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The southern two-thirds of the State Library & Archives Building was constructed in 1969-70 with funds from the State of Idaho (through the Permanent Building fund Advisory Board) and the federal government (Library Services & Construction Act). It was built to house the archives and library functions of the Idaho State Historical Society and all functions of the Idaho State Library. The architect was Bradford P. Shaw, AIA, of Boise; the contractor was R. W. Luekenga of Nampa.

The northern third of the building was constructed in 1977. The architect was Ronald W. Thurber, AIA, of Boise; the contractor was Idaho Construction of Twin Falls.

The block between 3rd and 4th and State and Jefferson streets, designated a part of the Capitol Mall complex, was previously the site of St. Teresa's Academy, a Catholic parochial school that moved to a new site in 1964 and became Bishop Kelly High School, and of the home of Fr. Toussaint Mesplie, the Catholic chaplain to the U.S. Army's Fort Boise.

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