

INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: (TOURTELLOTTE AND HUMMEL ARCHITECTURE IN IDAHO 7P)

SITE NAME: Schreiber, Adolph, House SITE NUMBER: 87

LOCATION: 524 West Franklin Street, Boise, Ada County (001), Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Jerry and Jude M. Goicoechea
2435 Ellis
Boise, ID 83702

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Boise South, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Adolph Schreiber House and the property on which it stands, lot 1, block 99, Boise City Original Townsite. Legal description on file at the Ada County Courthouse, Boise, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,64,930/48,29,680

DATE OR PERIOD: 1915

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: 5000 3/83

CONDITION: good unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Adolph Schreiber House is a two-story, rectangular planned, neo-classical revival house with outset porches at front and side. The front porch facing Franklin Street is a full-width, single-story portico crossing the narrow gabled end of the house. It is supported on wooden Doric columns and carries a second-story balcony with turned balusters between square coffered posts. Double doors, glazed with multiple panes, open onto both ends of both porch and balcony; the steps leading to the porch are centered. There is a rectangular window (which lights a deep hall closet between two upstairs bedrooms) centered between the sets of doors on the upper level. Above it in the gable is a round-arched multiple-light window with a window box and a keystone window head. The raked eaves as well as the lateral ones are lined with smooth bed molding. The gable has eave returns.

The side entrance, to the rear of the exterior brick chimney on the left side, is also outset on Doric columns, with a pediment-like gable and the same coffered wooden porch walls and cement-parapeted stoop employed in front. This secondary entrance gives access to a stairhall set behind the living-room; this curious arrangement suggests that the eventual conversion of the house to apartments, designed by Tourtellotte and Hummel at an undetermined date (possible in the

early 1920s) was planned from the start. That conversion affected the existing interior space only insofar as the upper sunporch level of a gabled outset bay on the right side was converted into a kitchenette. An additional staircase and three bedrooms were added, also, in a full-width rectangular extension behind the original porches and sunporches at the back of the house.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Adolph Schreiber House is architecturally significant as a fine later example of neo-classical revival residential architecture, showing the restrained direction this stream of these architects' work would take after John Tourtellotte's departure for Portland. It also shows their incorporation into classical revival forms of compatible elements from other currently popular styles. The house does not have the hipped roof which had marked their earlier classical revival designs; it adopts the front-facing gables made popular by the bungalow style, and the proportions might be seen as those of a double-level bungalow. It further adopts the bland stucco surface appearing in mission style designs and finishes this sleek box with classicizing porches, arched attic light, and prominent eave returns. The result is a residential of particular restraint.

Adolph Schreiber was Ada County Coroner and a partner in the undertaking business with William Sidenfaden (see site 77). As noted in the statement for the Sidenfaden house, Tourtellotte and Company had designed a commercial building for their business in 1909. Schreiber bought the property at Sixth and Franklin streets that same year and was reportedly planning a \$2,500 residence. When he finally built in 1915, the cost projected on the building permit was \$5,000. O. W. Allen was the contractor. In the early 1920s, Tourtellotte and Hummel prepared plans to convert this house into a duplex.

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