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STATE: Idaho	
COUNTY: Ada	
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ENTRY NUMBER AUG 7 1972	DATE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Alexander House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**304 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Boise**

STATE: **Idaho**      CODE: **16**      COUNTY: **Ada**      CODE: **001**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**Rita Alexander**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**304 State Street**

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Ada County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

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

**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:

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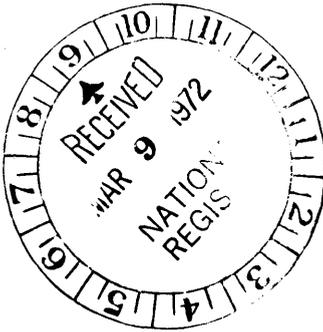
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	Interior (Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>			Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

/ In 1895 the Alexanders bought three lots at the northwest corner of Third and State streets. Two local carpenters were hired to build a house on the corner lot from a picture and floor plans Mr. and Mrs. Alexander had seen in a newspaper. The four-bedroom, two-story frame house was completed in 1897 at a cost of \$3200.

/ Like many houses of the late Victorian era, it is complex in form, with corner turret, porches on both floors, a bay window, and varied texture made up of shingles, clapboards and carved details. It has been in the family ever since its completion and has been beautifully maintained. / Alexanders still occupy the house. X



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1897**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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Moses Alexander, the eleventh state governor of Idaho, came to Boise from Chillicothe, Missouri, in 1890. In 1891 he opened up a men's clothing store and was able to send for his family. Alexander did not come to Boise unprepared. Born in Germany, he had come to the United States at the age of fourteen, worked his way from clerk to partner in a clothing store in Chillicothe, and gained political experience as city councilman and mayor of the Missouri city.

His business and political career prospered further in Idaho. His small clothing store first expanded to a series of Main Street locations and later to a chain of stores in Idaho and eastern Oregon. His first attempt in the political arena in Idaho brought him the mayoralty for two terms, 1897 and 1901. After an unsuccessful campaign in 1908 he was elected governor in 1914; a position to which he was re-elected in 1916. He was distinguished as being the first Jewish governor in the United States. ^

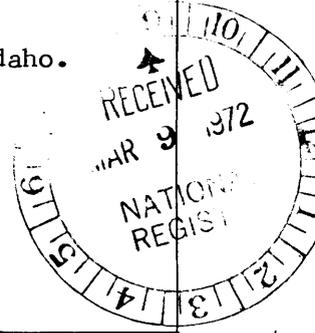
His platform consisted mainly of reducing state appropriations, which he carried through by use of his vetoing power. Because of this he was unable to get legislative support for his program of administrative reorganization. Re-elected in 1916, he gained a Democratic legislature which passed the Workman's Compensation Act and state insurance fund legislation.

Moses Alexander died on January 4, 1932. His son, Nathan, succeeded him in the family business, but never entered the political sphere.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Architecturally Significant and Historic Buildings of Boise, Idaho.  
Idaho State Historical Society Information Sheets. 1970.



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 ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	43 ° 36 ' 57 "	
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	116 ° 11 ' 37 "	
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

H-3  
NO  
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Idaho	16	Ada	001
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Arthur A. Hart, Director

ORGANIZATION: Idaho State Historical Museum      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 Wells

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: February 24, 1972

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

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

Date: 8/7/72

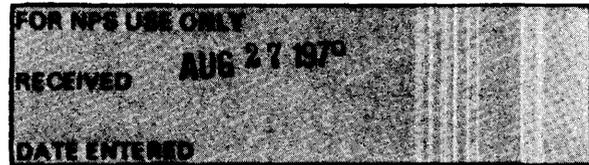
ATTEST:

William Stantock  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Edwards*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



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To the rear of the house and lot there is a one-story rectangular garage approximately 15-60 feet extending the length of the property boundary. It has shiplap siding and a gabled roof.

It appears to have been built in two stages, the rear section approximately 27 x 15 feet, was built at about the time the house was constructed. On the south side of this rear section there is a solid door and one double-hung sash window. On the north side, near the rear of the building is another solid door. The front section, approximately 33 x 15 feet was constructed as a garage with a concrete foundation and floor. On the south side of this section there is a door with windows and transom and two double-hung sash windows. A double-width automobile access door in the last wall opens into the building.

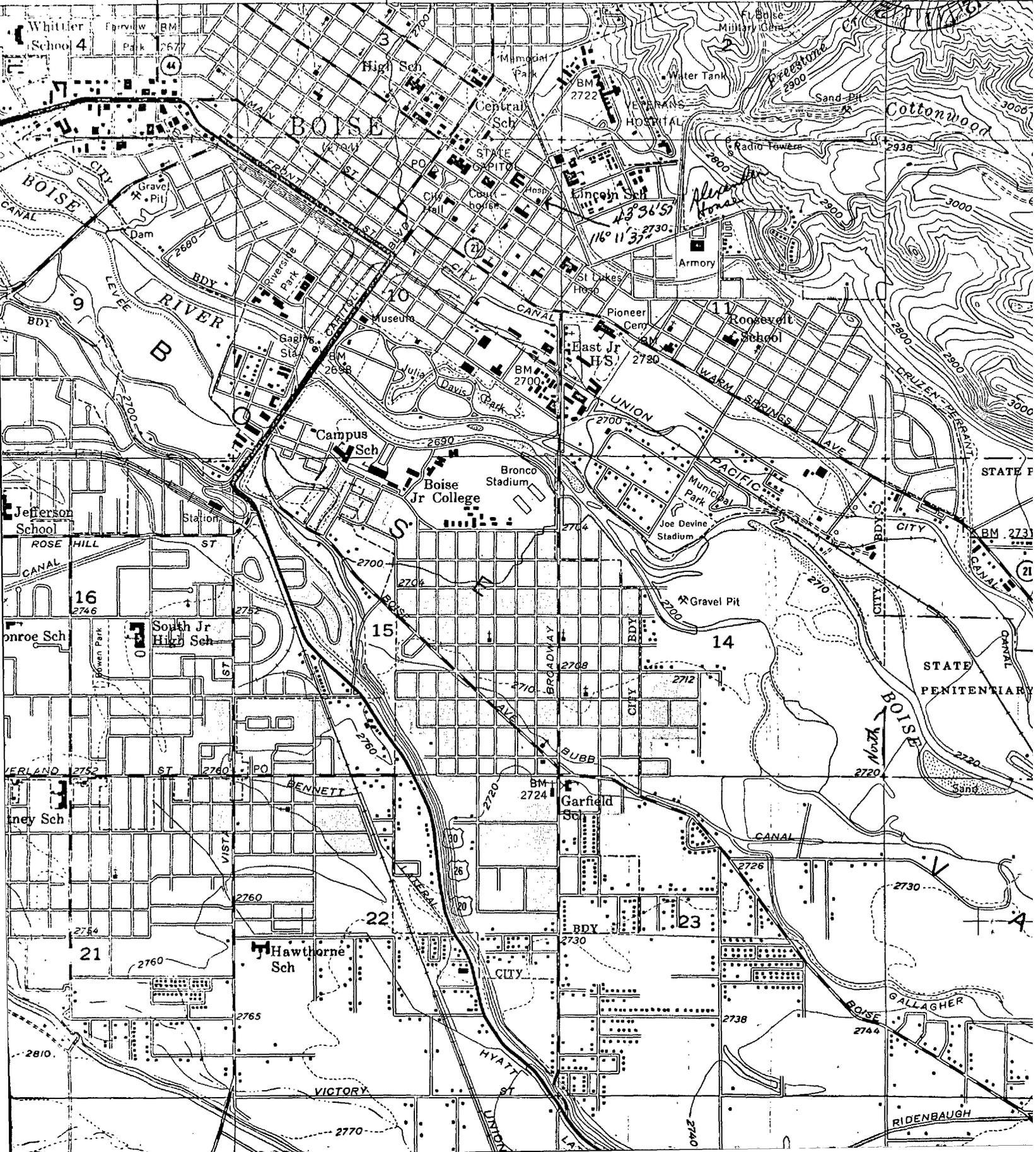
This garage provides a visual boundary insulating the house and yard from property across the alley that will become part of a state office building area. On that account, the garage contributes to the integrity of the house and yard as well as supplying historical material for the property.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE



26 MI. TO U.S. 30  
EAGLE 8.6 MI. 12'30"

(BOISE NORTH)



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:  
United States Geological Survey - Boise South Quadrangle

SCALE:  
1: 24,000

DATE:  
1954

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.

