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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATA SHEET

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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 Henry Miller House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *S of Bellevue off U.S. 93*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2

CITY, TOWN
Bellevue

VICINITY OF

STATE
Idaho

CODE
016

COUNTY
Blaine

CODE
13

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hurst

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Bellevue

VICINITY OF

STATE
Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Blaine County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Hailey

STATE
Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1914</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This splendid, wood-framed Victorian stick-style mansion was built before 1890 by Henry Miller, the owner of the Minnie Moore Mine, on Main Street in Bellevue. In 1914 the house was moved to its current location, on the south edge of Bellevue a few hundred yards west of and readily visible from US Highway 93.

A large three-story house, with five bedrooms, library, parlor, dining room, ballroom, kitchen and baths, it still has four rooms with original paint and wallpaper. The white-painted exterior has a multiplicity of angles and jigsaw work in excellent condition. Mill work brackets and gable ornaments have an Eastlake character, but the stick-style predominates. Windows are of the Queen Anne type with borders of squarish panes in colored glass. The foundation is of local stone, rusticated.

The interior is even more remarkable, with parquet floors, grills and fretwork, and foil wallpaper in a fine state of preservation. The Minnie Moore Mine House is undoubtedly one of the most noteworthy Victorian residences extant in Idaho.

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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Henry E. Miller invested \$10,000 in a half interest in the Minnie Moore mine in 1881, and after developing ore reserves in excess of \$670,000 he sold out to a London firm for \$450,000 on February 25, 1884. His mine went on to become the major early producer in the Wood river region, with a yield of about 8 1/2 million dollars.

His mansion reflected the affluence of early day mining fortunes and, unlike most of these symbols of an important era of Idaho and western history, stayed in the family long enough to retain (aside from minor exterior changes that can be remedied) its integrity. When it was moved, great care was taken to preserve the entire structure, including the stone foundation which carefully was kept unaltered by numbering each stone to ensure its correct location on the new site. (The building has stood most of its existence on the present site, which is an appropriate setting not far from the original location.) His widow lived there the rest of her life, although loss of fortune left her able to heat and inhabit only the basement during the depression. But the rest remained intact and has passed to only a few other owners after 1941. All of them have gone to considerable effort to preserve it. As a result, this remains an outstanding example of Idaho's early mining era.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1969

Idaho State Historical Society, "Early Mining on Wood River" (Reference Series 206, ~~196~~).

George A. McLeod, History of Alturas and Blaine Counties, Idaho (Hailey, 1938).

Bellevue Press, 29 January 1889

Twin Falls Times News, 10 November 1968

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 1	7, 22	1, 8, 0	4, 31, 38, 2, 5
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C				

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Meredith Neil, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Bicentennial Commission

DATE

March 26, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

210 Main Street

TELEPHONE

(208) 384-3890

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Merle W. Wells

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE March 27, 1975

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

A. B. Mortenson

DATE

5/30/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles A. ...

DATE

5-30-75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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