



**A, D, F, H, & J. HAYDEN INN**  
**295 Poplar Street, Hayden**

Hayden was settled in 1876; streets were laid out in 1894, and the town was incorporated in 1906. The L-shaped, 2 ½-storied, hip-roofed, Colonial Revival Hayden Inn was built of ornamental concrete blocks in 1910. Property owner Peter Hofstetter and son Melvin helped with the construction. When completed, Mrs. Hofstetter and her daughter served meals to guests and the public and attended to the upkeep of the establishment. For a short time, Peter Hofstetter was one of the owners of the company that produced the concrete blocks (See Brock House). The fifteen bedrooms on the second and third floors were rented on a nightly or weekly basis to travelers, visitors, teachers, cowboys, and miners; a hot or cold bath could be purchased for an additional 25¢. Originally, the Inn was lighted by carbide gas; the building still is heated by hot water. The Inn was sold in 1915 due to Mrs. Hofstetter's failing health. The Inn was a familiar Hayden feature and continued to contribute to the economic and cultural heritage of Hayden through several different owners. In the 1920s and '30s, owner Jane Gilmore prepared family-style meals for guests and on Sundays served more than

100 community people meals prepared in the tiny back kitchen. The Inn closed to the public in 1963 and has been a private residence since then. NRHP and State Register: 9-17-1999.