

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	Idaho
COUNTY:	Madison
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 3 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

Rexburg Stake Tabernacle

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Fremont Stake Tabernacle

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

25 North Center Street (Sec. 19, T6N, R40E)

CITY OR TOWN:

Rexburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

District #2

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY:

Madison

CODE

065

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered ☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☒ Religious	
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Rexburg Stake

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Rexburg

STATE:

Idaho

CODE

16

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Madison County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Rexburg

STATE

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Idaho Historic Preservation Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

☐ Federal☒ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Idaho State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN:

Boise

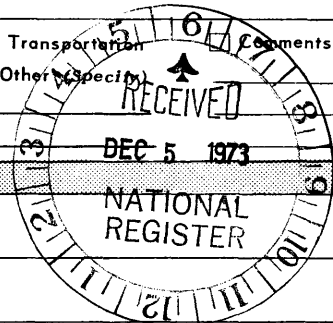
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

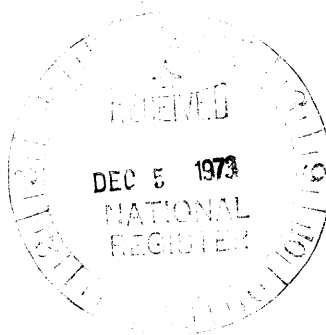
(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The tabernacle is a sturdy Italianate structure with two square towers flanking a three-arched entrance. Each tower has three tall, narrow round-arched windows on each face, and a flat-pitched roof with wide eaves. The entry porch between the towers is topped with a typical baroque silhouette reminiscent of Spanish churches in the American Southwest. Local stone is rusticated to give the building a sturdy character and rich texture.

The consistent use of round stone arches, along with the rustic look, give this building a Romanesque character, but with strong Italian feeling.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1911

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

osophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tabernacle was built in 1911. Its construction was financed and paid for by funds accumulated by members of the congregation. Usual Mormon policy defrayed one-half of the building costs, but not in this case. The members, in a matter of weeks, raised about \$33,000, far more than the anticipated cost. The contract price was \$19,808. F. L. McGrew of St. Anthony received the contract. A basement was not included in the original plans, but so much soil became necessary to fill up the surrounding ground that it was decided to excavate and build a basement. The extra cost for adding a basement came to \$100.00, but this did not include finishing the interior. Construction was begun under the direction of the Fremont Stake President, Mark Austin. Formal dedication took place on January 7, 1912.

The Fremont Stake Tabernacle is unique in Idaho, both by virtue of its style and its association with Mormon settlement in that area of the state. Architecturally, it is one of very few Italianate church buildings in the state, and vastly exceeds all others in that style in character, size, and imaginative use of stone.

Although the headquarters of the stake has always been in Rexburg, the name of the stake continued to be Fremont, after Fremont County, resulting in some confusion. To correct this, the name of the stake was changed to the Rexburg Stake on June 23, 1935.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beal, Samuel M., The Snake River Fork Country, Rexburg:
The Rexburg Journal, 1935.

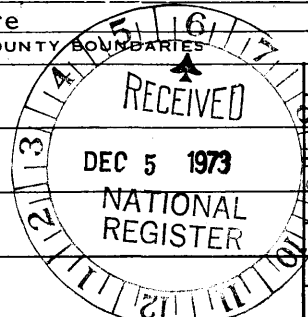
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Arthur A. Hart, Director	
ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Museum	DATE 13 November 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive	
CITY OR TOWN: Boise	STATE Idaho 83706
	CODE 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Merle W. Wells

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

29 November 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Arthur A. Hart

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

5/3/74

ATTEST:

Wm J. McIntyre
Keeper of The National Register

Date

5-2-74

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Madison County, Idaho

Loc. _____

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Madison County.

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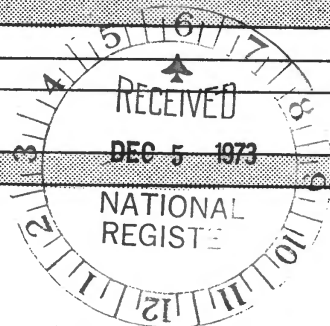
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

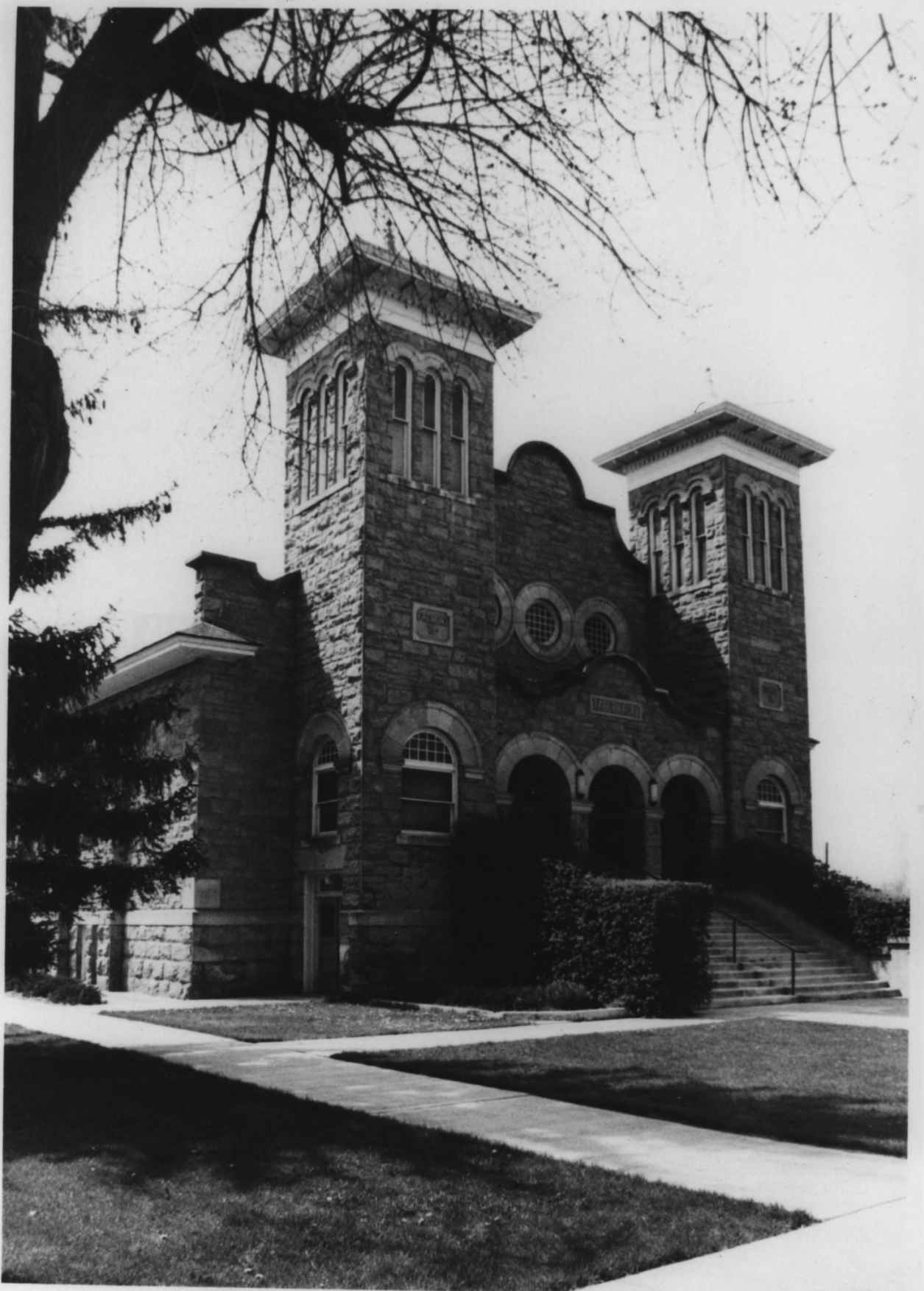
Front of tabernacle, looking west.



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STAKE TABERNACLE

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Loc. Front of Tabernacle,
Looking west.