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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMPH0508888
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**
Lemhi County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1st Street North and Broadway

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Salmon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

— VICINITY OF

CODE
16COUNTY
LemhiCODE
059**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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lemhi County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salmon

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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Salmon

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 Lemhi County Courthouse is a modest classically inspired two-story brick building. Rusticated stone trim compliments the brick and emphasizes the vertical effect. An inset central bay dominates the facade with its four hand-carved stone Doric columns. The light colored denticulated cornice is interrupted in the center by a dormer, which is flanked by finials. The dormer's broken pediment serves as the pedestal for a stone statue of Justice.

The shallow hipped roof has iron ridge cresting. All the windows have stone lintels and sills. All the stone employed came from the Shoup quarry on Mud creek nearby.

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

1909-1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

C. C. Rittenhouse/W. W. Schultz

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lemhi County courthouse is unique in Idaho for its sculpture and fine stone columns. Although the design of the building is awkward, the statue of justice, by George Oxham of Ogden, Utah, is one of the state's best pieces of public sculpture, and the only one on a courthouse. George Oxham also was responsible for the stone columns and trim which he made on the location.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lemhi Herald, July 1, 1909, p. 1, c. 5-6; August 26, 1909, p. 1, c. 3,
December 2, 1909, p. 1, c. 2-5.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This includes the courthouse and grounds.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

DATE

2 November 1977

TELEPHONE

384-2120

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Merle Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 2 November 1977

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

Wm. L. Hunt

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2-7-78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles H. Henshaw

DATE

2-1-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Lemhi County Courthouse
1st St. N. & Broadway
Salmon, Idaho
J. M. Neil - Photographer
1976
Idaho State Historical Society
Lemhi. Co.
front from northeast

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