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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

(A. H. Stewart house (Hotel Parma))

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER S.W. corner, Third Street and Bates Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Parma

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Canyon

CODE

001

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

City of Parma

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Parma

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Canyon County Courthouse

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

Boise

STATE

Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
☐ EXCELLENT	☐ DETERIORATED	☒ UNALTERED	☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ GOOD	☐ RUINS	☐ ALTERED	☐ MOVED DATE _____
☒ FAIR	☐ UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The A. H. Stewart house stands on the southwest corner of Third Street and Bates in Parma, with entrances on both avenues. Built in 1900 in the Queen Anne style, the structure is basically a two-story hip-roofed block with various elaborations which render its profile asymmetrical and its roofline complex. The most important of these are a tent-roofed octagonal tower on the northeast corner; a hip-roofed second story window bay on the rear north elevation; and a shallow gabled ell to the west. The first and second stories of the house are clapboarded. A flared band between them, consistent with the Queen Anne taste for varying texture, is shingled.

A modern pressboard addition at the northwest rear of the house connects it to a contemporary clapboarded cottage; both are one-story in height and would be easily removed in a restoration. The double entrances, too, have been remodeled, as has the interior of the house in the course of seventy-odd years of residential use; but the basic fabric and massing of the house are intact on one of the town's central intersections.

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

ca. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The A. H. Stewart house is significant architecturally as a largely unmodified example of the Queen Anne style of what amounted to "mansion" scale in this small town setting. It is in fact referred to locally as "Parma's second mansion." The first, the 1888 Stockton residence, was demolished in 1928. The Stewart house is a more elaborate, style-conscious structure than was that big frame ell-house; in present-day Parma, the only other survivor in the Queen Anne style is a more modest, 1½-story house a block away on Main Street, the rebuilt porches of which render its original massing somewhat less apparent than is the case with the Stewart house. In a town which experienced its first real boom period after 1904, and is thus dominated by residences in the bungalow mode, the Stewart house is therefore a major reference point to local nineteenth century history.

That history began in the 1880s, when Albert Fouch moved his store and post office from nearby Riverside (the site of the Hudson's Bay post, "Old Fort Boise" at the confluence of the Boise and Snake rivers) to the new railroad switchpoint at present-day Parma. He named the new townsite for a city mentioned in an ancient history he had been reading that winter. Until almost 1900, Parma townsite consisted of a single store, a blacksmith shop, and three residences, the Stockton house among them. After the turn of the century, largely through promotion of the Roswell tract by the Sterry Kirkpatrick firm, the little farming and stockraising center of Parma began to grow.

The Stewart house was built ca. 1900 on block 38 of the original townsite, by A. H. Stewart; he had built his mercantile store in 1897 on the first land to be sold after Frank Fouch filed his townsite claim on land around the Fouch Bros. General Store in the mid-80s. The Stewart house was built as a private residence and exclusively so used until about 1910, when a second owner began to take in roomers. This practice continued until the present decade, so that one of the historic names of the structure is the Hotel Parma.

In 1975 the house, which is directly across the street from the City Hall, was acquired by the City of Parma. There is local interest in making this building, which is on one of Parma's major intersections and constitutes one of its major historic architectural sites, into a local historical museum.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Lucile Peterson, Parma, Idaho, 15 May, 1979, on file at Idaho State Historical Society, Boise, Idaho.

History of Parma, unpublished ms. on file at Idaho State Historical Society (vertical file), Boise, Idaho

The Idaho Daily Statesman, 6 Jan. '24, 18 March '28, 3 April '14.

The Parma Review, 19 April '79.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Parma

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 1 5 0 4 6 1 0 4 8 4 7 9 3 0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the former A. H. Stewart house on the southwest corner of Third and Bates Streets in Parma, Idaho, and the property on which it stands: lots 5 and 6, s. e. 20 feet of lot 4, block 38 of the original townsite of Parma.

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

10 September 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

Merle Wells

10 September 1979

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

for CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

10-25-79

DATE

Oct 16, 1979



A. H. Stewart house *(Hotel Parma)*
Southwest corner Third and
Bates Streets
Parma, Canyon County, Idaho

Photographer: Patricia Wright
July, 1979

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State Historical Society
Boise, Idaho

View from Northeast *#141*

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