

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 Rice-Packard House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 454 North Hayes Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Pocatello

N/A vicinity of

state Idaho

code 016

county Bannock

code 005

3. Classification

Number of contributory buildings: three.

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>N/A</u> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | <u>N/A</u> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name David J. and Nancy J. Decker

street & number 454 North Hayes Avenue

city, town Pocatello

N/A vicinity of

state Idaho 83204

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bannock County Courthouse

street & number East Center Street

city, town Pocatello

state Idaho 83201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory AND
title City of Pocatello Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982; 1983-1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Community Development Department, City Hall

city, town Pocatello

state Idaho

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | date <u>N/A</u> |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style Rice-Packard House is situated on a large lot landscaped with mature trees, shrubbery, vines, and fences. It is one and one-half stories tall, of red brick laid in common bond. The foundation, water table, window sills, and lintels over doors and windows are stone. The primary roof runs in a north/south direction and is hipped on the north end and gabled on the south. Other gables project on the east, west, and north sides. All roofs are covered with composition shingles.

The front (west elevation) has three bays. The center bay contains a large entrance door with a carved wood panel at the bottom and a beveled glass panel above. The door is flanked by sidelights. The protruding north bay contains two one-over-one windows. The top one-third of these windows is leaded, beveled glass; the lower two-thirds are a single light. The same style of window is found on the south bay, but in is a group of three: a large centered window flanked by two narrower windows. The window in the upper-story gable shows a Palladian influence, with a tall center window flanked by shorter windows. All three windows have one-over-one double-hung wood sash.

The roof eaves are unusually wide and are finished in the same decorative beaded board found on the front porch. The eave returns are distinctive elements of the Colonial Revival style in Idaho.

The interior of the house has been altered to some extent, but the features that help to make the interior exceptional are intact or have been restored. The woodwork in all rooms but the kitchen, upstairs bath, and part of the living room is original. The stairwall in the downstairs hallway has raised panels of solid wood with egg-and-dart molding decorating the inside of the panels. This same molding is found around the windows. The original decorative radiators are still in place. The floors in the downstairs parlor and maid's room are false grained. The leaded, beveled glass windows fill the house with rainbows of light.

Alterations to the house include enclosing a rear porch and putting a half-bath in the closet off the downstairs maid's room in the early 1930's. In 1937, the interior paneled columns and fireplace were removed from the living room. These were restored in 1984 with the aid of early photographs. The kitchen was entirely remodeled in 1954 and 1984. The 1984 remodel is sympathetic to the historic period of the interior. Other 1984 alterations include removal of a partition upstairs, to open two bedrooms into one, and remodeling of the upstairs bathroom.

The house is in a residential neighborhood of one-story frame houses and is across the street from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a property already individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination includes a small one-story bungalow style frame house, built behind the Rice-Packard House to shelter a tubercular daughter of the Rices and later converted to use as a garage, on the alley in the southeast corner of the lot.

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The Rice-Packard House

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Founded in 1882 as a railroad town, Pocatello (population approximately 50,000) has remained a blue-collar working class town and, as such, has an abundance of small, modest Queen Anne cottages, bungalows, and Colonial Revival-style houses. Larger, more elaborate houses such as the Rice-Packard House were built, although an 1983-1985 city-wide survey for architectural properties has determined that they are few in number and scattered around the city. Relatively unaltered, and recently partially restored, the house retains the exterior and interior architectural features that contribute to its significance: the panel-columned front porch, bevelled glass entrance door, leaded, beveled glass windows, solid paneled interior woodwork, original light fixtures, and false-graining on the parlor and maid's room floors. The corner fireplace and paneled columns have recently been restored in the living room.

The house was designed by William L. Rice and his wife Jane, along with builder Trane Hargraves of Logan, Utah, an uncle of Mrs. Rice. The Rices were married in 1875 and this house, built in 1909-1910, was their dream house. Members of the Rice family lived in the house until 1976. (Oris Aletha Rice-Packard, daughter of William and Jane, was the last member to live in the house.) A prominent businessman, Rice became well-known in the community as owner of the Pocatello House Hotel, American Falls Milling Company, a dairy, a butcher shop, and a grocery store. He had been a wagonmaster on the Oregon Trail and settled in Pocatello in 1890.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
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Specific dates 1909-10 **Builder/Architect** Trane Hargraves (builder)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Rice-Packard House is significant as an excellent local example of the Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style of architecture as it was used in Pocatello. It is a much larger and more detailed brick version of the wood frame Queen Anne Cottage and Colonial Revival styles that were popular in Pocatello in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Rice-Parckard House retains most of its interior and exterior historic fabric; such a high level of interior integrity is a rarity in the context of Pocatello architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

R. L. Polk City Directories, 1909.

Packard Family memorabilia. Personal collections of Frank Packard and Jim Decker, Pocatello, Idaho.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Pocatello South

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Rice-Packard House and property on which it stands: Lots 18, 19, and 20 in Block 506, Pocatello Townsite.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Preservation Services

date January 18, 1985

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city or town Pocatello

state Idaho 83205

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

29 July 1985

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

**Entered in the
National Register**

date

9/2/85

for Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration