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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

****** St. James Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

305 North 3rd East

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mountain Home

VICINITY OF

Second

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Elmore

CODE

039

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

St. James Episcopal Church

STREET & NUMBER

315 North 3rd East

CITY, TOWN

Mountain Home

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Elmore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mountain Home

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

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The St. James Episcopal Church in Mountain Home is a modest example of the Gothic style English country church in brick. It is characterized by its abbreviated buttresses, lancet stained glass windows and an inset, open belfry.

The gables of the vestibule and nave are finished with fish scale shingles, as is the belfry.

The Interior remains in good condition and the original furnishings, including the pews, are now in storage. The church intends to restore the building to its original function.

All the windows are stained glass. An apse window is unusual for its memorial portrait of a young girl of the parish.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<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

1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J.T. Sprague

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. James Episcopal Church is architecturally significant as an example of the Gothic English country church style in Mountain Home. The building is a community landmark with both the interior and exterior retaining their original integrities. The structure is the oldest brick ecclesiastical building in the town, and one of the oldest brick churches in the state.

The building has further significance for its association with Bishop Talbot, Idaho's second Episcopal bishop. This church was an early building project of the bishop, who financed over three-quarters of the requisite \$1565.00

The unique Hazel Bobo apse window is in itself worthy of preservation, and was the only remnant salvaged from the original 1888 frame church when it burned in 1895.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Elmore Bulletin, Mountain Home, June 29, 1895, p.3c.2; July 24, 1895, p.3 c.1; September 11, 1895, p.3 c.1; January 15, 1895, p.3 c.1

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

January 10, 1977

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CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X 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

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

20 March 77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Don Mountz
Charles Atkinson

DATE

10/5/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9-21-77

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