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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

Montpelier Historic Distirct

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of Washington Ave. and Sixth St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

CODE
16

COUNTY
Bear Lake

CODE
007

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

Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bear Lake County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Paris

STATE
Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historical Sites Inventory

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

The Montpelier Historic District is comprised of four buildings: the city hall, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' stake tabernacle and the high school with its gymnasium. These buildings front on Washington Avenue and are distinct from the surrounding residential area in their scale, materials, and function. All are two-stories high, constructed of brick and set back from the street on large lots with ample lawns, mature shrubbery and evergreens.

The neo-classical revival style city hall (1) is the oldest building in the district and is distinguished by its portico with pairs of Tuscan columns. It was built at a cost of \$25,000 of buff brick made by the Ogden, Utah, Pressed brick and Tile Company. A year after the city hall's completion the semi-circular L.D.S. tabernacle (2) was begun (1918) on the adjacent corner. This \$50,000 red brick structure employs classical motifs including round arched entries with ornate terra cotta tympanums. The tabernacle is the city's largest auditorium. The moderne style high school (4) was constructed in 1937 as a \$160,000 Public Works Administration project on the land opposite the tabernacle. Constructed of mountain red variegated tapestry brick, the building is distinguished by its extensive and profusely ornamented terra cotta trim.

The high school gymnasium (3), a simple, 1960's utilitarian styled building is the only intrusion in the district, although it is compatible with the earlier structures in its scale, material and landscaping.

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 1916, 1918, 1937

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Montpelier Historic District is architecturally significant with its substantial brick buildings, the major structures in the city. The heart of Montpelier's community life reposes within these buildings, which is well reflected in their scale, design, craftsmanship and landscaping.

The buildings were designed by some of the area's major architects. The prominent Pocatello firm of Boyer and Rogers designed the city hall in 1916 and the contract went to Pocatello's major contractor, J. F. Murray. Salt Lake architects Pope and Burton designed the Stake Tabernacle building. This firm made the plans for many Utah and southeast Idaho L.D.S. tabernacles including the semi-circular buildings at Blackfoot, Idaho, and Richfield, Utah. The high school building was the second largest PWA school building project in Idaho and is one of the finest moderne buildings in the state rendered in brick. Its architect, Frank H. Paradise of Pocatello, was an 1899 graduate from Chicago's Art Institute and Armour Institute of Technology. Prior to moving to Pocatello he had offices in Denver, Portland, and Boise. He designed the first buildings at the College of Idaho, the Blackfoot High School and many buildings in Pocatello.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montpelier Examiner - March 17, 1916, p. 1, c. 6-7; May 10, 1918, p. 1, c. 4;
October 21, 1937, p. 1.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 5 acres.

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Montpelier District runs along Washington Avenue and includes the area enclosed by the red line on the accompanying map entitled "Montpelier Historic District."

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

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

2 November 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Mark 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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Chas. H. Coltz

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/16/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4-12-78

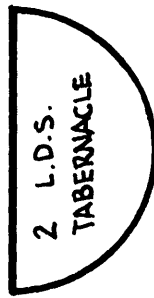
Property owners of the Montpelier Historic District

Church of the Latter-Day Saints
C/o David H. Jensen
Stake President
6th & Washington
Montpelier, Idaho

Montpelier Public School District
Ralph Roghaar, Superintendent of Schools
P.O. Box 280
Montpelier, Idaho

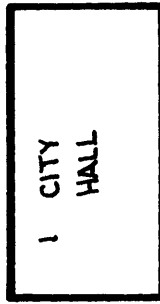
City of Montpelier
Mayor, Allen Ipsen ✓
City Hall
Montpelier, Idaho





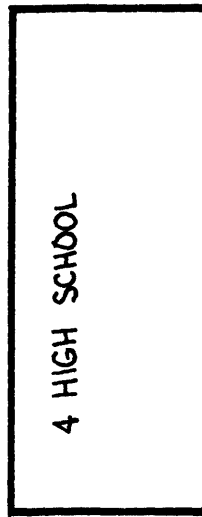
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TABERNACLE

6TH ST

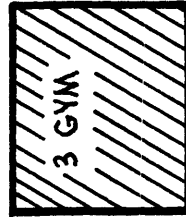


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HALL

WASHINGTON ST.



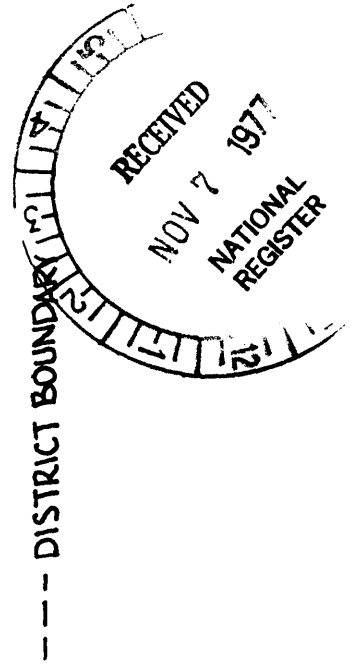
4 HIGH SCHOOL



3 GYM

MONTPELIER
HISTORIC DISTRICT
MONTPELIER, IDAHO

NOT TO SCALE





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Montpelier Historic District
High School
Montpelier, Idaho

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View from the northwest

Site survey file.

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Montpelier Historic District
LDS Church
Montpelier, Idaho

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View from the southeast

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Montpelier Historic District
LDS Church, City Hall
Montpelier, Idaho

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View from the west

Site survey file.

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