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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
 *Pocatello Federal Building
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Arthur and Lewis
CITY, TOWN
Pocatello
STATE
Idaho
VICINITY OF
Second
COUNTY
Bannock
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second
CODE
16
CODE
05

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
General Services Administration
STREET & NUMBER
GSA Center
CITY, TOWN
Auburn
STATE
Washington
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Bannock County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Pocatello
STATE
Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory
DATE
1972
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Idaho State Historical Society
CITY, TOWN
Boise
STATE
Idaho
_FEDERAL STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

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 Pocatello Federal Building is a three story rectangular brick structure with simplified classical details. Windows on the original main facade are arranged in a seven-bay front, with the main entry centered. Brick pilasters separate windows on the two top stories into these bays, extending from a decorative terra cotta Greek Key motif course above the ground floor to the terra cotta cornice above. End walls are four bays deep with entrances in the street bays very similar to the main entrance.

A later addition to the left side of the principal facade was carried out in matching style and detail. Four additional bays and another entry were provided. This wing is three bays deep in contrast to the main structure, which is four. A third extension of the building added a one story ell and truck loading platform to the rear. These additions are the only alterations.

Terra cotta and brick are in excellent condition. The terra cotta ornamentation on pilaster capitals, mouldings, and modillions relies heavily on the egg and dart motif.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1914-1916	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Frank H. Paradise
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Buildings of this era and style are not numerous in Idaho, and they have a special significance to communities which need to preserve their earlier public buildings in order to maintain their architectural identity. Pocatello's Federal Building has remained a significant local landmark for over sixty years, providing continuity from an early period when permanent structures replaced initial wooden buildings that were erected along the railway just before Idaho became a state in 1890. This Federal Building has stood as an important addition to the Pocatello skyline for more than two-thirds of that community's history. It ties together a variety of important structures that compose an important historic district eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and gains much of its significance from its relation to other structures of the area. Without it, Pocatello's culturally valuable downtown historic district would lose much of its integrity and merit.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pocatello Tribune - March 21, 1912, p. 1, c. 2-5; June 8, 1912, p. 8, c. 1; January 19, 1914, p. 1, c. 3-4; August 18, 1914, p. 1, c. 5; April 10, 1916, p. 1, c. 3.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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A	1	2	3	8	1	5	4	6	4	7	4	6	2	0	5			
	ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING			ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING		
C																		
D																		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	Idaho	CODE	16	COUNTY	Bannock	CODE	005
STATE		CODE		COUNTY		CODE	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Arthur A. Hart, Architectural Historian, Museum Director

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

January 24, 1977

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

February 1977

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *Charles A. Berry*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE *7/21/77*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER