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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
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
72 North Shilling Ave.
CITY, TOWN
Blackfoot
STATE
Idaho
VICINITY OF
CODE
16
COUNTY
Bingham
CODE
011
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

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"/> 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"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Episcopal Diocese of Idaho ✓
STREET & NUMBER
510 W. Washington
CITY, TOWN
Boise
VICINITY OF
STATE
Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Bingham County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Blackfoot
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 DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Blackfoot is a small frame Gothic Revival structure situated on the southeast corner of Shilling and East Pacific Streets. Its distinctive features are its diminutive proportions (the nave measures approximately 18 by 30 feet), and its stylistic clarity. All of the openings--the main northwest entrance in the gabled and enclosed porch, the nave windows, the side entrance in the small western extension off the nave, the belfry orifices, even the unusually-shaped "convex triangle" window in the end wall above the porch--employ the pointed arch which is the most characteristic feature of the Gothic Revival Style. There is also a modest but well-preserved display of carpenter-Gothic trim in the gables of porch and nave, where wooden scroll-work and both upright and pendant finials appear.

The steeple which is seated on the ridgebeam near the northwest end of the church appears to be in need of stabilization, as it leans slightly to the southeast. It is of the stepped and enclosed type, with a battered base, a belfry and a spire. The belfry section has slatted Gothic windows and a shingled hipped cap. It contains a working bell which is rung by a rope dropped into the nave.

The interior of the church has been somewhat altered by the addition of wood paneling and carpets. However it is essentially intact; some elements which have been removed, such as the original altar rail, have been preserved in storage; others, such as the open ceiling with its inverted crossed beams, king-posts and central drop ornaments, have remained untouched. Early stained-glass windows, primarily in shades of brown and blue and in two cases dated by inscription from the 1890's, further distinguish the interior.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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

1891-2

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

R. H. Hopkins/C. W. C. Van Winkle

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is architecturally significant as a clear, attractive and well-preserved example of the Gothic Revival style rendered in wood, in a city where most surviving early architecture is built in brick or stone. It has a most attractive exterior, with a well-proportioned steeple and a well-designed display of decorative trim. The open-beam ceiling and the fine stained-glass windows in a nave of intimate proportions produce an unusually effective interior.

St. Paul's is one of Blackfoot's oldest buildings; it was the first church building of a parish which had originated as the Mission of the Holy Innocents, one of eight Idaho missions organized by pioneer Bishop Daniel Tuttle prior to 1886. St. Paul's was, further, designed by a Central Idaho architect of state-wide reputation, at least in Episcopal circles. In November of 1891, Blackfoot builder R. H. Hopkins contracted with the Episcopal bishopric to execute the plans of Hailey architect C. W. C. Van Winkle for a total of \$1675. The building was erected that winter and opened in May of 1892. Van Winkle's plan produced a virtually identical Episcopal church, St. Luke's in Weiser, in the same year. He was also responsible for a more ambitious structure, Holy Trinity Episcopal, in nearby Pocatello later in the decade.

Van Winkle's Blackfoot church serves a parish which has far outgrown it physically. The parishioners are increasingly interested in restoring St. Paul's to its original condition and maintaining it as an auxilliary chapel.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Church records of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Blackfoot.
 Interview with the Reverend Robert L. Schelling, 18 Aug. 1978.
 Neil, J. Meredith, Saints and Oddfellows: A Bicentennial Sampler of Idaho Architecture. Boise: Boise Gallery of Art, 1976, pp. 84, 90, 148.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,2	3,9,10,0,0	4,7,8,2,3,7,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION This nomination includes St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the property on which it stands, on the southeast corner of Shilling and East Pacific Streets in Blackfoot, Idaho. A detached Parish Hall, to the southeast, constructed in the 1920s, is compatible but of no particular architectural significance; it is not included in this nomination.

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 / TITLE

Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

August 24, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

610 N. 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 X

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

Maile Wells

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 8 March 79

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

Charles W. Johnson

DATE 5.15.79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *W. Ray Luce*
 for KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5/14/79