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DATA SHEET

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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

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

455 North Hayes

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Pocatello

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Bannock

CODE

005

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
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- GOVERNMENT
- TRANSPORTATION
- INDUSTRIAL
- OTHER:
- MILITARY

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bannock County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Joseph's is a parish church in the Gothic Revival style. The bulk of the structure is rusticated white sandstone quarried locally at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The clapboarded wooden frame open belfry is capped by an octagonal copper spire with a ball and cross finial. All ground level openings are framed with smooth-finished sandstone Gothic arches, contrasting with the rusticated walls. The second story windows are round: The gable window has a star-of-David motif and the tower contains two wheel windows. The stained glass for these windows and the lancets came from Portland.

The pews also came from Portland. The present altar and the stations of the cross were installed between 1919-1922. Also at this time the steeple was covered with copper. The original doors have been replaced, and the glass tympanum covered.

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

St. Joseph's is one of two Gothic-styled nineteenth-century stone churches to be found in Pocatello. The other, Trinity Episcopal Church, is already on the National Register. They are of equal significance, as rare nineteenth-century examples of Idaho churches rendered in stone. Pocatello was fortunate to have a nearby stone quarry at Fort Hall, from which to gather the stone. The city was the Union Pacific's major center in the state, serving as a machine shop and switching center. Thus it was a major area of Catholicism in the state, due to the large immigrant labor population, much of which derived from southern Europe.

In all likelihood the construction of St. Joseph's in stone prompted the Anglican Episcopalians to follow suit.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Joseph's is architecturally significant as a well-proportioned Gothic-Revival parish church executed in stone. As Pocatello's oldest surviving church, it has especial importance as a community landmark. It is also among the state's earliest surviving stone churches.

