

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
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1. Name

historic Goreczky, Anton, House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 1601 North Seventh Street N/A not for publication

city, town Boise N/A vicinity of

state Idaho code 016 county Ada code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	☐ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☐ military
			☐ museum
			☐ park
			☒ private residence
			☐ religious
			☐ scientific
			☐ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Robert Payne

street & number 1420 Warm Springs Avenue

city, town Boise N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ada County Courthouse

street & number 650 West Main Street

city, town Boise state Idaho 83702

6. Representation in Existing Surveystitle Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1982 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise state Idaho

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☒ original site	
☒ good	☐ ruins	☒ altered	N/A moved	date N/A
☐ fair	☐ unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Anton Goreczky House is a Queen-Anne style one-and-one-half-story wood structure with a sandstone foundation, featuring an unusually elaborate porch and gable details. The house is located on a corner lot of block 27 in the Resseguie Addition of Boise's North End neighborhood. Built in 1898, the house has a front-gable roof with a lower cross gable roof, forming a south facing T-shaped plan. A one-story kitchen with a gable roof is located at the back of the house. Two entry porches with secondary dropped roofs are inset on both sides of the T. The front wrap-around porch includes a corner entry with a cantilevered gable dormer that forms a pediment with incised decorative patterns. Large wooden brackets with delicate incised patterns support the dormer. The porch is supported by turned porch posts and elongated vertical decorative wood brackets. Between the porch posts, an inventive series of turned spindle knobs and balls forms simple curved wood arches and lace-like spandrels. A decorative balustrade encloses the porch. The porch is unusually elaborate for the size and style of the house. It contributes to the unique character of the house and is a testimony to the taste and business acumen by its owner, Anton Goreczky.

A second porch, which extends across the kitchen facade, is lower and lacks the detailed spindlework, brackets, and balustrade of the front porch. This porch also has a gable-dormer corner entry.

The front gable has a handsome Stick Style bracket shaped like a Kings post with a delicate incised pattern. The cross gable has an intricate lace-like spindlework gable bracket. The gable spaces are covered with patterned shingles in round, half cove, and plain shapes. The first-floor siding is horizontal ship-lap. The cross gable's upper-story gable, typical of the Queen Anne style, overhangs a cutaway bay window. Both the overhang and the bay window are supported by decorative wooden brackets.

The windows are double-hung sash. Those on the second floor have blank lower panes and patterned upper panes separated by vertical and small triangular muntins. The bay window has clear transom windows, which may originally have been stained glass. The existing doors are paneled and rather plain, indicating that they may have been replaced when the house interior was remodeled in the 1920's. The house's interior consists of eight rooms, all with fine woodwork. The dining-room woodwork and some of the other interior trim was altered in the 1920's to resemble the simpler Craftsman style. Two delicate fret pieces still accentuate the dining room. The exterior of the house remains in its original state.

A two-story garage was formerly located on the lot adjacent to the alley. This simple frame building burned in the 1970's.

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/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1898 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Anton Goreczky House is architecturally significant as an example of the Queen Anne style with unusually elaborate porch and gable detailing. Though modest in size, the 1898 house features some of the most ornate Queen Anne decorative wood brackets and spindlework found locally. Noteworthy features include the front porch's spindlework, turned posts, and brackets, the forty-five degree porch entrance cantilevered by large wooden brackets, and the porch gable dormer with its incised decorative patterns. The house is historically significant for its association with an early Boise entrepreneur and his business. The owner and contractor of the house was Anton Goreczky, a contractor and partner with Joseph Scheloske in a planing mill. In selecting the decorative trim for his own residence, Goreczky probably utilized pattern books and catalogues common at the time. The house's elaborate gingerbread may well have been intended to demonstrate to the local community what could be accomplished by decorative detailing, and therefore served as useful advertising for his business.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Boise North

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Anton Goreczky House and the property on which it stands: Parcel 1180, Block 27, Resseguie Addition to Boise.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John Bertram, City Planner

organization Planmakers

date December 13, 1985

street & number 417 South Thirteenth Street

telephone (208) 336-1438

city or town Boise

state Idaho 83702

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X local

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Merle Wells

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 12 February 1986

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

*Entered in the
National Register*

date

3/20/86

James M. McPherson
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Born June 8, 1861, near Vienna, Austria, Anton Goreczky left home when thirteen years of age. He apprenticed himself to a cabinetmaker and proceeded to journeyman status, visiting the principal cities of Europe and educating himself in night schools. He came to the United States in the summer of 1878 and worked as a cabinetmaker in Calumet County, Wisconsin, and in Colorado.

Goreczky came to Boise in February 1891, and began his contracting business. He constructed many of the Boise business blocks and residences and was so successful that after a little more than two years he built a planing mill, located at Front and South Eighth streets. In 1901 fire destroyed his entire plant. The next year he built a new and thoroughly equipped plant, later called the Boise Sash and Door Factory, which served the city for many years, as a supplier of sash, door, screens, bracket turnings, mouldings, and dressed lumber of all kinds to the growing region. Its two-story 50-by-100-foot brick building was located on South Eighth Street; the mill yard covered nearly an entire city block and had railroad switching facilities for shipping. This plant supplied Boise's sash and door needs up until the 1950's. Some of the machinery from the original plant is still used today at Wood Products Company of Boise.

Goreczky died February 13, 1934. He still resided in this house at the time of his death.

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Photograph by Susan Bertram
October 16, 1985

Negative on file at Planmakers, 417 South
Thirteenth Street, Boise, Idaho

View from south

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View from southeast, front porch detail

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