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### THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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The story of the State of Idaho—the story of Indians and white men converting a wilderness into a prosperous state—is told in the exhibitions of objects of the past at the Idaho State Historical Museum.

The Museum, located on U. S. Highway 30 in Julia Davis Park houses a remarkable collection of things. A stagecoach from the historic Boise to Idaho City run forms the center of the transportation area, and there are exhibitions of mining tools, guns, household gear, and costumes from the same period. The Museum also includes chronological displays illustrating the change in Indian life which the white man brought. Its collections of regional Indian basketry and similar crafts are extensive, and it is especially proud of its outstanding collection of trade beads from the days when white man shipped east the wealth of furs from Idaho's streams. A special treasure is one of the very rare examples of the hollow silver "Peace and Friendship" medals which the Lewis and Clark expedition gave to important Indians during their historic exploring journey to the Pacific in 1804-05.

The Museum is operated by the Idaho State Historical Society, which has its headquarters and other facilities in the same building. Here are housed the Society's extensive historical and genealogical libraries, large collections of Idaho newspapers, manuscripts, and photographs, the State Archives, and similar research facilities. Staff members are delighted to furnish tourist information and all kinds of facts about Idaho's past. The Museum building is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It is closed to the public on Monday, although telephone inquiries can be answered. Telephone: area code 208; 344-5811, extension 270 or 271.

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