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DATA SHEET

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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

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Blatchley Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College of Idaho campus

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION First

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

CODE
VICINITY OF
16

COUNTY
Canyon

CODE
027 ✓

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

College of Idaho

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Canyon County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

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

610 North Julia Davis Drive

Boise,

STATE

Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Blatchley Hall has the classical character of the American Colonial revival with its two-story pedimented portico, columns, denticulated cornice and low hipped roof. This Boise sandstone structure is asymmetrical and has a tudoresque stuccoed and half-timbered second story.

The portico dominates the west facade with four wooden columns (originally five) supporting a denticulated pediment. In the pediment a circular window is highlighted by a terra cotta frame with four keystones. A north of center front door is framed by leaded beveled plate glass windows. North of the portico is a one-story carriage porch with a hipped roof supported by Ionic columns,

A one-and-a-half story stained glass stair landing window reaching to cornice graces the north side. On the south east corner is a 1928 one story stucco theater addition. Boise sandstone frames its entry. Aside from the consistent addition the exterior remains unaltered. The interior however has been slightly modified for use by the college music department. Most interior woodwork is unaltered.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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

1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Blatchley Hall is a locally significant example of the Colonial revival. It is also important for its association with the heritage of The College of Idaho. Erected as the residence of Henry and Carrie Blatchley, the building not only fulfilled this purpose but served as a dormitory and social center for the new campus. In 1916 the Blatchley's deeded the residence and ten acres of land to the college, with the desire that the building be the president's home. In 1919 Dr. Boone complied with this wish but lived here for only a short time. The interior was then remodeled into a Y.M.C.A. and later was converted into the music building, which it still remains.

Henry Blatchley and his wife Carrie, were both prime movers in the College of Idaho's early years. He was a trustee and for many years served as the college's treasurer. She was one of the original faculty. Dr. William Judson Boone founded the college in 1891. He served as its president until his death. At that time he was the oldest college president in the United States in terms of years of continuous service.

