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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

\*\* Blackfoot LDS Tabernacle

AND/OR COMMON

The Civic Center

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 S. Shilling St

NOT FOR PUBLICATION Second  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Blackfoot

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

CODE  
16

COUNTY

Bingham

CODE

011

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Community

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bingham County

STREET & NUMBER

Bingham County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Blackfoot

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bingham County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Blackfoot

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Site Inventory

DATE

1972

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

610 North Julia Davis Drive

Boise, Idaho

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Blackfoot LDS Tabernacle, a semi-circular, two-story, flat roofed brick building, is distinguished by its shape and Georgian ornamentation.

Three outset entries with corbelled door frames provide access to the building. The two side entries differ from the main entry by being two stories high, narrower and containing only double doors. Three bays separate the entryways.

The brickwork delineates the two stories. The first story has a common bond with outset banding, and the second employs a garden wall cross with a diamond-shaped overlay. A band of vertical bricks separates the two. One-and-a-half story brick pilasters frame the windows and terminate with plaster Georgian scroll finials which connect to the oval windows. All of the windows contain opalescent cathedral glass.

The interior is finished in maple and features indirect lighting. In 1959 the interior was remodeled, but the exterior remains unaltered. In 1976 Bingham County purchased the building for a Civic Center.

# 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES      1920                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Pope and Burton

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blackfoot LDS Tabernacle is architecturally significant for its uncommon semi-circular plan, its varied brickwork and stylized Georgian ornamentation. This \$78,000.00 building is one of several LDS tabernacles in southeast Idaho designed by Pope and Burton of Salt Lake City in the early 1920's. Seating 1500, it was one of the larger tabernacles constructed in Idaho in this period, and one of Pope and Burton's better buildings in the state.

M. E. Anderson and Son, also of Salt Lake City, was the contractor responsible for carrying out the brickwork.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Mrs. M. Von Der Lieth, May 16, 1975  
Bingham County News February 15, 1921 p. 1 c. 1

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	2	3	9	0	8	8	0	4	7	8	2	1	9	0
ZONE		EASTING					NORTHING							

B 

ZONE		EASTING					NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

2 February 1977

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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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

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.

~~REPRODUCING OFFICER~~

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

24 March 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/19/77

DATE

7-16-77