

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

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

SITE NAME: Paynton, Charles, House

SITE NUMBER: 7

LOCATION: 1213 <sup>8th</sup> ~~North Eighth~~ Street, Boise, Ada County (001), ~~Idaho~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Margaret Stanton  
1213 North Eighth  
Boise, ID 83702

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Boise North, 7.5 minute

ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Charles Paynton House and the property on which it stands, lots 3 and 4, block 3, Andola addition to Boise City Original Townsite. Legal description on file at the Ada County Courthouse, Boise, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,64,790/48,30,370

DATE OR PERIOD: 1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: good

unaltered

original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Charles Paynton House is an early shingled colonial style house with broad shingle-sided gables over a lower story sided with shiplap. The gabled roof has a laterally running ridgebeam, and a gabled dormer is centered in front. Roof eaves are close, and pent eaves occur at two levels on the faces of the gables. The gable windows are hooded; curious vertical slots, perhaps negative versions of the persistent keystone motif, occur in the upper angles. There is an outset beveled bay on the left side--echoed on the right by a flush triple group framed with molding strips--and a second-story sleeping porch at right rear. Further minor irregularity in this otherwise box-like plan is provided by the open corner porch, fully confined under the roof, which extends from the triple front windows to the side bay. The entrance is just left of center and is transomed. Windows are generally double-hung sash, although the center window in the front group is fixed, with a multi-paned upper light. On the attic story, banks of fancy-cut shingles alternate with strips of square-cuts. The porch has shingled walls as well, and square, decorative fluted, Tuscan-like posts. The iron-railed concrete stoop represents a minor remodeling.

#### SIGNIFICANCE:

The Paynton house is architecturally significant as one of three houses designed by the firm in 1900 in the shingled colonial style: a colonial style house with lateral ridgebeams; big, shingled, side-facing gables, sometimes with close eaves; and a ridgebeam much regularized as compared to the prevailing but waning Queen Anne style. Like the Georgian Revival style that would become popular in a few years, this style was an alternative to the fanciful Queen Anne. The Smith house (site 9) and the Stone house (site 10), are the other 1900 examples; sites 14, 176, 23, 27, 28, 35, and 50 are later ones, ranging in date from 1901 to 1908.

Like most of the firm's shingled colonial style houses, particularly the early ones, the Paynton house displays Queen Anne detail and, especially in the porch, a minimal asymmetry. It was built for Charles Paynton, a clerk with the United States surveyor general's office, at a reported cost of \$1,777.

#### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES:

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