

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

NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho → R)

SITE NAME: Shepard, L. Fay, House

SITE NUMBER: 64

LOCATION: ~~Six and one-fourth miles south~~^S of Hazelton, Idaho, ~~on the Murtaugh~~^{Vic} road

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Rellis Murphy
Route Route
Hazelton, ID 83335

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Eden, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the L. Fay Shepard house and the property on which it stands, the NW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 31, T10S, R20E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse Jerome Idaho

UTM(S): 11/734225/4710290

DATE OR PERIOD: 1919

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: excellent, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one and one half story Shepard house is approximately 29 by 31 feet with a shingled gable roof. The exposed eaves have sharply cut ends. Grey stucco is in the gable walls above the one-story stone walls. A small, six-paned, horizontal casement window is centered in the peak of each gable. The house has a full basement. The original gable front had an open, columned gable-roofed porch approximately 10 by 18 feet offset to the right. This porch is now enclosed and the main entrance is now through a door on the right side wall, offset left of the center. An overporch with brackets and a curved ceiling is over the concrete stoop. Low stone walls extend from the door on either side of the stoop. The door is flanked by two pairs of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. To the right is a pair of shorter windows. A small frame addition with a slightly lower gable roof is offset to the left at the rear. The house has well-formed, nearly-flush concrete lintels about six inches wide and inset into the stone about six inches on each end. The lug window sills are about the same width, but they are slightly outset and sloping. There is darkened mortar in the narrow, untooled, nearly-flush joints in the rubble walls. The stones in the walls are similar in size and shape, but they vary considerably in color from light brown to a dark brownish-black.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is significant as an example of its vernacular house style. It is a good example of modest homes built in rural areas in the area of this nomination in the 1910's. It was built in 1919 for farmer L. Fay Shepard. The rocks came from the property and from the nearby Snake River Canyon edge. The mason is not known. The enclosing of the porch and the small frame rear addition are typical alterations which do not detract significantly from the building.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHY REFERENCES:

Murphy, Rellis, interview with Marian Posey-Ploss, Hazelton vicinity, Idaho, August 1978.

Records of the Jerome County Assessor's Office, Jerome, Idaho.