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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cambridge News Office
other names/site number The News Office and The News Reporter Office
014022

2. Location

street & number 155 North Superior Street ☒ not for publication
city, town Cambridge ☒ vicinity
state Idaho code ID county Washington code 087 zip code 83610

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
☒ private	☒ building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
☐ public-local	☐ district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
☐ public-State	☐ site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
☐ public-Federal	☐ structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	☐ object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/ANumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register N/A**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:) _____

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: Business

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: Business

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Commercial vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Metal: Tin

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Cambridge News Office is a one-story red and yellow brick commercial building situated at the north end of the business district in Cambridge, Idaho. Built in 1912 to house one of the oldest weekly newspapers in the state, the building retains its original features and materials and remains an important and decorative focus of this small agricultural community.

Built on a concrete raft foundation, the Cambridge News Office is freestanding on its original city lot, facing east, and measures 20' by 32'. Constructed primarily of red brick, the building's yellow brick facade is dominated by a 13'8" high parapet creating a false front highlighted by a slightly protruding cornice of contrasting red brick corbelling. Red brick simulated quoins surround the door and windows on the front elevation, adding to the building's decorative character.

A pair of double-hung sash windows with contrasting red brick lintels flank the centrally placed door. A simple wooden scroll crown below a single fixed pane window adorns the paneled door. Centered above each pair of windows in the parapet wall is a protruding red and yellow checkered brick panel. Another slightly protruding red brick diamond is placed over the front door. The building sports a wooden shed roof, slanting from south to north, and is covered with its original metal roofing material.

The long south wall of the News Office is solid red brick. On the north wall there are six windows, three of which are original. The other three were added for extra light immediately after the building was occupied. The original double hung windows measure 40" x 63 1/2" and the newer six pane windows measure 37" by 49".

The facade of the News Office has remained virtually unchanged in appearance since it was built in 1912, except for the addition of a sign above the window on the left, a metal plate honoring the newspaper fastened near the door on the left, and the concrete repairs to the foundation to prevent water damage as rain runs off the tin roof.

Attached to the rear of the News Office in 1939 was a long, narrow timber-framed addition measuring 56'4" by 14'6" and covered with galvanized metal siding. Built by Will Howland for Stuart Dopf and his new bride, it was used as living quarters until additional land was purchased and a larger home was built nearby. Don Dopf, a son, began using the addition in 1973 as a commercial printing office.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Communications

Period of Significance
1889-1939

Significant Dates
1912

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Cambridge News Office is significant under Criterion A because it has housed, since 1912, one of the oldest weekly newspapers still being published in the State of Idaho. Established in Salubria in March 1889, a booming frontier town just three miles east of present day Cambridge, the paper was then called The Idaho Citizen. The community's only source for recent world and national news, local happenings and business advertisements, the Citizen became a weekly focal point for all residents of the Salubria Valley, Indian Valley and various small communities within a fifteen-mile radius. It was published each Thursday, a tradition which continues to the present day.

With the arrival of the P & IN Railroad in 1900, the town of Salubria seemed doomed. The railroad was located to the west, across the Weiser River, and the community rapidly followed to the new location. Buildings were hastily torn down to be rebuilt or moved complete to the brand new town of Cambridge, so named because of the admiration held by a railroad official for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts. As Salubria faded into obscurity, The Idaho Citizen moved to Cambridge and continued publishing as the Cambridge News.

For several years the newspaper was published in various locations around town, such as the rear room of the Odd Fellows.¹ The machinery was heavy and so huge that it was hard to fit into most buildings, so a need was felt to have a home built especially for the typesetting machinery. In 1912 the present office was completed and the editor declared in his newspaper that "we are moving into our own home, never to move again,"² thus becoming the only surviving business in present day Cambridge to be located in the same building for seventy-seven years.

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Cambridge News, June 28, 1912.
Cambridge News, June 7, 1912.
Cambridge News, May 24, 1912.
The Citizen, January 4, 1901.
City of Cambridge photograph, 1915, property of Cambridge Museum.
Interviews with Stuart Dopf, Sharon Jones, April and May 1989.
Sanborn Maps and Geological Survey Map of 1951.
The Upper County News-Reporter, March 9, 1989.
Washington County Title Company deed records and Abstract of Title to Lot 11,
Block 18, Moses H. Hooper's Subdivision, Cambridge, Idaho, March 2, 1943.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other

Specify repository:

Idaho State Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 11 525865 4935387
Zone Easting Northing
C

B
Zone Easting Northing
D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nomination includes the Cambridge News Office and the property on which it sits, lot 11, block 18, Hopper's Subdivision of the City of Cambridge, SW 1/4 of Section 2, T14N, R3W Boise Meridian. The present street address is 155 North Superior as on current utilities map used in a 1981 survey.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated area encompasses the single parcel of land occupied by the Cambridge News Office and is directly related to its historical integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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After combining with the Midvale Reporter in 1924, it became known as the Upper Country News-Reporter broadening its scope of influence to include the whole upper half of Washington County.

Throughout the one hundred years of the paper's existence, it has had several name changes and twelve editors, of whom three are notable. Dr. Thomas Nelson was editor for thirteen years and was responsible for moving the newspaper from Salubria to Cambridge. He was attending medical school in the Eastern United States during the time the News Office was built for W. D. Morey, who was editor at this time. Dr. Nelson took over as editor again in 1916, exhibiting a more sophisticated style after spending time in the East. His tenure as publisher ended in 1919.

The next significant editor was Stuart Dopf who bought the building and publication in 1937.³ Mr. Dopf is still owner and publisher and a prominent community personality. For over fifty years he has continued a publishing tradition that is unique in the State of Idaho, that of a small-town weekly, six-page sheet of strictly local news, which unites the valley and keeps those who have moved away in touch with the place they still call home.

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Cambridge News, June 28, 1912, p. 2.

2
Cambridge News, June 7, 1912, p. 3.

3
The Upper Country News-Reporter, March 9, 1989, p. 1 and p. 3.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89002128

Date Listed: 12/28/89

Cambridge News Office
Property Name

Washington ID
County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Betty L. Sarge
Signature of the Keeper

12-28-89
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of significance:

The beginning date for the period of significance is 1912; this is supported by the descriptive information in section 7, the statement of significance, and the specific dates; 1889 relates to the establishment of the newspaper but was not intended for the period of significance for this building.

This information was confirmed with Elizabeth Egleston, State Architectural Historian, IDSHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



Cambridge News Office

Cambridge, Idaho

Sandra Hansen

June 15, 1989

City Hall, Cambridge

Northwest