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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Sterry Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College of Idaho Campus

NOT FOR PUBLICATION First

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF

CODE

16

COUNTY

Canyon

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

College of Idaho

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Canyon County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

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

610 North Julia Davis Drive

Boise,

STATE

Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sterry Hall is in the French Renaissance style and is distinguished by its truncated hipped roof with hooded dormers. This symmetrical two-and-one-half story brick building sits on a raised cut stone foundation. It is seven bays wide with abbreviated side wings. The central three bays are outset, and are graced with a one story high cutstone entryway with Ionic columns supporting an entablature.

All windows, except the dormers, have cut stone sills. A denticulated cornice supports the roof. The back repeats the front's design.

The exterior remains unaltered, although the interior has been renovated.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1909 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nesbit and Paradice

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sterry Hall is significant as the original building on the present campus of the College of Idaho. It housed the entire college for several years, except for a dormitory for women built simultaneously. The building has housed the administrative offices since its completion in 1910, and survives as the symbol of the college. Architecturally it is notable for a strong massing of forms with a generally Renaissance character. Despite dentils at the roofline and a classical portico, the total volume suggests Prairie School and Japanese influences popular at the time.

The College of Idaho is the oldest college in the state, founded in 1891 by Dr. William Judson Boone. Two Idaho governors, John T. Morrison and Frank Steunenberg, an Idaho Supreme Court Justice, J. C. Rice, and the state's first Rhodes scholar, Lawrence Henry Gipson, have served on the faculty of this small college. Since its construction in 1910 Sterry has housed the administrative offices of the college.

