

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

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

✓ SITE NAME: Kinney, Joseph, Mausoleum SITE NUMBER: 36

✓ LOCATION: Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, Ada County (001), Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

City of Boise
City Hall
Boise, ID 83702

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Joseph Kinney Mausoleum at St. John section 3, block 5, graves 1 through 8, Morris Hill Cemetery and the property on which it stands with a margin of one foot on each side of the Joseph Kinney Mausoleum. Legal description on file at the Ada County Courthouse, Boise, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,62,320/48,28,590

DATE OR PERIOD: 1905

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: excellent unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Joseph Kinney Mausoleum is a monument in full classical form on a diminutive scale. The structure was built to a ten-and-one-half-by-eleven-and-one-half-foot rectangular plan. The foundation and walls are rock-faced, coursed granite. The cut-stone pilasters and portico are in the Roman Doric order. The portico is slightly outset from a facade of smoothly finished rusticated ashlar. The simple entablature consists of a plain architrave and frieze with triglyphs over only the columns; the Kinney surname is centered above the entrance. The pediment is enriched with garlands carved in relief. The roof is formed of granite slabs with anthemia at the front corners and an embellished cut-stone Latin cross at the apex of the pediment. The double doors at the entrance are solid bronze with handsome grill-work and glass in the upper panels. Grill-work and glass also appear in the side windows. The entrance to the mausoleum is approached by a flight of three cut-stone steps. The whole of the monument is seated on a shallow, smooth stone slab.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Kinney Mausoleum is architecturally significant as a tiny and precise example of the classical taste embodied in the contemporary Idaho State Capitol (see supplementary photograph 1, general statement), which helped secure the firm's position in Idaho architectural history. Another, much larger example is the Boise High School (site 49), the first section of which was built in 1908. Even at its miniature scale, the Kinney Mausoleum achieves monumentality through detailed development of a full pedimented form and excellence of materials and craftsmanship.

This excellence was reflected in the extraordinary cost reported for the structure--\$8,000 in 1906--which was nearly twice that of a very comfortable, even slightly pretentious home such as Louis Kieldson's (site 35). Joseph Kinney had been proprietor of the Arc Light Saloon on Main Street. His 1903 Queen Anne residence on Warm Springs Avenue (National Register, Warm Springs Historic District, September 2, 1980) was also designed by Troutellotte and Company. Kinney died February 8, 1905.

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