

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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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

* *
Blatchley Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College of Idaho campus

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION First

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

— VICINITY OF

CODE
16COUNTY
CanyonCODE
027 ✓**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

College of Idaho

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Canyon County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

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

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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

Blatchley Hall has the classical character of the American Colonial revival with its two-story pedimented portico, columns, denticulated cornice and low hipped roof. This Boise sandstone structure is asymmetrical and has a tudoresque stuccoed and half-timbered second story.

The portico dominates the west facade with four wooden columns (originally five) supporting a denticulated pediment. In the pediment a circular window is highlighted by a terra cotta frame with four keystones. A north of center front door is framed by leaded beveled plate glass windows. North of the portico is a one-story carriage porch with a hipped roof supported by Ionic columns,

A one-and-a-half story stained glass stair landing window reaching to cornice graces the north side. On the south east corner is a 1928 one story stucco theater addition. Boise sandstone frames its entry. Aside from the consistent addition the exterior remains unaltered. The interior however has been slightly modified for use by the college music department. Most interior woodwork is unaltered.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☒ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Blatchley Hall is a locally significant example of the Colonial revival. It is also important for its association with the heritage of The College of Idaho. Erected as the residence of Henry and Carrie Blatchley, the building not only fulfilled this purpose but served as a dormitory and social center for the new campus. In 1916 the Blatchley's deeded the residence and ten acres of land to the college, with the desire that the building be the president's home. In 1919 Dr. Boone complied with this wish but lived here for only a short time. The interior was then remodeled into a Y.M.C.A. and later was converted into the music building, which it still remains.

Henry Blatchley and his wife Carrie, were both prime movers in the College of Idaho's early years. He was a trustee and for many years served as the college's treasurer. She was one of the original faculty. Dr. William Judson Boone founded the college in 1891. He served as its president until his death. At that time he was the oldest college president in the United States in terms of years of continuous service.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Daily Statesman, December 22, 1941; Caldwell Tribune, December 29, 1916,
p. 1 c. 1
Boone Diary, December 26, 1916

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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4	8	3	3	1	2	5
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ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

C

B

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes Blatchley Hall and the land it stands on.

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

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Canyon

CODE

027

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

18 Jan 78

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 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.

~~FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE~~

TITLE

Merle Wells, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

18 Jan 78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-8-78

DATE

3-7-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



MAR 8 1978

Blatchley Hall
College of Idaho
Caldwell, Idaho

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1978

Canyon County 191
View of the side and front from the northwest.

Idaho State Historical Society
Site survey file.

JAN 24 1978