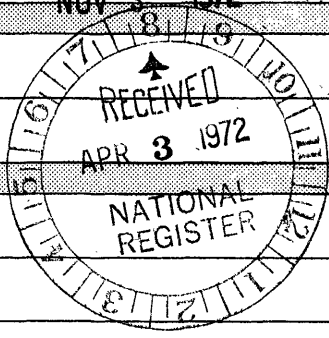


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: Idaho	
COUNTY: Clearwater	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 3 1972



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Pierce Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Section 2, T36N, R5E ID 11

CITY OR TOWN: Pierce

STATE: Idaho	CODE: 16	COUNTY: Clearwater	CODE: 035
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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: ~~Leonard Cardiff~~ Idaho State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Pierce STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Orofino STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: Idaho
COUNTY: Clearwater
ENTRY NUMBER: NOV 3 1972
DATE: _____

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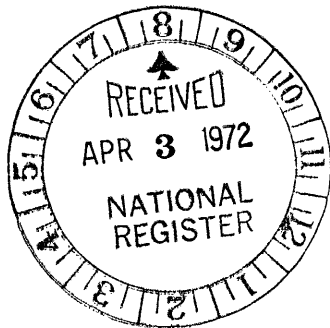
7. DESCRIPTION

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two-story courthouse was built of hewn logs and measured thirty-six feet in length and twenty feet in width, with sixteen foot posts employed for support. The roof was a square or one-half pitch and covered with three feet long and "two feet to the weather" shakes. Double thick one and one-half inch plank was used for the sides of the two cells, while the ceilings consisted of one inch shingle plank. The entire area was closely spiked. Each cell had a four inch by ten inch hole to allow the light in. When the courthouse was sold in 1884 it was turned into living quarters and "in the ensuing years many people have lived in it, including Jack Maloney, a timber cruiser, whose daughter had the distinction of being born in the old jail." Subsequently an addition was built on and later the interior remodeled. The building still stands on its original location, and except for the addition, the outside retains much of its general original appearance.



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

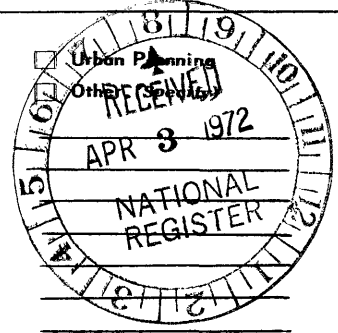
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1862

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input 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

Following gold discoveries at Pierce, September 30, 1860, thousands of miners rushed there the next spring. As a result, Shoshone county was established January 9, 1861, and cast the largest vote in Washington territory in the congressional election July 8. After Shoshone county was organized in Pierce, September 2, the Washington legislature moved the county boundaries northward to include the county seat and the voters in the county, December 19. Finally, on May 26, 1862, the county commissioners authorized construction of a courthouse and jail. Completed in August at a cost of \$3700, the courthouse served Shoshone county until the county seat was moved to Murray. At that point, Idaho's oldest public building was sold to Ed Hammond for \$50. He used it for a residence. (1885)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Shoshone and Clearwater county records,

Idaho Daily Statesman, August 5, 1928

Lewiston Morning Tribune, August 7, 1960

Kenneth Owens, "Pierce City Incident," Idaho Yesterdays (Fall 1959),  
8-13, and (Winter, 1959-1960), 7.

**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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	47°	29'	23"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	115°	47'	41"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Merle Wells, State Liaison Officer**

ORGANIZATION: **Idaho State Historical Society**      DATE: **Feb. 24, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **610 North Julia Davis Drive**

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 Merle W. Wells

Title State Liaison Officer

Date February 24, 1972

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

Robert W. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/3/72

ATTEST: William H. Huntley  
Keeper of the National Register

Date 11.7.72

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