

INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: (TOURTELLOTTE AND HUMMEL ARCHITECTURE ~~IN IDAHO~~ (R))

✓ SITE NAME: Haines, John, House SITE NUMBER: 29

✓ LOCATION: 919 ~~West~~ Hays Street, Boise, Ada County (~~001~~), ~~Idaho~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Alan R. and Benita E. S. Giltzow  
919 West Hays Street  
Boise, ID 83702

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Boise South, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the John Haines House and the property on which it stands, lot 7, west one-half lot 8, block 84, Boise City Original Townsite. Legal description on file at the Ada County Courthouse, Boise, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,64,590/48,29,990

DATE OR PERIOD: 1904

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local, State, National, International

CONDITION: excellent unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The John Haines House is a two-and-a-half Queen Anne-classical structure. The building is generally rectangular in plan, with a full classicizing cross-facade porch, a first story veneered in random-coursed rock-faced stone, a flared second-story veneered with square and shaped shingles, and an attic level punctuated by turret caps and gables.

The entrance is left of center, through a porch supported on Doric columns paired in the center and trebeled at the corners. Above the steps at left and extending almost half the width of the porch, a flattened pediment rises above the low pitched hip of the roof. Above this is an offset pair of gables, the one to the right emerging at second-story level and the one to the left set back at attic level. Both gables and the attic-story gable over the two-story bay on the west side are filled with bands of shaped shingles in three patterns, in contrast to the square shingles of this second-story walls. All gables have close eaves. To the left of the front gables at second-story level is a small, square, outset corner turret room with a flattened, half-engaged roof capped with a large metal finial. To the right is another second-story turret, set into the intersection of the roof

and the west-side bay; this turret forms an open porch and has a steep flared pyramidal roof, again with a large metal finial.

The east side of the house is unelaborated except for a close-eaved gable at attic level. The rear has a two-story hipped porch with the upper story screened for sleeping; a one-story section, inconspicuous from the side street and invisible from the front, has been enclosed and stuccoed. The west side, facing Tenth Street, has to the right of its two-story bay a small side porch, outset, pedimented, and supported on columns on stone bases. The house is further decorated with mullioned upper lights on many of the windows.

#### SIGNIFICANCE:

The Haines house is architecturally significant as one of Boise's best examples of the late Queen Anne style, with harmonious elements of the less fanciful incoming styles, and historically significant as the residence of an early governor of Idaho.

The Queen Anne style is fully established here by the asymmetrical massing, the use of turrets, and the mixing of materials. At the same time, the profile is kept tight, with the turrets cresting no higher than roofline. The turrets are squared, and the porch and its pedimental overdoor are classicizing, as in the shingled colonial style Fritchman house (site 28). The particular balance between Queen Anne and classical represented here would recur in the work of the firm as late as 1908, in the square-turreted Arthur Hodges House [National Register, State Street Historic District, 1978].

The house is situated on a corner lot with mature trees in the architecturally rich Near North End, a few blocks from the Capitol. For stylishness, location, and state of preservation it compares favorably with any house of its scale in the state.

John Mitchner Haines (1863-1917) came to Idaho, with his real estate partners W. E. Pierce (see sites 1 and 8) and L. H. Cox, soon after it achieved statehood. He was a prominent businessman by the time he built this house, at a reported cost of \$7,500, in 1904. He was Boise City mayor from 1907 to 1909, and governor of the state of Idaho 1913-1914.

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