

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 Fox, J. C., Building

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number west side of 100 block, South Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Hailey N/A vicinity of

state Idaho code 016 county Blaine code 013

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 O. Hughes Brown

street & number Box 1503

city, town Sun Valley N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83353

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Blaine County Courthouse

street & number 206 First Avenue

city, town Hailey state Idaho 83333

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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**

The J. C. Fox Building is a rectangular, two-story commercial building with a flat roof, four symmetrical vertical bays, and a recessed entry at either side of the facade. The walls are brick laid in common bond. Above the second-story windows the brick is laid in decorative geometric patterns that outline the cornice and create a panel in which the legend "19 J. C. Fox 20" is set. The four sets of windows on the second story are Chicago style with fixed transoms. The building is attached to the commercial building on the north. The owner of the Fox Building is in the midst of an Economic Recovery Tax Act project that will rehabilitate the structure. After that project is completed, he plans to build a compatible modern building on the adjacent vacant lot to the south of the Fox Building. The only out-of-period alterations to the exterior of the building are on the first story, where a 1970's shingled awning spans the facade and 1970's shake shingles have been applied above the band of remodeled display windows. The owner's ERTA project calls for removal of both awning and shingles. The interior of the building has undergone several remodelings; its severe structural problems are being remedied in the owner's ERTA project, which will create yet another new interior. The nomination includes the J. C. Fox Building and its city lot. The building is flush with that lot on the front and two sides; there are no additional buildings or significant landscape features on the rear of the lot.

## 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    1920                                  Builder/Architect    unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The J. C. Fox Building is architecturally significant as a representative example of the brick architecture that was used in Idaho primarily for commercial buildings during the period 1910-1920. The building is historically significant for its association with J. C. Fox, one of Hailey's early developers. Aside from the Fox Building, very little business construction went on in Hailey for three decades after 1910. Nineteen brick buildings still stand along Main Street dating from the period that shaped Main Street--from 1881, when the town was established by John Hailey, to 1936, when construction of the nearby Sun Valley ski resort furthered the town's development. Most pre-date the Fox Building, and half of them are masked by modern facades. Among those still retaining architectural integrity, the Fox building is the most elaborate example of late-1910's commercial style. The building's intact features representing that period include plain monochromatic brick walls laid in common bond, outset brick courses that form panels and a cornice, and Chicago-style windows. Similar features appear on one other Hailey building and are apparent in historic photographs of masked or demolished Hailey buildings. J. C. Fox, the original owner of the building, had it erected in 1920 after operating a general store in Hailey for almost forty years. He served as mayor for two years and was vice president of the Hailey National Bank. Fox owned the property for sixteen years before replacing its frame buildings with the brick Fox building. When first built, the Fox Building housed a jewelry store, the First National Bank of Hailey, a pool hall and soft drink counter, and on the second floor a hospital.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

McLeod, George A., History of Alturas and Blaine Counties, Idaho. Hailey: The Hailey Times, revised edition 1938, p. 56.  
 Hawley, James H., History of Idaho. Vol. IV. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1920, pp. 6-7.  
 Twin Falls Polk Directory. 1920-1921.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre  
 Quadrangle name Hailey Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

A	<u>11</u>	<u>717070</u>	<u>4821720</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the J. C. Fox Building and the property on which it sits, lots 7 and 8, block 32, Hailey Original Townsite.

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	<u>N/A</u>	county	<u>N/A</u>	code	<u>N/A</u>
state	<u>N/A</u>	code	<u>N/A</u>	county	<u>N/A</u>	code	<u>N/A</u>

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jennifer Eastman Attebery, State Architectural Historian  
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# 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 22 Feb 83

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

for Melissa Byers Entered in the National Register date 3/31/83  
 Keeper of the National Register

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