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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Kelly's Hotel

and/or common Gooding Hotel

2. Location

street & number 112 Main N/A not for publication

city, town Gooding N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Idaho code 016 county Gooding code 047

3. Classification

Number of contributory buildings: one

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	X commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	N/A in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	N/A being considered	X yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Wayne and Elsa Boeger

street & number P.O. Box 411

city, town Gooding N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83330

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Gooding County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Gooding state Idaho 83330

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Idaho Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date 1982 ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise state Idaho

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	___ moved date N/A
_X_ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Kelly's Hotel is a two-story hotel building of several frame or brick sections. While the building may have been erected in stages (an early photograph shows a completed frame section and the brick section under construction), it existed in its present form by September 1909, when it appears on a Sanborn Fire Insurance map for Gooding. The building has a square plan from an aerial view, but it gives the appearance of being deeper thanit is wide from the street level, because the right one-third of the facade is a one-story frame section. The other two thirds of the building include, on the left, a two-bay brick section, and in the center, a three-bay frame section. The brick part of the building is constructed in common bond, with a header course interrupting the stringer courses every seventh row. The frame sections of the building are sided with narrow shiplap. The roof of the brick section is flat. The roof over the central frame section is gabled and has a false front on the street facade.

The building currently has a two-story frame porch attached to the central section that leaves the original front wall fully visible. The porch, erected in about 1981, replaced the original two-story frame porch (destroyed in an automobile accident) and approximates it in design and proportions. The hotel retains most of its two-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. In the brick section of the building these have segmental retaining arches above them. The transomed single-pane front doors are early, if not original, features. The brick section of the building features a denticulated cornice.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	X exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates ca. 1907–1908 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

Kelly's Hotel is architecturally significant as one of the remaining early buildings in Gooding and as a relatively unaltered example of early frame and brick architecture as those constructions were used in small town buildings. Situated close to the Oregon Short Line tracks as they came through Gooding, the hotel undoubtedly served transient workers and railroad passengers, and it is a good example of the small establishments that were important temporary housing for newcomers to developing south Idaho communities during the first decade of the twentieth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Gooding

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	11	686700	4750000
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Gooding Hotel and the property on which it stands, the north 17 feet of lot 12, all of lots 13 and 14, and lot A or 11.6 feet of alley, all in block 45, Gooding Townsite, Idaho.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A

11. Form Prepared By

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Merle Wells

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 29 July 1985

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

Entered in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register date 9/12/85

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

Architectural elements representative of small hotel architecture include the building's nearly unornamented brick section and its equally plain false-fronted frame section, both punctuated with series of double-hung sash windows. The building's small size and gable-fronted rectangular massing are also typical. Among the surviving comercial buildings of Gooding, this structure stands out as obviously early, because of its vague reference to the Renaissance Revival, and its use of frame construction; the other commercial buildings along Gooding's main street represent slightly later trends in style and more elaborate use of materials.

Built in about 1907 or 1908, Kelly's Hotel dates from the first years of the town of Gooding, which was platted in 1907 as a supply and shipping center for agricultural establishments in newly-established Gooding County and the sheep and cattle ranching areas there and farther north. The region was late to develop, and Gooding County was one of the later Idaho counties to be established, because much of the arid land there could not be utilized until Idaho's Minidoka Reclamation project created affordable irrigation networks. The first proprietor of the hotel, William B. Kelly, also had a livery stable in the town. He maintained the business until 1916, when a new proprietor took over. According to Buckway's local history of Gooding, Kelly's was the first hotel in the town and it provided housing for people who were coming into the new townsite. The hotel was so crowded during that time that tents were erected on the hotel grounds. Before his role as a Gooding townsite investor, Kelly had established a ranch nearby on the Little Wood River. By 1930, of the four hotels once operating in Gooding, Kelly's Hotel was the only survivor. The building continues today as an apartment building.

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Kelly's Hotel (Gooding Hotel)
112 Main Street
Gooding, Gooding County, Idaho

Photograph by Jennifer Eastman Attebery
February 22, 1984

Negative on file at the Idaho State Historical Society, Boise, Idaho

View from southwest

Photograph 1 of 1