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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC



Sue McBeth's Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5 E of Kamiah
US 12

CITY, TOWN

Kamiah

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE

Idaho

CODE
16

COUNTY

Idaho

CODE

049

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

First Presbyterian Church

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kamiah

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Idaho County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Grangeville

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan

HABS (under H.T. Cooley - name)
De. Wells 3/3/77

DATE

1972

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
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sue McBeth's cabin in Kamiah, constructed in 1880, is a simple, 24 x 16 foot one-story frame building with a gabled roof. This three room, board and batten structure has an exterior chimney on the north side. A framed doorway is right of center. Three 6 over 6 framed double-hung sash windows are to the left of the door, and one is to the right.

Two windows similar to those on the southern facade are on the east and west sides. The only noticeable alteration is in the chimney, which has been replaced with concrete blocks. The present owner hopes to restore the building.

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 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sue McBeth cabin is a significant reminder of the missionary enterprise among the Nez Perce at Kamiah. It and the church are the only structural remnants of this period in Kamiah.

Henry Harmon Spalding and his wife were the first missionaries to come to Idaho, establishing a mission at Lapwai in 1836. Then in 1838 Asa Bowen Smith established a mission at Kamiah. Smith's theories on how to save the Indian's soul differed with those of Spalding and led to Smith's departure in 1841. With the Whitman massacre in 1847 Spalding also quit Idaho.

However, in 1864 Spalding returned to his mission among the Nez Perce, and in 1871 he settled at Kamiah. In this same year, H. T. Cowley took over the recently reorganized Kamiah mission. Due to difficulties with the Indian Agent Meridith, Cowley was forced to leave in 1873, and Spalding took over the Kamiah mission. The following year Spalding died, and Sue McBeth, who had come to Lapwai in 1873, took over the mission and school. She had to leave the area during the Indian troubles of 1877-79, but returned in 1879 with her sister Kate. The following year this cabin was erected for Sue, and Kate lived in Sue's original schoolhouse. In 1885 the McBeths were forced to leave Kamiah because of conflict with the agent, who also was removed. Sue went to Mount Idaho and Kate to Lapwai.

From 1880-1885 Sue McBeth used her cabin as a residence and a schoolhouse in which she taught Indians to become leaders of their own church. With the departure of the McBeth's, her pupils continued to operate the Kamiah Church.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kate McBeth, The Nez Perce Since Lewis and Clark.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	1
ZONE	EASTING

5	7	6	6	7	5
NORTHING					

B

ZONE	EASTING

NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Only the building is included.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Arthur A. Hart, Director

4-22-76

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☒

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

24 April 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6/3/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-2-76

RBR for WJM 6-2-76



- 1) Sue McBeth's Cabin
- 2) Kamiah, Idaho *Idaho County*
- 3) Idaho Historical Society Staff
- 4) Recent
- 5) Idaho State Historical Society
- 6) Looking North toward end nearest the church
- 7) *1 of 1*

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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