

INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

✓ NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho TR)

✓ SITE NAME: Newman, A. G., House

SITE NUMBER: 27

✓ LOCATION: 309 ~~East C Street~~, Shoshone, ID 83352

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Oliver Payne and Carlos Mendiola
103 East B Street 303 West C Street
Shoshone, ID 83352 Shoshone, ID 83352

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Shoshone, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

✓ The nomination includes the A. G. Newman House and the property on which it sits, Block 16, Lots 11-16, Shoshone Townsite. Legal description on file at Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/711805/4756305

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1912

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: attributed to Thomas Olley

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one-story A. G. Newman house has a shingled pyramid roof with a centered red brick chimney. There is metal flashing on the roof lines. The narrow eaves are enclosed, and there is a narrow entablature board at the top of each wall. The house was originally square, approximately 24 by 24 feet, but a low addition about twelve feet wide with a hipped roof beginning below the eaves now extends across the rear. The left half of the addition is a glassed-in porch with stone walls about half the height of the wall. The coursed rubble walls are approximately 24 inches wide. The darkened mortar in the nearly flush medium-width joints has a line of beading that has been painted white. The facade is of rectangular, dressed stones. The centered door on the facade is flanked by a pair of double-hung windows on the left and a square casement window on the right. Darker stones below it indicate that it may once have been the same size as the window on the left. Slightly outset, concrete lintels about six inches wide are above the doors and window. The windows are set midway in the wall. Windows on the side walls have brick relieving arches of two header-rows. The window heads on these walls are curved. The brick arches, the concrete lintels, the window and door trim, and the eaves and entablature board are all painted white.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This small house is significant as a good example of vernacular architecture in the early 1910's in Lincoln County. Although houses showing bungalow influence were being built about twenty-five miles away in the part of Lincoln County which would become Jerome County, this small town residence retains the older tradition with its pyramid roof and low profile. It is moving slightly away from older construction however, in its use, of concrete for lintels on the facade, while retaining the brick arches of earlier origin on the side of the house. The careful fitting of dressed stones on the front, with pointing to emphasize the rectangular lines is a concession typical of a town house facing a street instead of a farmyard. A. G. Newman, member of a large sheep-raising family, owned the property beginning in 1908. In 1912 he obtained a mortgage on it. It is not clear who was the mason, but the house is attributed to Thomas Olley, British-trained mason. The size and proportions of the house, in addition to its details, are similar to those on houses known to have been built by Olley. The rear addition is an early alteration that in no way detracts from the architectural integrity of the house.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Records of Security Title Company, Gooding, Idaho.