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National Register of Historic Places
Registration FormNATIONAL
REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Teton County Courthouse
other names/site number 000174

2. Location

street & number Main Street N/A not for publication
city, town Driggs N/A vicinity
state Idaho code ID county Teton code 081 zip code 83422

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

County Courthouses in IdahoNumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Idaho State Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

8/3/87In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:) _____

William B. Bushong9/22/87

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

government/courthouse

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

government/courthouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th CenturyRevivals/Classical RevivalLate 19th and Early 20th CenturyAmerican Movements/Prairie School

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concretewalls brickroof unknownother concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Teton County Courthouse is a detached two-story public building. The original rectangular plan of the building has been modified with a compatible rear addition. The front elevation has five bays with a centered entrance. The building has an orange-red brick veneer laid in common bond with no header rows. The roof is flat. The cornice, capping course, window sills and lintels, and inset entrance surround are concrete. Concrete capitals and dropped corner ornament mark the outset brick pilasters at the building's corners. Decorative brickwork includes soldier and rowlock courses above the concrete watercourse and below the cornice. While the building is basically a monumental, formally symmetrical Classical Revival courthouse, the horizontal lines and contrasting bands of light and dark created by these features suggest the Prairie style locally popular during the period for domestic architecture.

Alterations to the building include a rear addition that is compatible in style and that leaves the original structure clearly discernible. All of the windows are recent and compatible replacement one-over-one metal sash with false muntins closely approximating the ten over one configuration of the original windows. Also, replacing the original entry doors are double metal-frame doors with single panes, also nearly identical to the original front doors. While the loss of original doors and windows has some effect on the building's integrity, the remaining original fabric conveys the important characteristics of Classical Revival and Prairie style, and the building conveys a sense of the period in which it was built.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

architecture
politics/government

Period of Significance

1924-1937

Significant Dates

1924

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

architect: attributed to C. A. Sundberg
builder: Charles Zollinger

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Teton County Courthouse is significant under criterion "A" in the context of the development of county government in the state. The building is significant under criterion "C" in the context of the architecture of Idaho's county courthouses and as a local example of institutional architecture. The building retains its original monumental massing and most of its Neoclassical/Prairie style features, including its brick veneer, concrete detailing, and five-bay front. The remaining original fabric conveys the important characteristics of Classical Revival and Prairie style, and the building conveys a sense of the period in which it was built.

Teton County was created by the 1915 Idaho legislature. However, the county did not acquire a courthouse until 1924. Contractor for the building was Charles Zollinger of Rexburg, who also built the Madison County Courthouse. The Teton courthouse is nearly identical to the Power County Courthouse, designed by C.A. Sundberg of Rexburg. According to Salt Alderson of successor firm Sundberg and Associates, the building was a Sundberg and Sundberg design. The Power County commissioners looked at the Teton building before having their 1925 building erected, concluding that it was, "exemplary to a large degree of what is needed in Power county" (American Falls Press, 26 March 1925, p. 1). Like most courthouses in Idaho, the building represents the most elaborate and monumental architectural design in its community.

☐ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Driggs) Teton Valley News. 10 July 1924, p. 1; 14 February 1924, p. 1;
27 March 1924, p. 1; 31 January 1924, p. 1.

Driggs, B. W. History of Teton Valley, Idaho.
Caldwell: Caxton Printers, 1926.

Beautiful Teton Valley, Idaho. ca. 1960s, promotional brochure.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings

Survey # _____

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering

Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State historic preservation office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Specify repository:

Idaho Architectural and Historic Sites
Inventory

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nomination includes the Teton County Courthouse and the property on which it sits, in block 25 of the Driggs townsite, beginning at the NW corner of lot 2, thence E 105 feet, then S 22 feet, thence E 8 feet, thence S 12 feet, thence E 25 feet, thence S 7 feet, thence E 12 feet, thence S 29 feet, thence E 94 feet, thence S 37.25 feet, thence W 244 feet, thence N 107.25 feet to the point of beginning.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries are based upon the legally recorded block and lot parcels on which the courthouse is located.

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