

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Namehistoric W. H. Watt Buildingand/or common Bullwhacker Building**2. Location**street & number 120 North Main StreetN/A not for publicationcity, town HaileyN/A vicinity ofstate Idahocode 016county Blainecode 013**3. Classification****Category**☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object**Ownership**☐ public
☒ private
☐ both**Public Acquisition**N/A in process
N/A 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 Thomas B. Campionstreet & number P.O. Box 538city, town KetchumN/A vicinity ofstate Idaho 83340**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Blaine County Courthousestreet & number 206 First Avenuecity, town Haileystate Idaho 83333**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**title Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1972 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ localdepository for survey records Idaho State Historical Societycity, town Boisestate Idaho 83702

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The W. H. Watt Building is a two-story rectangular commercial building with vertical massing and a steeply pitched street-facing gable. The rear section of the building is one story, also with a gable roof. The building's brick walls are laid in common bond. The front gable space is faced with geometrically patterned metal siding. On the first-story front the building is divided into three vertical bays. The central entrance is flanked by large sash windows with fixed Queen Anne-style upper lights and segmental relieving arches. The second story displays a large central door (originally a window), also with a segmental relieving arch. The only other apparent out-of-period alteration is a circa-1968 two-story porch with turned posts. This porch spans the front of the building, but it does not obscure the historically significant features of that facade. The Carbonate Street facade has several windows and two doorways, all with segmental relieving arches. An interior brick chimney is placed at the junction of the one- and two-story sections of the building.

The building is detached from its neighboring commercial buildings to the south. On the west and north sides it fronts Main and Carbonate streets. The nomination includes the W. H. Watt Building and its city lot. The building nearly fills that lot except at the rear, where there are no additional buildings or significant landscaping features.

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/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1882–1890 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The W. H. Watt Building is architecturally significant as a rare example of early brick architecture in Hailey. An 1889 fire that demolished the business district of Hailey left few buildings still standing. The rear portion of the Watt building, which may date from as early as 1882, is the only known extant brick survivor of the fire. (Two brick buildings outside the business district, the Alturas Hotel and the Blaine County Courthouse, date from 1883. The front portion of the building probably dates from just after the fire, when a major rebuilding effort began. Features representative of the period include the gable front, the use of pressed sheet iron, the symmetrical facade, double-hung sash windows that are smaller than the large display windows just becoming popular, vertical masonry, and the use of brick. Historic photographs of Hailey show that many commercial buildings from this period shared these features. The Watt Building is connected in local memory with W. H. Watt, who had the building erected as a bank. Dr. Robert Wright acquired the building in 1914 and used it for his medical practice until 1965.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Burke, Larry. "Hailey." Idaho Heritage. 1975. Vol. 1, No. 2, p. 65.

French, Hiram T. History of Idaho. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1914, p. 979.

"Hailey Centennial." Wood River Journal. Centennial Edition. 1 July 1981, p. 65.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Hailey

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the W. H. Watt Building and the property on which it sits, lot 11, block 40, Hailey Original Townsite.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Merle Wells

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 22 Feb 83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Linda McClelland
Keeper of the National Register

date 3-31-83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



W. H. Watt Building
120 North Main Street
Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho

Photograph by Jennifer Eastman Attebery
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View from west

Photograph 1 of 1