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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Idaho
COUNTY:	Madison
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 3 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Rexburg Stake Tabernacle**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Fremont Stake Tabernacle**

**2. LOCATION**

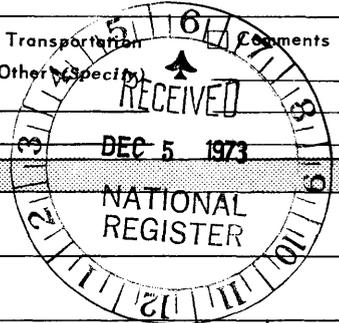
STREET AND NUMBER: **25 North Center Street (Sec. 19, T6N, R40E)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Rexburg** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **District #2**

STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16** COUNTY: **Madison** CODE: **065**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: **Rexburg Stake**

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Madison County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Idaho Historic Preservation Plan**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1972**  Federal  State  County  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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COUNTY: Madison  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The tabernacle is a sturdy Italianate structure with two square towers flanking a three-arched entrance. Each tower has three tall, narrow round-arched windows on each face, and a flat-pitched roof with wide eaves. The entry porch between the towers is topped with a typical baroque silhouette reminiscent of Spanish churches in the American Southwest. Local stone is rusticated to give the building a sturdy character and rich texture.

The consistent use of round stone arches, along with the rustic look, give this building a Romanesque character, but with strong Italian feeling.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1911**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The tabernacle was built in 1911. Its construction was financed and paid for by funds accumulated by members of the congregation. Usual Mormon policy defrayed one-half of the building costs, but not in this case. The members, in a matter of weeks, raised about \$33,000, far more than the anticipated cost. The contract price was \$19,808. F. L. McGrew of St. Anthony received the contract. A basement was not included in the original plans, but so much soil became necessary to fill up the surrounding ground that it was decided to excavate and build a basement. The extra cost for adding a basement came to \$100.00, but this did not include finishing the interior. Construction was begun under the direction of the Fremont Stake President, Mark Austin. Formal dedication took place on January 7, 1912.

The Fremont Stake Tabernacle is unique in Idaho, both by virtue of its style and its association with Mormon settlement in that area of the state. Architecturally, it is one of very few Italianate church buildings in the state, and vastly exceeds all others in that style in character, size, and imaginative use of stone.

Although the headquarters of the stake has always been in Rexburg, the name of the stake continued to be Fremont, after Fremont County, resulting in some confusion. To correct this, the name of the stake was changed to the Rexburg Stake on June 23, 1935.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Beal, Samuel M., The Snake River Fork Country, Rexburg:  
The Rexburg Journal, 1935.

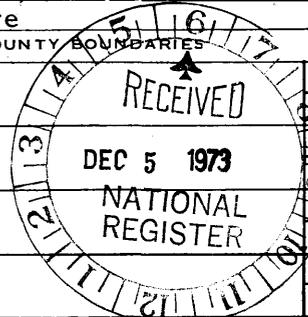
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	43°	49'	39"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	111°	47'	00"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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: Mr. Arthur A. Hart, Director

ORGANIZATION: Idaho State Historical Museum DATE: 13 November 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Boise STATE: Idaho CODE: 83706 16

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 W. Wells

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 29 November 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Arthur A. Hart

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/3/74

ATTEST: Wm J. Neely  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5-2-74