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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**
Skattaboe Block

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Main and Fourth Streets

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Latah

CODE

057

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

General Telephone Company of the Northwest

STREET & NUMBER

1800 - 41st

CITY, TOWN

Everett

VICINITY OF

STATE

Washington

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Latah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Adams and Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

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 Skattaboe Block is a two-story commercial building distinguished by a rounded corner and Romanesque character. Its second story windows are round arched rising from brick pilasters with caps. The structure's verticality, as conveyed by brick pilasters, is balanced through the use of wide brick bandings between the first and second stories. The building terminates with a brick cornice with the pilasters contributing to the ornamentation with round arched recesses and square caps. All first story openings, including the recessed corner entry, have segmental arches as do the front windows on the second story. The second story side windows continue the motif of the corner.

The Skattaboe block has been only slightly altered with a recent remodeling in 1972 which added first story exterior globe lights and filled in the transom lights.

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	1892	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Taylor and Lauder
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Skattaboë Block is architecturally significant in Moscow as a good commercial rendering of the Romanesque style, located at the historic central intersection of the town. Its rounded corner and good brickwork make it a distinguished part of the Moscow streetscape and a city landmark.

Taylor and Lauder were Moscow's most prolific mason contractors of the period, and they operated their own kilns. They built most of downtown Moscow and major buildings on the campus of the University of Idaho nearby. This is a worthy example of their craftsmanship.

In the early 1900's Mr. West purchased this commercial building and converted it for the use of the Moscow Telephone and Telegraph Company. In 1925 the Inland Telephone Company purchased the building and in 1931 changed their name to the Interstate Telephone Company. In 1952 the General Telephone Company purchased the building and have used it to the present day. Thus the structure continues to be associated with the history of the telephone in Moscow.

This is one of the earliest examples of adaptive use in Idaho.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Moscow Mirror , January 8, 1892, p. 1, c. 4; March 18, 1892, p. 1, c. 3.

interview with Carma Morgan on November 15, 1977

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 499940 5175110
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
This property includes the Skattaboe block and the land it stands on at Main and Fourth

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

12 Dec 77

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

Merle Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12 Dec 77

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

ATTEST:

Walter Cole

DATE

5-22-78

DATE

5-12-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

SKATTABOE BLOCK

GENE

ONE
GENERAL TELEPHONE



MAY 22 1978

Skattaboe Block

Main Street

Moscow, Idaho

Photographer - Arthur A. Hart - 1975

Idaho State Historical Society

Latah County

Front corner from the northeast
slide collection

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