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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

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HISTORIC

Swanger Hall

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Albion State Normal School campus

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Albion

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

CODE
16

COUNTY

Cassia

CODE

031 ✓

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 Albion

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Albion

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cassia County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Burley

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

Swanger Hall is a modest vernacular style building. It is two stories high, constructed of local basaltic lava rock and terminates with a hipped roof with overhanging eaves. This simple structure is three bays wide and four bays deep. There is a centered inset doorway with a three light transom; all other bays contain a 2 x 2 double hung sash window with a wood frame. Lava rock segmental arches are over all openings.

This building has been slightly altered through the loss of a cupola and the addition of a second story door above the main door.

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 1893-94

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Swanger Hall is architecturally significant as a good local example of vernacular architecture employing available materials, i.e. local basaltic lava rock. However, its greatest significance lies in its associations with the Albion State Normal School.

The 1893 Idaho legislature authorized the creation of a two-year normal school at Albion. The county citizens, eager to initiate the college, subscribed \$3,000 to build Swanger Hall in 1893-94. Within two years a larger brick administration building arose immediately to the south, using Swanger Hall as a rear wing. For a decade this building housed the entire school. A fire destroyed the larger building in 1947.

As the campus's original building Swanger Hall remains a local landmark and a significant reminder of the Normal School's association with this rural community. Plans are developing for reopening Swanger Hall as a senior citizen center.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

J. M. Neil, Saints and Oddfellows, Boise Gallery of Art, 1976, p. 112.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,2 2,8,7,4,7,5 4,6,9,8,6,8,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes Swanger Hall and the land it stands on.

See photo report

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

DATE

3 April 1978

TELEPHONE

384-2120

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

Marie Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3 April 1978

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

R. B. Relling

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

William L. Lovovich

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/20/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/18/78

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Albion, Idaho
Cassia County, Idaho
Photographer J. M. Neil
1976
Idaho State Historical Society

View of front and side from the
southwest.

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