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DATA SHEET

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Blaine County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of 1st and Croy

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hailey

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

— VICINITY OF

CODE

16

COUNTY

Blaine

CODE

013

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP☒ PUBLIC

— PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

☒ GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Blaine County

STREET & NUMBER

Blaine County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Hailey

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Blaine County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hailey

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

— FEDERAL ☒ — STATE — COUNTY — LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE
Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blaine County Court House is a two-story brick building constructed in a simple Italianate style. Standing on a raised cutstone basement, the simple rectangular building's most striking features are its cast iron window sills. Originally cast iron pediments capped these windows as well.

A simple, rectangular portico serves as an entryway. Prior to 1950 the lattice worked balustrades adorned both the steps and balcony; these were replaced by the present iron railings. Originally the gables had returns, but these were removed when the building was reroofed. It was at this time that the window pediments also disappeared. This is the extent of the major alterations.

Although the exterior detail has been altered, the interior integrity has been retained. The original courtroom woodwork and the stairways remain, although the basement was remodeled in 1975.

There is a good possibility that staged exterior restoration will be undertaken.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Horace Greeley Knapp

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blaine County Courthouse is significant for being one of the oldest county court houses in Idaho. In 1882 Hailey became the county seat of Alturas County after a bitterly fought election between it, Bellevue and the existing county seat Rocky Bar. A mining boom had shifted the population of Alturas county from Rocky Bar to the Wood River Valley. The Oregon Short Line's making Hailey, a land company creation, the Wood River Valley terminus gave this town the edge over Bellevue, the existing commercial center. In 1895 when Blaine county replaced Alturas County, Hailey remained the county's seat of government. The building represents much of the region's political history.

Architecturally the building is significant for its interior details. The exterior alterations are not so radical as to preclude the possibility of restoration.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McLeod, George, History of Alturas and Blaine Counties, Idaho,
Wood River Times - June 4, 1883, p. 3, c. 2; July 13, 1883, p. 3. c. 4; May 19,
1884, p. 3. c. 3; June 4, 1884, p. 3, c. 3; July 23, 1884, p. 1. c. 2.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY See Urban/1000

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 717275 4821750
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

2 December 1976

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 83-665), 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Merle Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

24 March 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rethig

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

2/17/78

ATTEST:

Charles R. ...

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-14-78

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Blaine County Courthouse
Interior
Hailey, Idaho

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Photographer - Duane Garrett
1977

View of stairway from first floor landing

Idaho State Historical Society
Site survey file



Blaine County Court House

Hailey, Idaho

J. M. Neil - Photographer

1975

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Front from the Northeast

76-160.797

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