

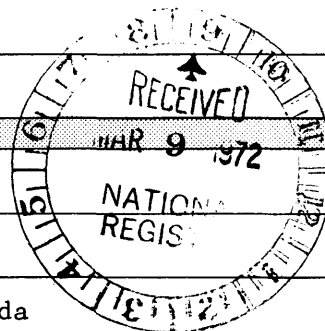
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Idaho	
COUNTY: Ada	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER AUG 7 1972	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Alexander House			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 304 State Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise			
STATE Idaho		CODE 16	COUNTY: Ada
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition: ☐	Occupied ☒
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: ☐			
Restricted ☐			
Unrestricted ☐			
No: ☒			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☒	Other (Specify) ☐
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐	
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Rita Alexander			
STREET AND NUMBER: 304 State Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		STATE: Idaho	CODE 16
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Ada County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		STATE: Idaho	CODE 16
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE



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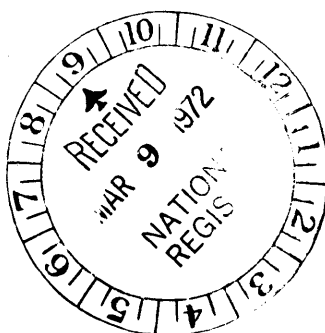
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent ☒	Good ☐	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	Interior (Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered ☒ Unaltered ☐			Moved ☐ Original Site ☒		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

/ In 1895 the Alexanders bought three lots at the northwest corner of Third and State streets. Two local carpenters were hired to build a house on the corner lot from a picture and floor plans Mr. and Mrs. Alexander had seen in a newspaper. The four-bedroom, two-story frame house was completed in 1897 at a cost of \$3200.
 / Like many houses of the late Victorian era, it is complex in form, with corner turret, porches on both floors, a bay window, and varied texture made up of shingles, clapboards and carved details. It has been in the family ever since its completion and has been beautifully maintained. / Alexanders still occupy the house. X



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1897

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☒Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

/Moses Alexander, the eleventh state governor of Idaho, came to Boise from Chillicothe, Missouri, in 1890. In 1891 he opened up a men's clothing store and was able to send for his family. Alexander did not come to Boise unprepared. Born in Germany, he had come to the United States at the age of fourteen, worked his way from clerk to partner in a clothing store in Chillicothe, and gained political experience as city councilman and mayor of the Missouri city.

His business and political career prospered further in Idaho. His small clothing store first expanded to a series of Main Street locations and later to a chain of stores in Idaho and eastern Oregon. His first attempt in the political arena in Idaho brought him the mayoralty for two terms, 1897 and 1901. After an unsuccessful campaign in 1908 he was elected governor in 1914; a position to which he was re-elected in 1916. He was distinguished as being the first Jewish governor in the United States. ^

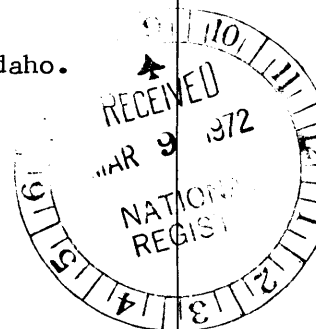
His platform consisted mainly of reducing state appropriations, which he carried through by use of his vetoing power. Because of this he was unable to get legislative support for his program of administrative reorganization. Re-elected in 1916, he gained a Democratic legislature which passed the Workman's Compensation Act and state insurance fund legislation.

Moses Alexander died on January 4, 1932. His son, Nathan, succeeded him in the family business, but never entered the political sphere.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Architecturally Significant and Historic Buildings of Boise, Idaho.
Idaho State Historical Society Information Sheets. 1970.



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Idaho	16	Ada	001
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Arthur A. Hart, Director		
ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Museum	DATE Feb. 24, 1972	
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Boise	STATE Idaho	CODE 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Marle Wells

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date

February 24, 1972

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

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

8/7/72

ATTEST:

William F. Tompkins
Keeper of The National Register

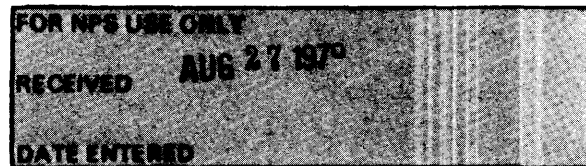
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Alexander house



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To the rear of the house and lot there is a one-story rectangular garage approximately 15-60 feet extending the length of the property boundary. It has shiplap siding and a gabled roof.

It appears to have been built in two stages, the rear section approximately 27 x 15 feet, was built at about the time the house was constructed. On the south side of this rear section there is a solid door and one double-hung sash window. On the north side, near the rear of the building is another solid door. The front section, approximately 33 x 15 feet was constructed as a garage with a concrete foundation and floor. On the south side of this section there is a door with windows and transom and two double-hung sash windows. A double-width automobile access door in the last wall opens into the building.

This garage provides a visual boundary insulating the house and yard from property across the alley that will become part of a state office building area. On that account, the garage contributes to the integrity of the house and yard as well as supplying historical material for the property.

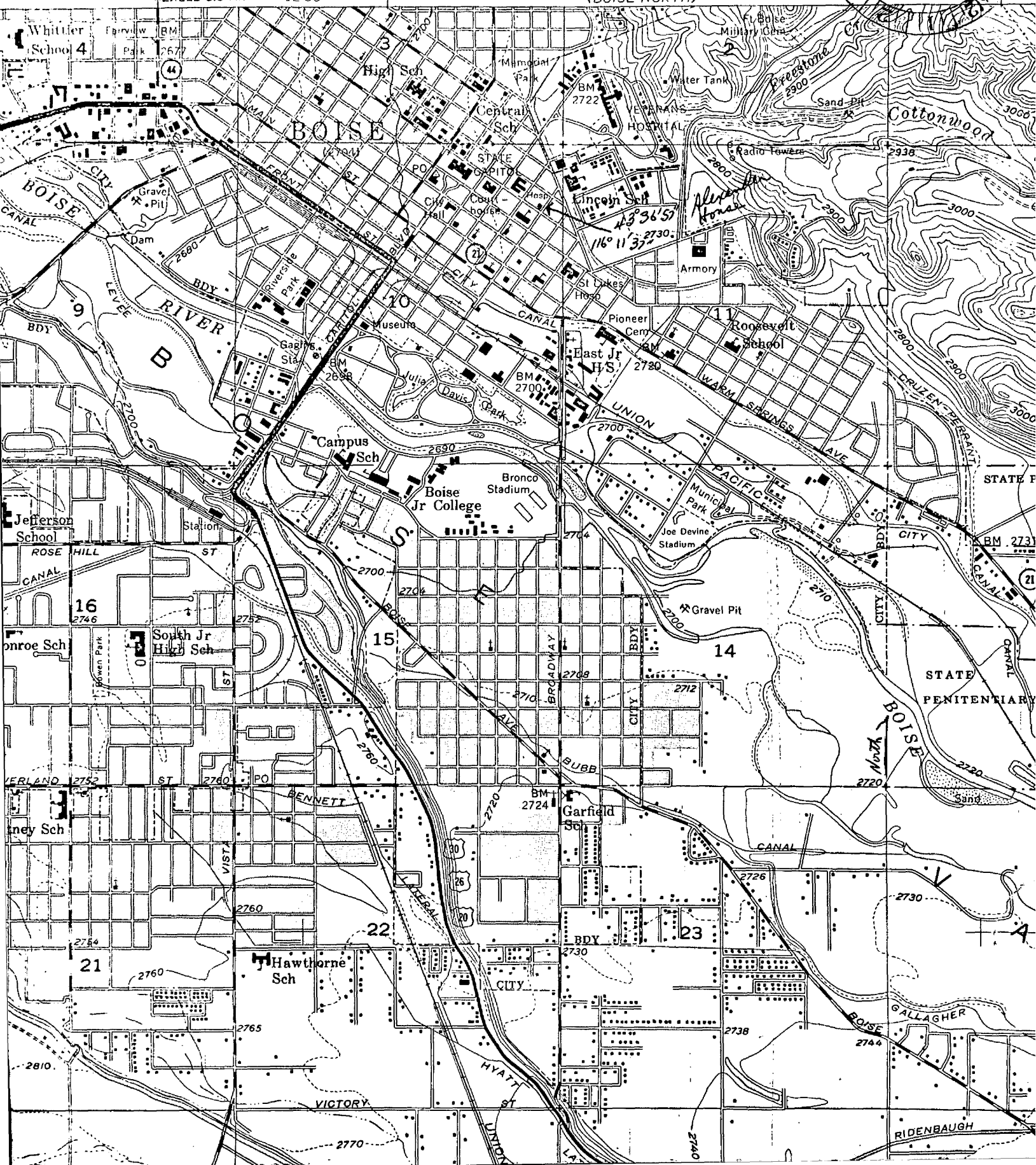
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12'30"

(BOISE NORTH)

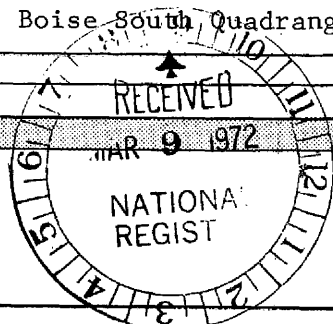


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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CITY OR TOWN:			
Boise			
STATE:	Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY:
			Ada
			CODE 001
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
United States Geological Survey - Boise South Quadrangle			
SCALE:			
1: 24,000			
DATE:			
1954			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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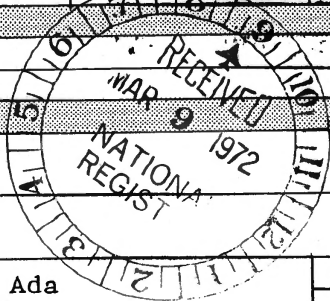
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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CITY OR TOWN:		Boise	
STATE:	Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Ada
			CODE 001



3. PHOTO REFERENCE	
PHOTO CREDIT:	Idaho State Historical Society
DATE OF PHOTO:	1972
NEGATIVE FILED AT:	Idaho State Historical Society

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Photograph taken from the corners of State Street and 3rd Street looking almost due north. Angle of photograph shows both front and side of house.