

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

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

SITE NAME: Veazie, William T. and Clara H., House SITE NUMBER: 30

LOCATION: ~~Three miles south, three miles west, one-half mile south, and one-eighth mile east of Jerome, ID.~~
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OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Theodore Baar
Rural Route 3
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Jerome, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the William T. and Clara H. Veazie House and the property on which it stands, the NW 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Section 3, T9S, R16E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/698630/4727370

DATE OR PERIOD: 1912 ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: attributed to Thomas Vipham

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This one and one half story house with basement is approximately 29 by 45 feet. The lateral gable roof is shingled. There is metal flashing on the ridge line. The eaves are enclosed with a double boxed effect. There are shingles in the gable walls above the one-story stone walls, and also on the shed-roofed dormer centered on the front of the house. A double-hung sash window with an entablature head is centered in the peak of each gable. Two nine-pane windows are in the dormers. A plain board is placed against the wall where it joins the eaves. There is a full, inset porch on the facade about ten feet wide, with wood siding on the ceiling and under the boxed eaves of the wide porch overhang. The floor of the porch and the porch steps are concrete. Four rectangular stone piers are placed at each corner of the porch and at the sides of the porch steps. Each has concrete coping about four inches wide. Three square tapered wooden columns with simple molded capitals and bases are at each corner, and four identical columns frame the entrance to the porch. All of the columns are painted white. The centered front door is boarded up. Two symmetrically-set fixed windows with three horizontal panes each flank the door. About midway on the south wall is a bay window outset about three feet and about eight feet wide. It contains a panel of three double-hung sash windows. A shingled pent roof protects it. Two windows on the south side of the house, three

on the north side, and the two windows on the facade each have oblong stone above them set in a flat arch. Long rectangular stones are used for slightly outset sills. The four horizontal single-paned basement windows, two on each side of the house, have similar flat arches above them, but the opening is lined with wood. There are very large quoins on each corner. The rubble stonework has rounded stone faces extending beyond the medium-width joints. Darkened mortar has a narrow convex bead which has been painted white, thus emphasizing the lines of the masonry. A ten-foot-wide frame addition painted white extends across the full width of the back. Its shed roof starts just below the eaves. A stoop on the side leads to a door used as a main entrance. The house is in good condition with only the stoop steps cracking away from the porch to betray its age.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is architecturally significant as an early example of the use of lava rock for bungalow style houses and for its stone craftsmanship. It was built in 1912 for farmer William T. and Clara H. Veazie. It is one of the earliest houses of stone built in Jerome County with features such as the dormer, the inset porch, and massing that place it in the bungalow tradition. At the same time it retains traces of older traditions in its enclosed eaves, flat arches above the windows, and steep roof. It shows excellent craftsmanship. The original mortar is in excellent condition, and the texture of the rounded stones and the details such as the arches and quoins are very pleasing. The masonry is attributed to Thomas Vipham, whose own stone home is about one mile north of this house. The low, shed-roofed, frame extension on the back is unobtrusive does not detract from the integrity of the house.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHY REFERENCES:

North Side News (Jerome). April 11, 1912.