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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Kootenai County Court House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

501 Government Way

NOT FOR PUBLICATION First

CITY, TOWN

Coeur d'Alene

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF

CODE
16

COUNTY

Kootenai

CODE

055

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

Kootenai County

STREET & NUMBER

501 Government Way

CITY, TOWN

Coeur d'Alene

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

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

Kootenai County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

501 Government Way

CITY, TOWN

Coeur d'Alene

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 Kootenai County Court House is a buff brick building in the Georgian-Revival style. The two story symmetrical structure stands on a raised basement and has balancing three-bay wings. It is distinguished by its terra cotta ornamentation and Palladianesque round-arched windows.

The story and a half portico includes two Roman Doric columns supporting an entablature with a triglyph and metope frieze and a balustered balcony. The second story round arched windows continue the balustrade motif. Below these windows is a cutstone and terra cotta band molding. Brick pilasters with terra cotta round arches frame the windows. Modillion-like keystones and wreathed spandrel plaques further enhance the prominence of the windows. Larger brick pilasters with terra cotta caps separate the windows and support the frieze. A parapet (with the Idaho State seal) rises from the cornice.

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Description

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Additional information for Kootenai County Courthouse

The third floor contains court rooms with high ceilings. Originally the entire floor was one court room, however, in recent years it has been partitioned into three separate court rooms. The original wainscotting, the jury box, judges bench, and attorney's docket are intact.

There have been no exterior additions or alterations to this rectangular building.

Item #10

This property includes all the land owned by Kootenai County upon which the courthouse is located.

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

1925-1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Julius A. Zittle

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Understandably, all county courthouses have significance as local landmarks, but the Kootenai County Courthouse is architecturally significant as well. It is an example of the Georgian revival style in Idaho. Its large round arched windows, balconied portico, and cornice and terra cotta details make it an imposing local building. The open surrounding landscaping further enhances the structure's commanding appearance.

This is the only known building designed by Spokane architect Julius Zittle in Coeur d'Alene, although in collaboration with his partner Herman Preuss the firm is responsible for some of Spokane's most important buildings.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coeur d'Alene Press, May 18, 1925 p.1 c.2; August 18, 1925 p.1 c.3
Rathdrum Tribune, December 17, 1926 p.1 c.5

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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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
Idaho	16	Kootenai	055
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

20 May 1977

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 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Merle Wells

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

20 May 1977

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

DATE

12/23/77

ATTEST:

Charles A. ...

RECEIVED OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12.28.77

RECEIVED OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MAY 26 1977

Kootenai County Court House
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Arthur A. Hart
1974
Idaho State Historical Society
Front view from the east

from slide collection
Coeur d'Alene Box, Slot #3

Photo
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