

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: Idaho	
COUNTY: Bear Lake	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER DEC 8	DATE 1972

1. NAME			
COMMON: Bear Lake Stake Tabernacle			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Paris			
STATE Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Bear Lake	CODE 007
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS
District ☐ Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐		Public ☐ Private ☒ Both ☐	Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress ☐
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Public Acquisition: In Process ☐ Being Considered ☐	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No: ☐
Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments ☐		Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify) ☐	
Educational ☐ Military ☒ Religious ☐		Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific ☐	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Congregation			
STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Paris	STATE: Idaho	CODE 16	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bear Lake County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Paris	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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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

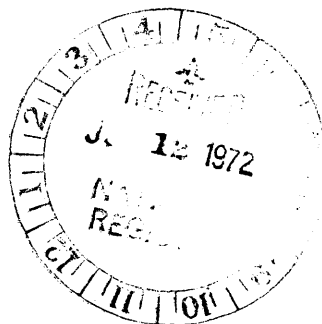
The Mormon Tabernacle of Bear Lake Stake in Paris, Idaho, is in the Romanesque revival style. It was designed by architect Joseph Don Carlos Young of Salt Lake City, a son of Brigham Young, and constructed under the supervision of Thomas G. Lowe of Logan, Utah.

Materials for the imposing Victorian structure, with its six-story bell tower, were gathered from the surrounding countryside. Red sandstone, the principal material, was quarried in Indian Creek Canyon, eighteen miles away, and hauled around the lake by horse and ox teams. In winter, much of the stone was sledged across the ice of Bear Lake. The stone cutting and carving were done by a family of Swiss masons, recently arrived in Utah. Jacob Tueller and his three sons moved to Paris to work on the tabernacle, and starting in 1884, devoted four years to the project.

All of the wood used in the structure, including the shingles, was cut in the canyons nearby. Most of the work was done by the Mormon settlers themselves, each contributing his own skill. A number of fine craftsmen in wood shaped the interior detail; especially noteworthy is the work of James Nye on the pulpit and choir ceiling. Overall dimensions are 127'6" x 73'4".

The building is in excellent condition and has not been altered since its dedication, September 15, 1889.

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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)

September 15, 1889

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☒

Architectural

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

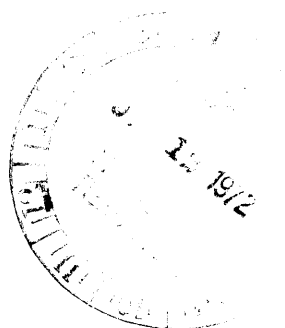
Music ☐

Transportation ☐

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

A Mormon Stake includes a group of local church congregations (known as wards), and in many areas of the Mormon intermountain west, stake tabernacles are regional community centres. (The Salt Lake tabernacle in Temple Square is the best known of these.)

Paris, the earliest of the Bear Lake Mormon settlements, was established September 26, 1863, and a number of other Mormon towns followed in the summer of 1864. Increased population in the valley led to formation of the Bear Lake Stake of Zion, June 20, 1869. Brigham Young and a number of Mormon apostles came up for the occasion. A general reorganization of the stake, August 25-26, 1877, preceded the building of the tabernacle after 1884. Aside from its regional community importance, this tabernacle is of unusual architectural interest.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Bear Lake Pioneers, compiled by E.P. Haddock and D.H. Matthews, ed. F. Ross Peterson, E.P. Haddock and D.H. Matthews-Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Bear Lake County.
 Rich, Russell R., Land of the Sky-Blue Water. Brigham Young University Press, 1963.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 , "	0 , "		42° 13' 40"	111° 24' 17"	
NE	0 , "	0 , "				
SE	0 , "	0 , "				
SW	0 , "	0 , "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Idaho	16	Bear Lake	007
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

Merle Wells

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date

February 24, 1972

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

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

Date

12/8/72

ATTEST:

Vernon J. Brown
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

12/6/72

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NO
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(Dec. 1968)

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:		U.S.G.S.	
SCALE:		1:24,000	
DATE:		1967	
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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PARIS QUADRANGLE
IDAHO-BEAR LAKE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

3768 IV SE
(MONTPELIER)



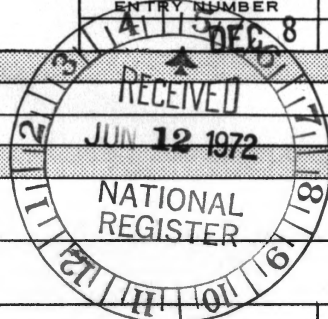


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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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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.			
Looking north at the southwest side			

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Title:

Ben Lato Park Interpretive

Ben Lato, Idaho

Loc.

Looking north of the

scattered trees

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