city, town Boise N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ada County Courthouse

street & number 650 Main Street

city, town Boise state Idaho 83702

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1972  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise state Idaho

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>    N/A    </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

DESCRIPTION:

The Aiken's Hotel is a rectangular two-story molded concrete block structure with single-light double-hung sash windows, paneled single-light doors, and a small, one-story concrete block rear ell. Original windows and doors seem to be intact. Details include classically massed porch posts and a denticulated cornice. There is a rear ell, parts of which date from 1909 through 1914 and parts from 1914 through 1923. The concrete block enclosure of the front porch is a much more recent--and reversible--alteration that the owners plan to remove in an Economic Recovery Tax Act project that will restore the porch to its 1910 appearance. The enclosed photograph depicts that project in progress.

# 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** 1909–1910      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Aiken's Hotel is representative of the development of a small commercial center to serve the rural settlement of Eagle during the period 1902 to 1910. During those eight years Eagle's main street, which is also a highway connecting Boise with other valley centers, gained a grocery store, an Odd Fellows' Building, the Eagle Drug, the Aiken's Hotel, and a few other businesses. The hotel is associated with the major developer-promoter of Eagle, Tom Aiken, who had the building constructed. The hotel is architecturally significant as a representative of early concrete block construction in the Boise Valley, a type of construction that became popular in about 1900. According to one source, the blocks were manufactured in Eagle. The classical elements of the porch (as originally built) and the denticulated cornice are also representative of the colonial revival style popular during the first decade of the century. Parts of the rear ell date from 1909 to 1914 and parts from 1914 to 1923; they should be considered additions of significance. The alterations to the front porch do not belong to the period within which the hotel achieved significance, but they do leave half of the main facade and the remaining three exposures entirely visible.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Eagle

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

### UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Aiken's Hotel and the property on which it stands, lot 6, block 3 of the Eagle townsite.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jennifer Eastman Attebery, Coordinating Architectural Historian

organization Idaho State Historical Society date 20 September 1982

street & number 610 North Julia Davis Drive telephone (208) 334-3356

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 *Merle Wells*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 20 September 1982

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

*Delores Byers* date 10/29/82  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration

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Among Eagle's commercial buildings from the period 1902 through 1910, the Aiken's Hotel is one of the very few to remain unmasked by the Western-motif wooden false fronts that are required by the town's commercial design ordinance. The hotel's eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places makes it eligible for a variance from the ordinance.

## ITEM NUMBER 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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