

INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: (TOURTELLOTTE AND HUMMEL ARCHITECTURE ~~IN IDAHO~~ ^{TR})

✓ SITE NAME: Jacobsen, N. A., Building SITE NUMBER: 53

✓ LOCATION: ~~South-east corner of North Eighth Street and First Avenue~~ ^{N. 8th 1st}, Payette,
Payette County (075), Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Morene Ross Jacobsen
c/o Barbara Turner
1185 Camelot Drive
Boise, ID 83704

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Payette, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the N. A. Jacobsen Building and the property on which it stands, lot 10, block 1, Gorrie Addition to Payette. Legal description on file at the Payette County Courthouse, Payette, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,05,195/48,79,830

DATE OR PERIOD: 1908

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: fair altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The N. A. Jacobsen Building in Payette is a two-story brick structure with a thirty-foot frontage on North Eighth Street, the main street of the town, and a seventy-nine-foot frontage on First Avenue. The building was designed to enclose one large store space on the first story and offices on the second. Second-story pilasters, which rise through a corbel table of outset bricks to crest slightly above the parapeted roofline, divide the office story into bays: two bays facing North Eighth Street, each containing a single large window with a segmented lower sash; five bays facing First Avenue, each containing a pair of such windows. A large, truncated, round turret of galvanized iron is set above the corner shop entrance. The turret band of tall, narrow double-hung sash windows is at a level with the second-story windows; an attic band of small square sashes runs around the turret near the roofline. The original drawings show a crenellated turret cap which was built and removed at an early date. It does not appear in an historic photograph which must date from the 1910s. The original plate glass windows have been paneled in on First Avenue (the mezzanine lights appear already to have been paneled in when the early photograph was taken); and the North Eighth Street elevation has been subjected to superficial recent screening of part of the

mezzanine level as well as to the veneering with glazed tile, probably during the 1930s, of the area around a second shop entrance which has been let in at right. The corner entrance is intact, and with it the coffered base panels of the beveled inset entryway. This woodwork also survives along the full length of the in-filled display windows on First Avenue. A stone plaque with the legend "N. Adolph Jacobsen Bld." survives on the front elevation below the continuous denticulated sill of outset bricks on which the second-story windows rest.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The N. A. Jacobsen Building in Payette is a somewhat debilitated but restorable and very interesting commercial building, a turretted brick block of a type otherwise represented in the group only by the Jones apartments (site 30). The Jacobsen building, designed for retail and office space, is significant as a representative of the commercial buildings usually associated with this turretted treatment; such as the lost Pierce building in Boise or the individually ineligible Fuller building in Weiser. It is interesting that a client in a small town was still asking at this time for a rather forceful expression of a style which was on the wane in Boise: the Pierce building is dated 1902, the Jones terraces 1904. The finest early commercial building in town is the firm's Woodward building (National Register, April 26, 1978), a few blocks south on Payette's Main Street. With its symmetrical disposition and classicizing aspects, it is much more typical of the period than is the more picturesque Jacobsen building. The building would be more picturesque yet if it still had its fat crenellated battlement atop its corner turret.

Plans for the building were drawn up late in 1908 for N. A. Jacobsen of Payette. These are the initials on the drawings and collection books as well. The only Jacobsen listed in Payette in the only available directory for the period is Arno M. Jacobsen, a dentist.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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Tourtellotte and Hummel Architecture in Idaho
Jacobsen, N. A., Building, site #53
Southeast corner of North Eighth Street and First Avenue
Payette, Payette County, Idaho

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Boise, Idaho

View from west-northwest

Photograph one of one