

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 North Shilling Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North Shilling Avenue

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Blackfoot

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Bingham

CODE

011

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 RESIDENCES☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Multiple - List attached

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bingham County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Blackfoot

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 North Shilling Historic district in Blackfoot consists of ten residential structures and the grounds associated with them. These properties are situated on either side of North Shilling Avenue between East Pacific and E. Idaho Streets and on three of the corners across these cross-streets. (The property on the fourth corner, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a carpenter-Gothic structure dating from 1891, definitely contributes to the character of the district which it adjoins; it has already been **entered in the** National Register.) The houses in the district were built between c. 1884 and 1919. They range in style and period from Queen Anne through Western Colonial to deluxe bungalow. The grounds are fairly spacious--four houses to the block, on the northwest side, is the greatest density--and contains mature trees which contribute substantially to the character of the streetscape. Several of the structures have been modified but there is only one intrusion; all of the structures are in good repair.

Inventory:

1. 81 N. Shilling is a two-story red brick house built for Dr. William Behle in 1890. The rectangular massing and stepped corbel under a flat roof relate it to the Italianate style; the box bays at front and side and the sunroom at rear, which render the structure asymmetrical, and the small stained glass lights which are ranged around the upper panes of the double-sash windows, relate it to the Queen Anne.
2. 121 N. Shilling is a "prairie-style-bungalow" with low hipped roof, massive interior chimneys, broad eaves and a deep front porch supported on square pillars. The structure is faced with red brick as high as window level, and stucco to the eaves. It was built in 1919 by builder D. A. Jenkins and bought by John Millick, whose brownstone former residence stands directly across the street at 122 Shilling.
3. 139 N. Shilling is a late nineteenth century Queen Anne cottage with hipped and gable roof and a left of center outset entry porch supported on turned columns. It is rendered in brick and distinguished by segmentally-arched windows. A window has been let into the front gable to light a remodeled attic in recent years, but the exterior is otherwise unaltered. The house appears to have been built by pioneer builder R. H. Hopkins (who also built St. Paul's Church and the Bingham County Courthouse) in 1884.
4. 163 N. Shilling is a nineteenth century house which has been surfaced with broad wood and decorative brick siding. As such it is an intrusion in the district.
5. 191 N. Shilling is a two-story ell (more exactly a wye)-shaped house, the central section of which is covered by a truncated hip roof. The lateral wings and entry pavillion are gabled. The gables are elaborated by

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) Local History
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the North Shilling district in Blackfoot is both architectural and historic: architectural, because the district offers the most concentrated vista, as well as some of the best individual examples, of early residential architecture in Blackfoot; historic, because most of these houses were built for or resided in by families of unusual prominence in Blackfoot during the last decade of the 19th and the first decade of the 20th century.

The architectural significance of the district was the primary consideration placing the boundaries. Shilling Avenue for a number of blocks in either direction provides an attractive display not only of residential but also of ecclesiastical architecture (St. Paul's at East Pacific; the LDS Tabernacle three blocks south) and the civic architecture (the 1880's section of the Bingham County Courthouse, opposite the tabernacle). However, in the double row of houses occupying the block between Pacific and Idaho and the adjacent corners, the concentration of structures of some pretension which survive relatively unmodified and which preserve a sense of the past is more pronounced than along any other stretch of the Avenue or any other block in the city.

The Younie house (#6) is Blackfoot's best Queen Anne house; the Behle house (#1) preserves an Italianate type which appears to be unique in the city. The Millick house (#10) is a good example of a type of 1890's Brownstone cottage of which several scattered examples have been inventoried in this part of town. The brick Queen Anne cottage at 139 (#3) is a more unusual type in present-day Blackfoot. The frame residence at 191 and 228 (#'s 5 and 7) are of interest for their distinctive massing; the Jenkins bungalows are deluxe and well-preserved examples of the California-based style which dominated Blackfoot residential building during the teens. The Brown house (#8) could be claimed as significant on the state level, so original is the combination of the ideas of Boise architect J. Flood Walker with the local taste and local lava rock.

The local historic significance of the district should not be overlooked. Its name recalls one of the founders of the city. The homestead of former cavalryman Watson Shilling was the site of the original townsite of Blackfoot, opened in 1878 on the Utah and Northern Railway line near the juncture of the Snake and Blackfoot rivers. Watson Shilling was the original owner of all this real estate, and Shilling Avenue and the Shilling addition which it traverses bear his name. This section of the avenue, further drew many of the town's elite between 1890 and 1920. William Behele was a

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Idaho News, Blackfoot, Idaho, 1890-1901.

The Idaho Republican, Blackfoot, Idaho, 1904-1919.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.35 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Blackfoot Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of the North Shilling District commence at the northeast corner of E. Pacific and N. Shilling Avenue, thence west to the western property line of the parcel at 81 N. Shilling, owned in 1979 by M. and B. Henscheid, north to

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

Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

26 June 1979

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

LOCAL X

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

4 July 1979

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-29-79

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

8/29/79

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pent eaves and decorative shingles; the bay windows in the side wings retain segmentally-arched heads. 191 served for many years as the residence of George Rogers. The original frame structure has been veneered with decorative brick.

6. 215 N. Shilling, according to local sources the former Younie residence, is a 19th-century house which, although extensively remodeled, remains in many ways a showpiece of the district. The turreted, asymmetrical Queen Anne structure is rendered in the warm local stone which was also used for the Millick house at 122 and which contrasts pleasantly with the red tile roof. (The original roof was even more striking, with cresting on the ridgebeams and polychromatic shingles on gables and turret.) The supports on the corner entry porch preserve the original Eastlake-style decoration.

7. 228 N. Shilling is a substantial two-story frame house which was the residence of Blackfoot mayor L. M. Capps. A rear addition, siding and awnings do not obviate the distinctive interest of the massing, which consists of a cube, capped by a hipped roof, elaborated by a single gable in front and twin gables at the side.

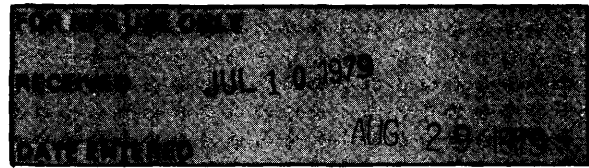
8. 190 N. Shilling was built in 1905 for merchant John G. Brown. The eclectic western colonial style house is generally rectangular in plan with a lava-rock first floor and flared, shingled second story. The bracketed hipped roof is broken not only by several projecting bays but by hipped dormers, stepped-cone finials and lava-rock interior chimneys. The outset entry porch is supported by four massive Doric columns and itself supports a ballustraded balcony. The structure now houses the Bingham County historical museum and contains reconstructed interiors as well as artifact displays.

9. 160 N. Shilling is another bungalow with Prairie influence, constructed as was 121 by local builder D. A. Jenkins. This house was in fact built as Jenkins' residence, the lot taken in trade from John Millick for the home the latter admired as it was being built across the street. The low front and side gables of 160 render it a more typical bungalow than is 121. The side-walls are brick almost to roofline, long brackets trim the eaves and the broad porch is supported on brick pillars with battered stucco tops.

10. The brownstone Queen Anne house at 122 N. Shilling was built for John Millick in 1897. It is ell-shaped with pedimented entry porch supported by turned columns at the intersection. There are polygonal bays at left and right, decorative shingle and wooden ornament in gables and dormers; there are two exterior chimneys of local stone.

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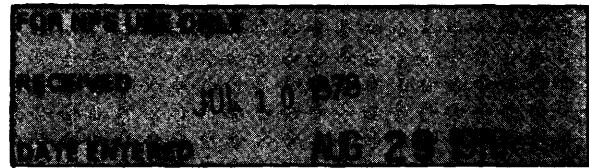
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prominent physician who built not only this house but a drugstore on Main Street. George Rogers was one of the earliest settlers and principal capitalists of Blackfoot; he served as county commissioner, asylum director, state senator, and U. S. Land Office receiver. Alexander Younie, a later-arriving capitalist, achieved local prominence as a banker after 1904. L. M. Capps was a businessman who served several terms as mayor. John Brown was proprietor of "the big store," the Brown-Hart mercantile establishment on Main Street which was an institution in Blackfoot for several decades and the quarters of which have been nominated to the National Register. John Millick took over the grain mill built (and lost) by R. H. Hopkins during the depression of the mid-90's. D. L. Jenkins was extremely active in the Blackfoot building trade after 1910 and was particularly noted for his bungalows; the two in the district are fine examples of his craft.

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the northern property line, east to the northeast corner of the residential property at 215 N. Shilling, owned in 1979 by G^{uth} and Aⁿⁿ Randall, south to the southeastern corner of the property at 228 N. Shilling, owned in 1979 by M^{ary} and M^{ary} Bright, west to East Pacific Street, north along the eastern curb of that street to the northeast corner of E. Pacific and Shilling.

List of Owners

North Shilling Historic District, Blackfoot, Idaho

Bernard and Mary Deloris Henscheid
81 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Clarence A. and Linda N. Howard
121 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Kermit M. and Myrtle I. Frasure
139 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Bret J. and Momma S. Leavitt
163 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Ora R. Tuohy
191 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

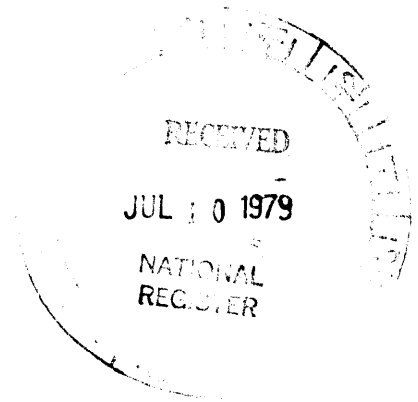
Garth M. and Ann Randall
215 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Mack and Maxine Bright
c/o Boyd F. Cloward
220 North University
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Owner of: 228 North Shilling

Bingham County
Bingham County Courthouse
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
Owner of: 190 North Shilling

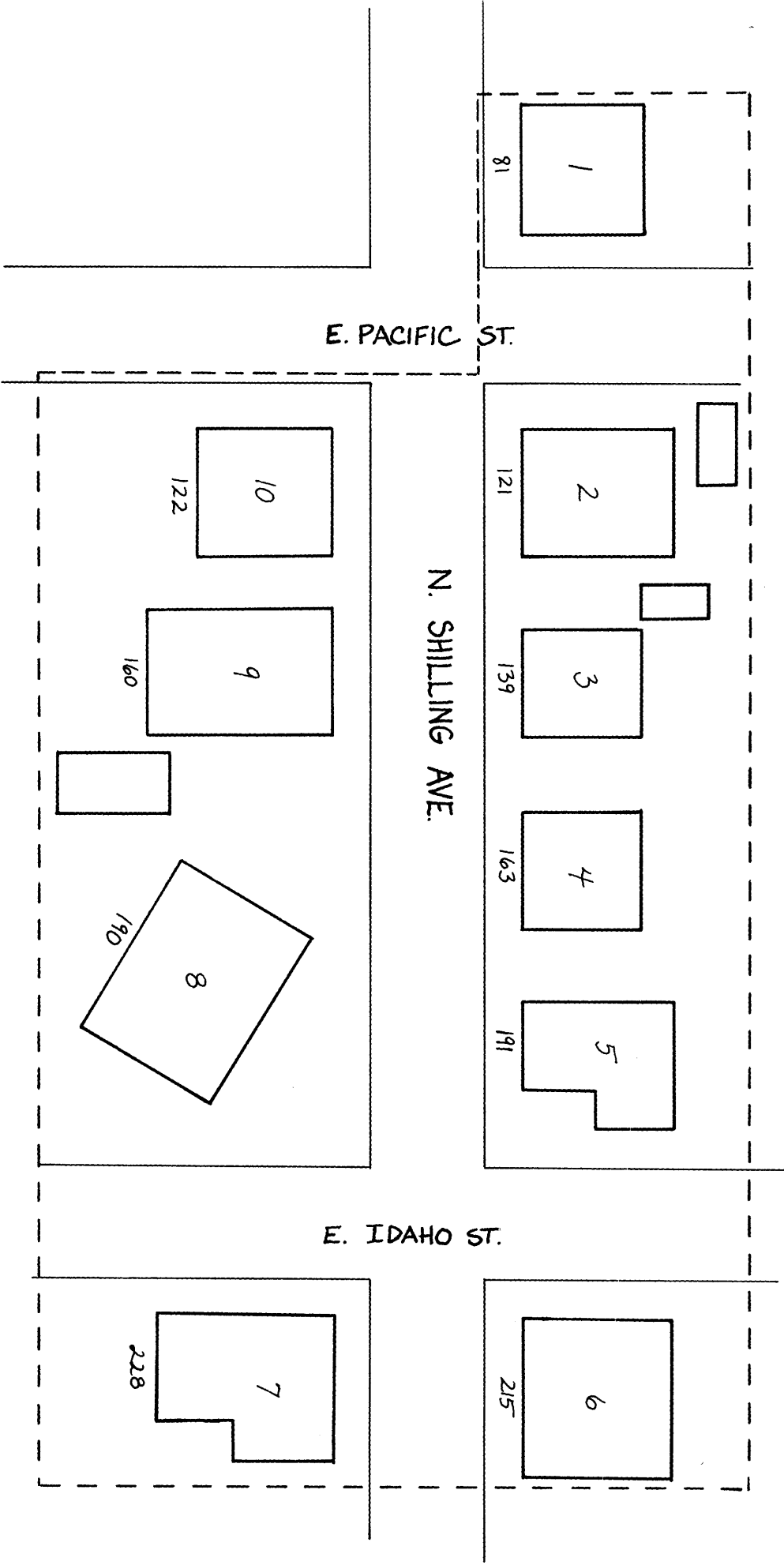
Velma T. Johnson
160 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

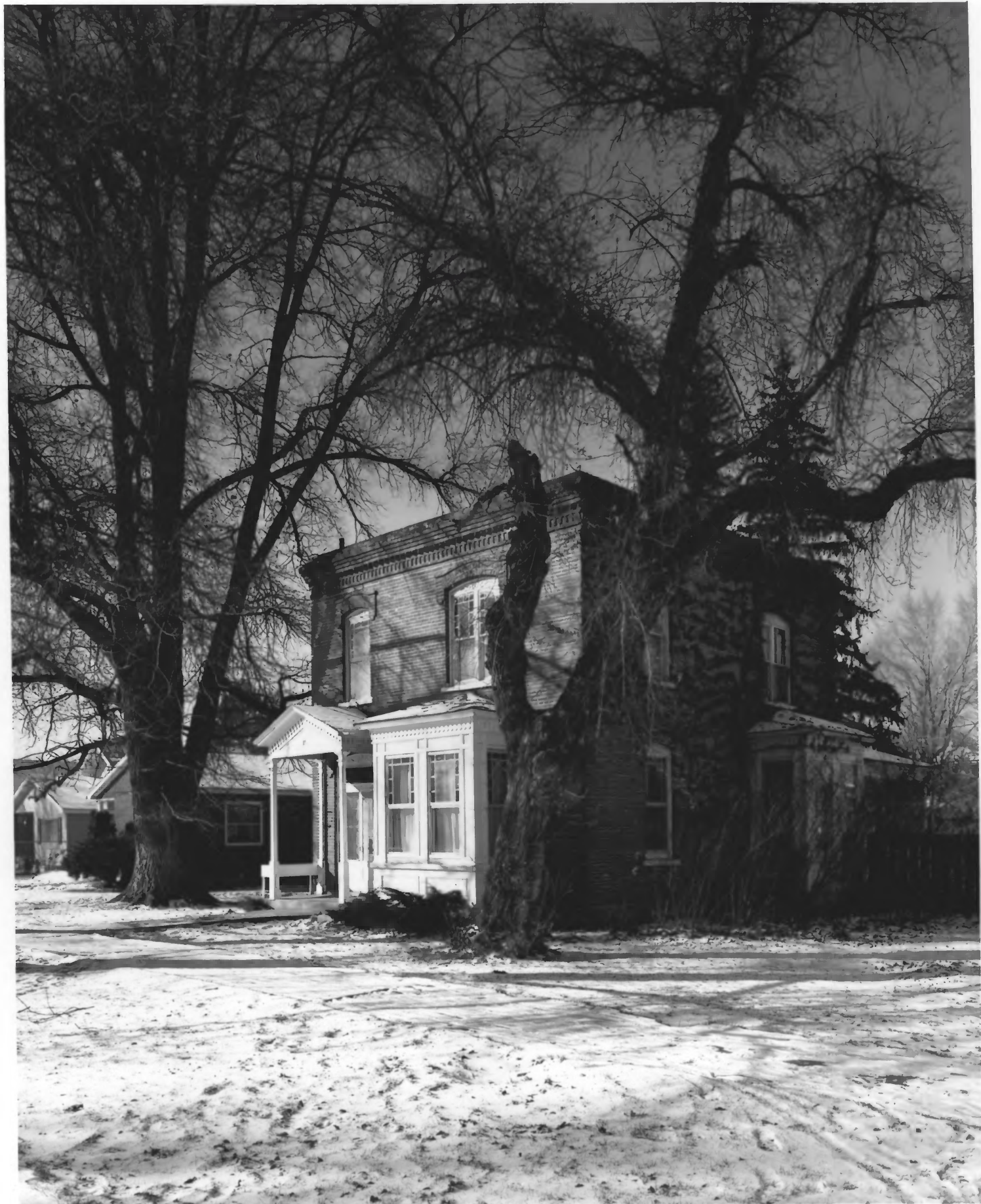
Orville F. McCroy
122 North Shilling
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221



NORTH SHILLING
HISTORIC DISTRICT

BLACKFOOT, IDAHO
(NOT TO SCALE)





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North Shilling Historic District
(#1 - Behle residence)

Blackfoot, Idaho

Bingham County

Photographer: Duane Garrett

December, 1978

JUL 10 1979

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

View from east

#1



AUG 29 1979

North Shilling Historic District
#2-4 Millick bungalow in foreground)
Blackfoot, Idaho

Photographer: Duane Garrett

*Bingham
County*

December 1978

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

View from southwest

2

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North Shilling Historic District
(#6 - Younie residence)
Blackfoot, Idaho

Photographer: Duane Garrett
December, 1978

*Bingham
Co.*

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

#3

View from southeast

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North Shilling Historic District
(#10 - Millick house)
Blackfoot, Idaho

*Bingham
County
#4*

Photographer: Duane Garrett
December, 1978

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

View from west

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AUG 29 1979

North Shilling Historic District
(#8 - Brown residence)
Blackfoot, Idaho

Bingham Co.

Photographer: Duane Garrett
December 1978

#5

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

View from west

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AUG 29 1979

North Shilling Historic District
(#7-10 Capp. Brown, Jenkins and
Millick houses)

Blackfoot, Idaho

Bingham Co.

Photographer: Duane Garrett
December, 1978

#6

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

View from west

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AUG 29 1979

North Shilling Historic District
(#5 - Rogers residence)
Blackfoot, Idaho

*Bingham
County*

Photographer: Duane Garrett
December, 1978

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

#7

View from east

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