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DATA SHEET

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sterry Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College of Idaho Campus

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

First

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

VICINITY OF

CODE
16

COUNTY

Canyon

CODE
027 ✓**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

College of Idaho

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Canyon County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Caldwell

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

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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

Sterry Hall is in the French Renaissance style and is distinguished by its truncated hipped roof with hooded dormers. This symmetrical two-and-one-half story brick building sits on a raised cut stone foundation. It is seven bays wide with abbreviated side wings. The central three bays are outset, and are graced with a one story high cutstone entryway with Ionic columns supporting an entablature.

All windows, except the dormers, have cut stone sills. A denticulated cornice supports the roof. The back repeats the front's design.

The exterior remains unaltered, although the interior has been renovated.

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	1909	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Nesbit and Paradice
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sterry Hall is significant as the original building on the present campus of the College of Idaho. It housed the entire college for several years, except for a dormitory for women built simultaneously. The building has housed the administrative offices since its completion in 1910, and survives as the symbol of the college. Architecturally it is notable for a strong massing of forms with a generally Renaissance character. Despite dentils at the roofline and a classical portico, the total volume suggests Prairie School and Japanese influences popular at the time.

The College of Idaho is the oldest college in the state, founded in 1891 by Dr. William Judson Boone. Two Idaho governors, John T. Morrison and Frank Steunenberg, an Idaho Supreme Court Justice, J. C. Rice, and the state's first Rhodes scholar, Lawrence Henry Gipson, have served on the faculty of this small college. Since its construction in 1910 Sterry has housed the administrative offices of the college.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Caldwell Tribune, September 4, 1809; Idaho Daily Statesman, November 29, 1931.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes Sterry Hall and the ground it stands on.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Idaho	16	Canyon	027
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE 18 Jan 78

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Merle Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 18 Jan 78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles Johnson

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3-2-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Canyon County

Sterry Hall

College of Idaho

Caldwell, Idaho

MAR 8 1978

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View of the front from the ^{SOUTHWEST} ~~northwest~~.

Idaho State Historical Society
Site survey file.

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