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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**
The Coughanour Apartment Block

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

700-718 1st Avenue North

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Payette

VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Payette

CODE

075

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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Doug Schroeder

STREET & NUMBER

799 Riviera Drive, #47

CITY, TOWN

Boise

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Payette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Payette

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

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Coughanour Apartment Block is a three-story building in brick commercial style. The major decorative motifs are in brick, although the building has pressed tin applied ornamentation as well as good leaded glass transoms.

Although constructed in three stages (1902, 1905, 1907), the building presents a cohesive appearance with delicate pressed tin band moldings above both the first and second stories uniting the facades. The consistent use of ornamentation, as displayed by the brick pilasters, brick cornice, first story leaded glass transoms, garlanded pressed tin pediments and pressed tin plaques with wreathes and swags, further contributes to the unity of the structure.

The only inconsistency seems to be in the employment of both flat and segmental arches to cap the windows. However, these differing arches both appear in the 1905 addition.

The original 1902 building is the two story section which faces north. In 1905 the large west addition with its corner entry was constructed. Two years later the eastern section with the barroom was added. Originally the west's corner pediment was surmounted by an eagle which no longer exists.

The first story contains eight offices and a barroom. The remainder of the building was apartments, except for the west portion of the west addition which for many years was a photographers gallery.

The present owner is in the process of restoring the building and hopes to once again employ it as an apartment and office complex.

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 1902, 1905, 1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Coughanour Apartment Block is architecturally significant as one of the more pretentious apartment blocks of the period in Idaho. The use of stained glass transoms and pressed tin ornamentation denoted a certain elegance not normally associated with apartments at this time in the state.

Standing opposite the train depot with an oxidized copper statue of an elk in the middle of the street, the apartments presented Payette visitors with a favorable first impression.

William A. Coughanour was prominently identified with the business and civic life of Payette in its early years. Coming to the town in 1885 he held considerable lumber, cattle and orchard interests. With the turn of the century he served seven consecutive terms as Mayor of Payette. During these years the building was constructed. As such it may be considered a tangible affirmation of the town's prosperous condition and commercial potential.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Payette Independent - June 26, 1902, p. 1, c. 1; August 25, 1905, p. 1, c. 1-2;
August 31, 1906, p. 3, c. 1-2.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	1	5	10	5	2	3	0	4	8	18	0	10	7	0
ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the Coughanour apartment block and the ground it stands on.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

8 February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

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 8 February 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William Cole*
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 5-23-78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 5-17-78

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Coughanour Apartment Block

Item 7: Enclosed is a xerox copy of an old post card which shows the Coughanour Apartment building with its original skylight. This feature provided the photographer's studio with a soft, north light which was a necessary requisite for successful portraiture in this era. When the loft was no longer employed as a photographic studio the skylight was successfully, albeit unaesthetically, removed. The butchery can be remedied, as all can if you are willing to spend the time and money.

Item 8: Further significance. Although this building has been nominated for its significance as an imposing apartment block of the period on the state level, allow me to also note (as requested) that the building is the most pretentious structure of its period in Payette to serve in this capacity. It might still be the best apartment block in the town if not for its so utterly vacant and unrehabilitated condition. The owner, as noted in the last paragraph of the description (in case your memory already has lapsed), has hopes of restoring this building and once again employing it as an office and apartment complex. That is, if it does not take forever and a day to get on the register. The building is not part of any sweeping desire to restore the sleepy town of Payette to its railroad age glory, but we had hoped its rehabilitation might make people somewhat more aware of the possibility.

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Payette has numerous brick buildings in its downtown area. However, none have the ill tasteful paint job which has been applied to these apartments (which the owner hopes to rectify). Also no other building in town was built in three separate sections. Also none contained photographer's studios. However several others were erected by Mayor Coughanour. This however is the last standing building of his, as firebugs have been active in this burg. It is also one of the few three story buildings in the city, most being but two in stature. Actually it might be one of the higher apartment complexes of its day in Idaho, as most people did not aspire to go higher than two stories. Of course its ornamental tin and leaded glass windows are unique to the area, but I already mentioned that on the original form.

In Washington the building might be mistakenly considered as nill, however in Payette it encompasses more than 50% of the streetscape of downtown First Avenue North.