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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

Payette City Hall and Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3rd Ave. and 8th St.

CITY, TOWN

Payette

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Payette

CODE

075

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

Manuel E. Gonzalez

STREET & NUMBER

803 E. Park

CITY, TOWN

Emmett

VICINITY OF

Idaho

STATE

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Payette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Payette

Idaho

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

___ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN
Boise

Idaho

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

__EXCELLENT

__DETERIORATED

__GOOD

__RUINS

XFAIR

__UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED

__ALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Payette City Hall is a two-story brick building in the Neo-Classical Revival style, which sits on a raised foundation. It is distinguished by a slightly outset entry bay which rises to a pedimented cornice.

The building is three bays wide and four bays deep. Terra cotta pilasters delineate the bays. Double hung sash windows with terra cotta flat arches are found in each bay. The first story windows are framed with quoins.

The facade and central bay contain a round arched entry with a fan light in its tympanum. A flight of steps which extend from the sidewalk provide access to the double doorway. A similar entry is located at ground level on the building's northside.

This rectangular building remains unaltered and has no additions. However, it is not in the best repair.

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

1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J. Ronald Walker

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Payette City Hall is architecturally significant as a good local example of the Neo-Classical Revival style in Payette. Although of modest scale and ornament it none-the-less is one of the town's more outstanding structures and the major one in the downtown area to display Classical details and proportions. Situated at the end of Third Avenue, Payette's main street, it dominates the street scape in the north end, and for many years served as a symbol of civic authority.

Further contributing to the building's significance is its having functioned for a number of years as a seat of local government. Not only did it house the city government, but after the formation of Payette County in 1917 it also contained the county government. These governments have outgrown the building. In the 1950's the city officials moved out and about five years ago the county officers also obtained a new building. The building is now in private hands, but the structure's associations with the past remain strong.

Thus this building stands as a local landmark due to its associations with city and county government, as well as its Classical motifs, which traditionally have been associated with governmental architecture in America.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Payette Independent
Payette Enterprise

June 8, 1911
May 2, 1912

p. 1 c. 6
July 4, 1912

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 505310 4880325
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the former city hall of Payette and the ground it stands on at Third Avenue and Eighth Street, which is owned in 1978 by Manuel E. Gonzalez of Emmett.

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

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

September 7, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

610 N. 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

Maude Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

8 March 79

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W. Ray Luce

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-14-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/11/79



Payette City Hall *and Courthouse*
3rd Avenue and 8th Street
Payette, Idaho *Payette County*
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Duane Garrett

1978

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View from Northwest

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