

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

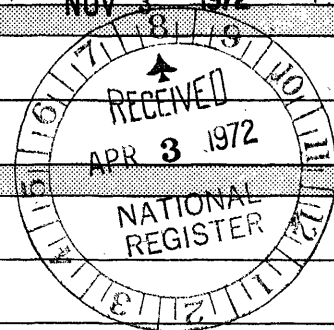
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Idaho

COUNTY: Clearwater

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ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: NOV 3 1972



1. NAME

COMMON: Pierce Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Section 2, T36N, R5E ID 11

CITY OR TOWN: Pierce

STATE: Idaho CODE: 16 COUNTY: Clearwater CODE: 035

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: ~~Leonard Cardiff~~ Idaho State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Pierce STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clearwater County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Orofino STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: Idaho

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two-story courthouse was built of hewn logs and measured thirty-six feet in length and twenty feet in width, with sixteen foot posts employed for support. The roof was a square or one-half pitch and covered with three feet long and "two feet to the weather" shakes. Double thick one and one-half inch plank was used for the sides of the two cells, while the ceilings consisted of one inch shingle plank. The entire area was closely spiked. Each cell had a four inch by ten inch hole to allow the light in. When the courthouse was sold in 1884 it was turned into living quarters and "in the ensuing years many people have lived in it, including Jack Maloney, a timber cruiser, whose daughter had the distinction of being born in the old jail." Subsequently an addition was built on and later the interior re-modeled. The building still stands on its original location, and except for the addition, the outside retains much of its general original appearance.



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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1862

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☒ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

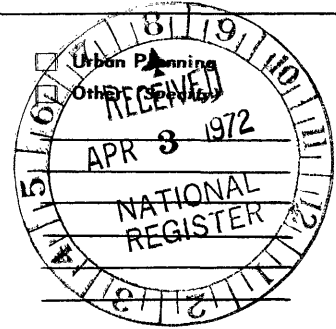
☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Following gold discoveries at Pierce, September 30, 1860, thousands of miners rushed there the next spring. As a result, Shoshone county was established January 9, 1861, and cast the largest vote in Washington territory in the congressional election July 8. After Shoshone county was organized in Pierce, September 2, the Washington legislature moved the county boundaries northward to include the county seat and the voters in the county, December 19. Finally, on May 26, 1862, the county commissioners authorized construction of a courthouse and jail. Completed in August at a cost of \$3700, the courthouse served Shoshone county until the county seat was moved to Murray. At that point, Idaho's oldest public building was sold to Ed Hammond for \$50. He used it for a residence.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shoshone and Clearwater county records,

Idaho Daily Statesman, August 5, 1928

Lewiston Morning Tribune, August 7, 1960

Kenneth Owens, "Pierce City Incident," Idaho Yesterdays (Fall 1959),
8-13, and (Winter, 1959-1960), 7.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	47°	29'	23"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	115°	47'	41"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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 AND TITLE: Merle Wells, State Liaison Officer		
ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society	DATE Feb. 24, 1972	
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Boise	STATE Idaho	CODE 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Merle W. Wells

Title State Liaison Officer

Date February 24, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/3/72

ATTEST:
William H. Huntley
Keeper of the National Register

Date 11.7.72

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NPS Number

Nov 3, 1912

Title:

Lerie Conithous
Clearwater, Idaho

Loc.

This view is toward the
east.



FIRST COURTHOUSE
IN IDAHO
ERECTED IN 1861-62

PRESERVED BY
MR. HENRY SPENCER LAWSON

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Location:

Scene Courthouse
Clearwater Co., Idaho

Loc.



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Title:

Prince Courthouse
Clearwater Co. Idaho

Loc.

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