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 COUNTY: _____
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

PH0037389

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
GAR Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Phil Sheridan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
714 West State Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Boise** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: _____

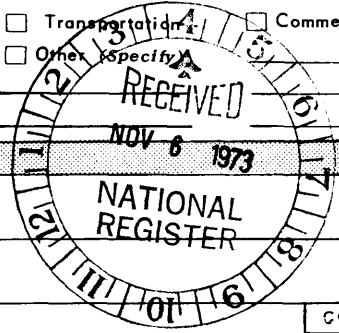
STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16** COUNTY: **Ada** CODE: **001**

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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Duane W. Garrett

STREET AND NUMBER:
2711 Lancaster Drive

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Ada County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
514 West Jefferson Street

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Idaho State 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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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 Phil Sheridan Post G. A. R. Hall is a two-story brick building 80' x 35'. Its gable end faces the street, the point of the gable decorated with band-sawn wooden ornament. Beneath this "gingerbread" is a sandstone block set into the brick with the letters "G. A. R." carved into it. Two double-hung sash windows on the second floor are directly above a similar window and door on the first floor. Segmental arches with carved keystones top each opening. The upper sashes in the windows are less than half as high as the lower ones, making them correspond to the transom over the door.

Similar windows light the long axis of the building, which is basically divided into two meeting halls, one on each floor. Small anterooms are located on each floor at the ends of the building, as are front and back stairways. The ceiling of the upstairs rooms are coved to conform to the roof, giving about a foot of extra ceiling height.

The building is very close to its original form. Electricity and plumbing were added in 1897, when the building was five years old, and the old fixtures remain.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **October 12, 1891 - January 20, 1892**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" 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

Since the Grand Army of the Republic was officially disbanded in 1949, and the last member died in 1956 at the age of 109, the organization of Union veterans of the Civil War has passed into history. There are very few tangible reminders left in American communities of an organization that once had more than 400,000 members. Although a number of posts of the G. A. R. across the country once had buildings of their own, this is one of the last still in the hands of veterans' organizations as late as 1973. It was sold this year to a private individual who plans to preserve its exterior and adapt the interior to commercial photography.

Architecturally, the building is not imposing, but has character worth preserving in a community which has lost many structures of the same period to urban renewal. The builder was a contractor, William Houtz, whose previous experience was largely in Idaho's mining camps where he built mills, hotels, and other large timber structures.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Old G. A. R. Hall Recalls Post Civil War Project" Idaho Statesman,
11 December 1972

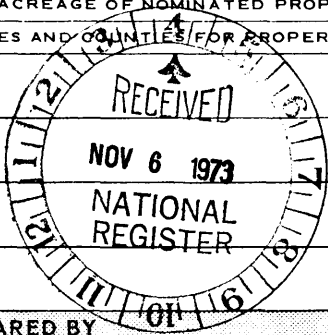
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . "	0 . "		43° 37' 07"	116° 11' 55"	
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

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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NO
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Arthur A. Hart, Director

ORGANIZATION: **Idaho State Historical Museum** DATE: **October 15, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: **Boise,** STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **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 Mark W. Wells
Title State Historic Preservation Officer
Date October 15, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. R. Martensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/21/74

ATTEST:
George F. Emery
Acty. Keeper of The National Register
Date Jan. 21, 1974