

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 MacMillan Chapel

and/or common N/A

2. Location W of Boisestreet & number T4N R1E section 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

N/A not for publication

city, town Boise vic, X 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	N/A in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	N/A being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☐ military
			☒ other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Joanna DeMeyer Trustee et. al AND New Hope Christian Church

street & number 444 Fall River 1450 North Mitchell

city, town Boise 83706 N/A vicinity of Boise 83704 state Idaho

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ada County Courthouse

street & number 650 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☐ excellent☐ good☒ fair☐ deteriorated☐ ruins☐ unexposed**Check one**☒ unaltered☐ altered**Check one**☐ original site☒ moveddate ca. late 1950s

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The MacMillan Chapel is a small vernacular one-story frame church with a steeply pitched gable roof running east and west. The west end contains a single unpan-eled central door framed with simple molding. Above the door is a peak-headed window, which is the only other feature on this facade. The north and south facades contain four bays, each with four peak-headed sash windows. The windows constitute the only decorative elements of the structure and are the sole features that indicate the ecclesiastical nature of the building. The sash is two-over-two-light set in a simple architrave; above this a triangular molding surrounds a vertically divided two-light section that forms the peaked window head. The walls of the chapel display board and batten siding; the corners are marked with plain vertical boards. The chapel is sited in a grove of locust trees on the former MacMillan ranch at the northeast corner of the intersection of North Cloverdale and MacMillan roads, in the Ustick community. The building was moved a few yards back from the intersection in the late 1950's and the orientation changed to face Cloverdale Road.

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 1899

Builder/Architect Will Casey and others

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The MacMillan Chapel, near the intersection of North Cloverdale and MacMillan roads, is a small rural church significant for its association with early settlers and its role in the life of this rural area, which is quickly being encroached upon by suburbs. The MacMillan Chapel is significant because it is the product of the cooperative efforts of the early residents of the area to create a place of worship in their rural community. The unpretentious structure expresses its vernacular origins in the simplicity and utility of its design, the only reference to traditional church architecture being the peak-headed windows and perhaps the board-and-batten siding (rarely seen in this area) recalling a Gothic Revival precedent. The very simplicity of the structure and its lack of formal display are expressive of the community that built the chapel and of their view of an appropriate place of worship. The MacMillan Chapel is significant because it records this relationship as it existed in the early years of the Ustick community's settlement.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Idaho Daily Statesman, November 15, 1975, p. 9, c. 1-7; March 17, 1935, p. 10, c. 2, Section 1; December 20, 1899, p. 6, c. 2.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.25 acres

Quadrangle name Eagle

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the MacMillan Chapel and the property on which it stands, T4N R1E section 27, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

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

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Boise state Idaho 83702-7695

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 28 July 1984

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

9-7-84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet

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In 1899 the Methodist church constructed the simple structure to serve its members in this outlying farming and ranching area. John MacMillan, one of the local ranchers, donated several acres of ground for the building and the chapel was named in his honor. Impetus for this project appears to have come from a number of local residents, among them Matthew and Will Casey, the former serving as the congregation's first Sunday school superintendent and the latter (Matthew's son) participating in the construction of the building along with other community members. The church had its first appointed minister in 1907 when the Reverend Richard Williams of Meridian traveled to the rural chapel on Sunday afternoons after his regular morning service in town. The church saw attendance vary between 30 and 50 for the next quarter of a century and then the chapel was intermittently used by other groups. The building is no longer used by any congregation and stands vacant.



MacMillan Chapel
Cloverdale and MacMillan roads
Vicinity of Boise, Ada County, Idaho

Photograph by Susanne Lichtenstein
1982

Negative on file at Idaho State Historical
Society, Boise, Idaho

View from southwest

Photograph 1 of 2



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View from northeast

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