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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

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Morris Roberts Store

AND/OR COMMON

Valley Art Gallery

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off US 30

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hagerman

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Gooding

CODE

047

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

OCCUPIED

X UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

X OTHER: Art Gallery

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Valley Gallery Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 407

CITY, TOWN

Hagerman

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Gooding County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Gooding

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

FEDERAL X 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Morris Roberts Store is a one-story basaltic lava rock building with a gabled roof and a Mesker Brothers of St. Louis galvanized sheet iron front. It faces south and contains two stores, the west one was built in 1892 and the east one was added as a bank in 1905.

The original facade remains intact. Beneath the corrugated tin shed roofed porch are wood, inset, double door, entries to the stores. Each doorway includes side windows and Mesker Brothers iron pilasters at the corners. Plate glass windows are on either side of the entryway. Transoms are above all windows and wood panels are below.

A pressed tin false front rises from the porch roof and terminates with a Mesker Brothers cornice. The cornices, dating from different decades, are different in design. Urn shaped finials are at the corners. A rectangular shaped, corrugated tin false front rises from the center of the cornices and cover the gable peak.

This building has three feet thick walls which are structurally sound, although the interior has been almost completely gutted. The Valley Gallery hopes to recycle the building as an art gallery.

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

1892, 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Morris Roberts store is architecturally significant for its extant Mesker Brothers iron, imported from St. Louis. This firm sold more than 2000 "house fronts" in the west between 1885 and 1910. About a dozen survive in Idaho.

The use of local materials, i. e. lava rock, further adds to the building's significance. This coarse black rock, common to the area, frequently was employed instead of brick or sandstone in many substantial buildings in the Magic Valley. Its extensive use of mortar in the joints is typical of the early period and does not exhibit the fine craftsmanship which appeared after 1908.

The store, built for Billy Colthrop in 1892, was the second store in the Hagerman Valley. It housed Morris Roberts dry goods store and later was sold to DuSauld and Martin. In 1905 the east store was added to the building as a bank. The bank moved shortly thereafter and DuSauld & Martin's dry goods expanded to encompass the entire structure. In 1932 Edgar Chaplin purchased the building and used it as a cheese factory. In recent years it fell vacant and now the Valley Gallery is in the process of rehabilitating it.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Thelma Burch, June 10, 1977.  
 Mrs. William Justice, "Pioneering in Hagerman," 1921 Idaho State Historical Library vertical file.  
Idaho Daily Statesman, November 25, 1905, p. 8, c. 4.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.      114° 53' 55"  
 UTM REFERENCES      42° 48' 43"

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 ZONE      EASTING      NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the real estate owned by Valley Gallery Inc in Hagerman in 1977.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

3 April 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

3 April 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Charles Adams*

DATE

7-17-78

ATTEST:

*Washburn Cole*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER