

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

✓ NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho ^{TR})
✓ SITE NAME: Callen, Dick, House SITE NUMBER: 46
✓ LOCATION: ~~Three and one quarter miles south~~ ^S of Jerome, ~~Idaho~~ ^{vic}
OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mary Lou Robison
3945 Kilarney Drive
Boise, ID 83704

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

✓ The nomination includes the Callen House and the property on which it stands, the NE 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Section 6, T9S, R17E Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/703440/4727700

DATE OR PERIOD: 1917 ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Otis

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one-story Callen house is approximately 26 by 32 feet. It has a shingled gable roof with wide eaves and exposed rafters cut at a sharp angle. The gables have a medium-width bargeboard with purlins at the peak of the gable and on the corners. An outset approximately three-quarter porch with a slightly lower gable roof is offset to the right on the gable facade. Its roof and eaves are treated similarly to those of the house. Dark, stained shingles fill in the gables of the house above the one-story stone walls and of the porch. There is a concrete stoop up to the front door, which is offset to the left of the porch. The coursed rubble walls have untooled mortar in the nearly-flush joints. The double-hung windows have four vertical panes over a single pane. They are set at the outside of the walls and they have narrow, approximately four-inch-wide, almost flush, rough-textured concrete lintels set about six inches into the stone on each end. The sills are of stone with a thin layer of mortar over them. The porch, originally open, has been enclosed with double-hung windows identical to those on the house. A full-width cinder block addition about twelve feet long is across the rear.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This modest residence is significant as an example of a vernacular rural stone home designed in the bungalow style. Its massing and exposed framing members make it a good example of that mode. The house was built by stonemason Otis for Dick Callen in 1917. It is one of the few examples of Otis' work still extant and unaltered. The enclosed porch is a typical alteration to smaller stone homes in the area of the nomination. The style of windows used to enclose the porch are the same as those in the house, indicating that this alteration was done very early and is quite compatible. The cinder block addition on the rear does not detract from the house's significant design and construction features.

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