

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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 Davids' Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER ~~SE corner of~~ Third and Main Streets

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Latah

First

CODE

057

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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William Anderson and Len Bielenberg

STREET & NUMBER

50 East 3rd Street

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Latah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

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 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

The Davids' building (formerly the U.S. Wholesale and Retail General Merchandise store) stands on the southeast corner of Third and Main Streets in Moscow. It is an imposing two-story structure on the major intersection of the town; in the late 'fifties it became a particularly conspicuous and comprehensive example of a practice widely employed in the city, that of screening historic facades. During the earlier 'fifties, only the lower remodeled storefront was covered with metal siding (see photograph 2). A 1959 remodeling saw the rest of the structure sheathed with precast aggregate panels (photograph 3).

Historical Architect Ron Wells has ascertained that beneath the exterior sheath is an historic facade of substantial interest, which the present owners are committed to restoring. The original structure dates from 1899 and was built, as were most subsequent buildings on the street, of brick. Its original dimensions were 80 x 104 feet. It was six narrow bays deep on Third Street; a seventh matching bay was added early in the century. On Main the upper facade is divided into five unequal bays, the two narrow bays alternating with three wide ones. The windows, paired in the wide bays and occurring singly in the narrow, are arranged in an A-B-C-B-A pattern; windows in the three central bays are round-arched, those in the corner bays and on the side elevation are segmental. The window heads are delineated by string courses and the bays are demarcated by pilasters. Horizontal articulation is achieved by a series of outset, coffered, stepped, and toothed bands which intercept the pilasters between the first and second stories and above the second story windows.

Restorable elements removed in early renovations are a stepped corbel table, blunt pilaster caps, and a pediment-shaped cornice ornament. This last was centered over the Main Street entrance and contained the date of construction and the name of the proprietors (first Dernham & Kaufmann, later David & Ely).

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> _1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> _TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Davids' store in downtown Moscow is architecturally significant as a large-scale, centrally located, and therefore very conspicuous member of a scatter of big, style-conscious business blocks which appeared on Moscow's Main Street around the beginning of the 1890's. Also, its carefully articulated brick facade has been subjected to and is retrievable from a particularly wholesale exercise in 'fifties screening. This makes the restoration of David's especially crucial to the revitalization of Moscow's historic streetscape.

The building was in fact one of the earliest substantial components of that streetscape. Built in 1889 to house Dernham & Kaufmann's U.S. Wholesale & Retail General Merchandise store, the \$20,000 building was singled out by the Spokane Globe in 1890 as one of three "fine brick business blocks" representing boom conditions in the young city of Moscow.¹ Within the next two years, the Hotel Moscow, the Skattaboe block, the McConnell-McGuire building, the McCarter block, the Cornwall building, the Moscow and First National and Farmers' Bank buildings, and a number of smaller substantial buildings had been added to a downtown formerly dominated by frame structures.

After 1893 Dernham & Kaufmann fell into disfavor with residents of the rural area served by Moscow because the owners, in forcing collection of debts, had caused a number of farmers to lose their farms. Dernham and Kauffman (who had been in business in Moscow since 1883)² eventually disposed of their stock and moved to San Francisco, where they established the Emporium, and their building in Moscow became vacant except for a part used as the post office. In 1900 the building was bought by Wellington Ely. The next year he and Frank David formed David & Ely, Inc., and established a complete department store including a grocery department. Ely died in 1903; on February 1, 1916, the David family took over the Ely share of the business and the store became F. A. David & Sons, Inc. On Frank David's death in 1930 the name was changed again, to Davids', Inc.³

The Davids' store building, in the words of the staff architect, is a key indicator of the Moscow business district. It was built at a time of unusual commercial optimism, which is evidenced by a scale and stylishness which were in local terms quite ambitious, and by the bloom of building activity of which it was a harbinger. From 1891 until the closing of Davids' store in 1979, the building was one of the city's major retail outlets. It is located on the central cross-street of the town (the Fourth and Main intersection a block east, which contains the Moscow Hotel and the Skattaboe block, has

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Moscow Mirror, 19 July 1889, 28 February 1890, 12 June 1891.

Genesee News, 14 December 1900.

Memo from Ron Wells, Historical architect, on file at Idaho State Historical Society.

Homer David, Moscow at the Turn of the Century (Moscow, Idaho: Latah County Historical Society, 1979).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Moscow West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,1 4,9,9,9,8,0 5,1,7,5,1,9,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

9-26-79

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 X

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

Ron Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

9-26-79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Sally S. Oldham
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/11/79

ATTEST:

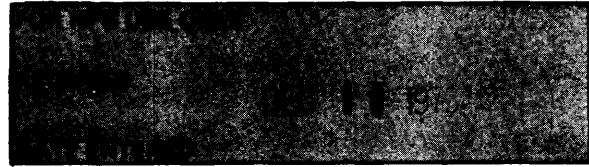
Kristen J. O'Connell
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12/6/79

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Dauids' Building
Moscow, Idaho

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sidestreets closed to vehicular traffic). Its redevelopment as a commercial facility and the recovery of its facade will restore a large section of the historic streetscape to its original function and its original texture and style.

¹Correspondence to the Moscow Mirror, 28 February 1890, p. 3, c. 4.

²Genesee News, 14 December 1900, p. 5, c. 3.

ITEM NUMBER 10. Verbal Boundary Description

This nomination includes the Davids' Building at the southeast corner of Third and Main Streets in Moscow, Idaho, and the property on which it stands: lots 1 and 2, block 3, Moscow Original Townsite.