

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

✓ NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho ^{TR})
✓ SITE NAME: Berriochoa, Ignacio, Farm SITE NUMBER: 67
✓ LOCATION: ~~Approximately five miles northwest~~ ^{nw} of Dietrich, ~~Idaho~~ ^{vic.}

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Payneco, Inc.
Box 299
Shoshone, ID 83352

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Dietrich, 7.5 minutes ACREAGE: 1 1/4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Berrichoa house in the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 10 T6S R18E and Barn in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 10, T6S, R18E, Boise Meridian and the property on which they stand.
✓ Legal description on file at Lincoln County Courthouse Shoshone, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/720305/4755185

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1920 ARCHITECT OR BUILDER Ignacio Berriochoa

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: Barn is unaltered; house has been altered. Both buildings are in good condition and on their original sites.

DESCRIPTION:

House: The approximately 26-by-36-foot one-story, hip-roofed house has been extended on each end. A porch approximately eight feet wide is across the front, the narrow dimension of the house. A full frame addition about nine feet wide is across the rear, making the house almost 50 feet long. Shingled, shed roofs, beginning just below the narrow eaves of the shingled main roof, shelter the porch and the addition. The space above the stone porch walls have been enclosed with wooden framed windows, plywood, and other materials. The rubble walls have sand-colored mortar in their medium-width untooled joints. Double-hung windows are set almost at the outside of the walls. They have wooden lintels. The stone outside the window is covered with mortar.

Barn: The approximately 30-foot-square barn has a shallow, uneven, shingled gable roof with narrow eaves. A small, square, wooden gable-roofed cupola is centered on the roofline. A double wooden door is offset slightly to the right on the gable facade. The space above the double door is board and batten. A small square window is below the peak of the gables. The coursed rubble walls have untooled, sand-colored mortar in the joints. A wooden plank used as a molding is at the top of each wall just below the eaves. A single wooden door is placed to the left of the facade and a slightly wider single is at the left. None of the details of the facade are symmetrically placed.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house and barn are significant as examples of vernacular rural architecture, as examples of the craftsmanship of Ignacio Berriochoa, and for their association with Basque settlement in South Central Idaho. The house is an adaptation of the hip-roofed cottage that has been popular in the area for decades. The barn is particularly interesting because it shows the influence of neither English nor Dutch barn styles. Both buildings were built by Ignacio Berriochoa, Basque mason and farmer, who was able to buy the property in 1919, after the loss of his earlier ranch. Ignacio's son said his father built both buildings with family help within a year or two after the family moved to the ranch. The two buildings show the sound, utilitarian craftsmanship of Berriochoa. His resourceful use of stone as a building material minimized the need for buying expensive wood to build up the farmstead. The enclosing of the porch and the rear addition on the house do not detract significantly from the integrity of this nomination.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Records of the Security Title Company, Gooding, Idaho.

Berriochoa, Carlos, Sr., interview with Marian Posey-Ploss, Shoshone, Idaho, fall 1978, and summer 1979.