

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National 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. Name

historic H. Orton Wiley House

and or common Wiley Alumni House

2. Location

street & number 524 East Dewey N/A not for publication

city, town Nampa N/A vicinity of

state Idaho code 016 county Canyon code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> X </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> N/A </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> N/A </u> being considered	<u> X </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Northwest Nazarene College

street & number 623 Holly Street

city, town Nampa N/A vicinity of Idaho 83651

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Canyon County Courthouse

street & number 1115 Albany Street

city, town Caldwell Idaho 83605

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date 1982 federal X state county local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise Idaho

7. Description

Condition☐ excellent☒ good☐ fair☐ deteriorated☐ ruins☐ unexposed**Check one**☐ unaltered☒ altered**Check one**☒ original site☐ N/A moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The H. Orton Wiley House is a detached brick residence that sits on a small lot at the corner of Ivy and Dewey streets on the edge of the Northwest Nazarene College campus. The building's central block is two-story and rectangular in plan. It has a shallow east-west gable roof with exposed eaves. There are two outset one-story ells: a gabled wing on the front (south) exposure that runs the full length of the front wall, and a one-story gabled wing on the northeast corner of the building that is outset from both the north and the east walls. The roof over the front ell runs perpendicular to the main roof; that over the northeast ell, parallel. Like the main roof, these ancillary roofs have exposed eaves.

The house has a three-bay front formed by a centered panel door and a set of two double-hung sash windows either side of it. On the second story this arrangement is repeated with a small sliding aluminum window flanked by double-hung sash windows. All of the original windows in the house are either five-over-one-light double-hung sash or five-light fixed windows. The building's brick walls are laid in common bond that is broken by soldier courses and bands of alternating stretchers and soldiers that serve as lintels over windows and as dividing bands between stories and at the foundation. Window sills are formed by slanted, outset header courses. The brick wall is outset at the southeast and southwest corners of the building and either side of the front door to create decorative piers that are stepped at the eaves. There are two brick chimneys, one on the east wall and one centered toward the rear of the building. The foundation is concrete.

On the exterior the Wiley house has had few alterations. Sometime before the Northwest Nazarene College alumni organization began its recent work on the building in 1983, the building was reroofed with asphalt shingles and two small second-story windows, one centered on the front wall and one on the rear wall, were reglazed with horizontal sliding panes. The front door had been replaced with a flush wood door, glass brick lights had been added either side of the door, and the front windows, which were originally five-over-one-light double-hung sash, had been replaced with large single picture windows. Since 1983, the alumni have restored the original front window and doorway configuration by replacing the door with a panel door, removing the glass brick and replacing it with brick matching the original bricks, and replacing the picture windows with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. The upper sash of these windows have false mullions that match the five-light configuration of the original sash. Over the front door and first-story front windows the alumni have added cloth awnings.

There are no other buildings on the property.

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	1922–1923	Builder/Architect	E. S. Beard
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The H. Orton Wiley House is historically significant for its association with the organization and early development of Northwest Nazarene College and with the college's first president, H. Orton Wiley. Built in 1922-23, the house is the only building that survives to represent the early era in Northwest Nazarene College history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Nampa, Idaho

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the H. Orton Wiley House and the property on which it sits, the east half of lots 7, 8, and 9, in block 66, Kurtz Park Addition to Nampa, Idaho.

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 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Thomas J. Greer

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/29/86

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

William B. Bushong

date 9/11/86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Northwest Nazarene College was preceded by a parochial grade school, the Idaho Holiness School, which was established in Nampa in 1913 through the efforts of the newly-organized local Nazarene Church and financed in part by Nampa businessman Eugene Emerson. Emerson, a convert to the Nazarene Church, had met several Nazarene educators in trips to California, where he kept a winter home so that his family could be educated in Nazarene schools. He was instrumental in forming the first Nampa Nazarene congregation, providing a church building for it, establishing the Idaho Holiness School, and supporting its expansion to offer college-level work in 1915. H. Orton Wiley, one of Emerson's California acquaintances, was invited to become the college's first president in 1916. Wiley left his position as pastor at Berkeley to begin his tenure at Northwest Nazarene College that year. He was qualified for the position with Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, and Master of Sacred Theology degrees and six years' administrative experience as president of Pasadena College, another Nazarene school.

Wiley served as president at Northwest Nazarene College for ten years. He is credited with giving the new institution a sound basis in two ways: completing the college's first building program and hiring well-qualified faculty, thereby setting high standards for academic and religious training. By 1926, when Wiley left the college to serve as editor of the Herald of Holiness, college-level classes in English, history, mathematics, science, philosophy, theology, and religion were offered, and programs in education and nursing were begun. The latter two programs eventually became major emphases at the college. By 1918, the institution had a four-block campus of five frame buildings: an administration and classroom building, a grammar school, a women's dormitory, a men's dormitory, and a combined students' club and music studio. Across Dewey Avenue from the campus Wiley had built his own house in 1922-23 which was to become the Wiley Alumni House building. No further construction occurred on campus until 1931, when the frame administration building was completely remodeled and veneered with brick.

As part of the regional Nazarene educational system, Northwest Nazarene College now serves as the institution of higher learning for Nazarenes in the Pacific Northwestern states. Its presence in Nampa has had a major impact on the town, not only for the significant part that the alumni, students, and faculty play in the local economy. Through the college's presence, Nampa has become a center for Northwestern Nazarenes where many church members settle or retire. The Intermountain District Office of the Church of the Nazarene is in Nampa, and the town of about 27,000 has seven Nazarene churches, a Nazarene Federal Credit Union, and a Nazarene Care House.

The Wiley house is the only building in Nampa that survives to represent the early development of the Nampa Nazarene community and of Northwest Nazarene College. The building retains most of its original design and materials, and those that it had lost over the years have recently been restored in a sensitive fashion by the college's alumni organization.

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H. Orton Wiley House
524 East Dewey
Nampa, Canyon County, Idaho

Photograph by Jennifer Eastman Attebery
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View from southeast