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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Idaho
COUNTY: Latah
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE NOV 21 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
W.E. McConnell House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
110 South Adams Street

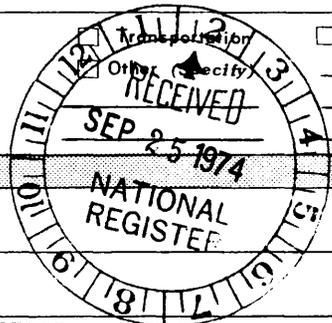
CITY OR TOWN:
Moscow

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
District 1

STATE: Idaho CODE: 16 COUNTY: Latah CODE: 057

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Latah County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Latah County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Moscow

STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Latah County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Moscow

STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Idaho State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 N. Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Boise

STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Set on a large corner lot in Moscow, the McConnell house is a large, two-story clapboard dwelling of striking design. Despite alterations both inside and out, the house retains its general style and character which is best described as Eastlake. The tall, narrow look favored in the 1880's is achieved in a series of two-story bays topped with sharp gables. The windows and doors are also quite tall, adding to the vertical effect. Band-sawn decoration is profuse, particularly in the gables, front porch and around the windows. Elaborate brackets, with curled edges and cut-out design, support the wide eaves, small roofs over the entryways and the narrow ledges which encircle the bays at midpoint.



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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1886**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William E. McConnell, first United States Senator from Idaho and later governor of the state, came to Idaho originally in 1863 from Oregon. He farmed and ran a pack string in southern Idaho and served as deputy U. S. marshal for Idaho from 1865 to 1867. He then returned to Oregon, where he was a cattleman and served in the State Senate in 1882. In 1886 he returned to Idaho and settled in Moscow with his family. In 1889 he served as a member of the Constitutional Convention, and the first state legislature elected him United States Senator for the short term from December of 1890 to March of 1891. He was elected governor of Idaho in 1892 and reelected in 1894. After leaving that office, he was appointed Indian inspector, a position he held from July of 1897 to July of 1901. In 1909 President Taft appointed him an immigration inspector at Moscow, and he held that federal position until his death in 1925.

Foundation work on the McConnell house began in early July, 1886, with local teams hauling rock. By late August, the Moscow Mirror reported that the house was almost completed and went on to add, "Its appearance indicates comfort and elegance and we are of the opinion that when it is finished it will be a structure of which Moscow may be proud." (August 27, 1886). The family finally moved in in late December of that year, and the house soon became a well-known social center.

McConnell's service as governor of Idaho apparently did not help his business operations. In 1893, he was forced to close his store in Moscow and declare bankruptcy, but he managed to pay all of his debts. In order to save their home, Mrs. McConnell declared a homestead on the house in 1893. They finally sold the house in 1901, and the building has changed hands twice since then. It now houses a local historical museum.

Architecturally, the McConnell house is important since no other house in Idaho has survived in the Eastlake design. Historically, the home is important for its associations with Governor McConnell.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Moscow Mirror, 4 June 1886 thru 31 December 1886.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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 AND TITLE:
Nancy F. Renk, Site Survey Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Idaho State Historical Society** DATE: **4 Jan. 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 N. Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: **Boise** STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Merle W. Walls

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 1 April 1974

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

AP. Martensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/21/74

ATTEST:

W. S. ...
Keeper of the National Register

Date 11.13.74