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

NOMINATION: Idaho Falls Downtown multiple resource area
(partial inventory: architecture)

SITE NAME: Shane Building SITE NUMBER: 10

LOCATION: 381 ~~North~~ Shoup Avenue

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Shane Building Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 2125
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Shane Building and the property on which it stands, lots 1 and 2, less the south 40 feet; lot 3 less the south 40 feet, east 15 feet, and west 19 feet; all in block 26, Railroad Addition, Idaho Falls.

UTM(S): 12/415980/4~~857800~~ 15780

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1915 ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Shane Building is a two-story red brick building designed in the Renaissance Revival style. The brick coursing alternates stringer and header courses. The brick is light- and dark-rose color. A band of terra cotta caps the building's stepped parapet wall, with a pedimented section on the east wall signifying the entrance below. Outset brick pilaster-like columns divide the facade into bays with two second-story windows each. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sash on the north and east facades. The main entrance of the building is surrounded by a terra cotta entablature with lion heads and a heraldic shield. The complex cornice has denticulations with impressed stars. Terra cotta bands outline the second story and form window sills. Storefronts on both exposures have been remodeled.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Shane Building is architecturally significant as a local example of the terra cotta-decorated commercial buildings of the 1910s and 1920s that drew primarily on Renaissance Revival motifs. This building and the Kress Building represent this use of terra cotta in Idaho Falls, the latter representing the use of terra cotta to form an entire glazed veneer. The Shane Building was built circa 1915. Early uses of the building included a grocery, a furniture store, and offices.

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Shane Building
Site 10, Idaho Falls Downtown multiple resource area
381 North Shoup Avenue
Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho

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view from east

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