

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

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

SITE NAME: Cooke, E. V., House

SITE NUMBER: 59

LOCATION: ~~Two miles north and two and three-quarters miles east~~ ^{NE} of Jerome, ^{vic} Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Eleanor J. Haan
c/o W. C. Petterson
Rural Route 1
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Shoshone, SW 7.5 minutes ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Cooke House and the property on which it stands, the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 4, T8S, R17E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/706960/4736520

DATE OR PERIOD: 1919

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: H. T. Pugh

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: excellent, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one and one half story bungalow style Cooke house is approximately 38 by 40 feet. It has a basement and a lateral shingled gable roof across the narrower dimension of the house. There are exposed rafters at the eaves, and a plain bargeboard with five brackets on the gables. Chamfered purlin ends extend just through the bargeboard. A gable-roofed dormer is centered on the roof of the facade above the full, inset, ten-foot-wide porch. There are three brackets on the dormer eaves, but only the center one, at the peak of the gable, has a purlin that extends through the narrow, plain bargeboard. A shed-roofed dormer is centered on the rear roof. The gable walls above the one-story stone walls, the dormers, and the frame addition are covered with clapboard painted light yellow. The facade porch has low stone walls. At the corners and beside the centered entrance a two-foot section of the wall is raised about one foot to form piers for the four square, wooden porch posts, which are painted white. A stoop with concrete steps and low stone sidewalls with concrete coping leads to the porch. The centered front door has four, long, narrow rectangular panes, with four small, square panes above them. A panel of four single-paned windows flank the door. All of the windows and the door in the stone part of the house have nearly-flush concrete lintels about eight inches wide and inset about four inches on each end. The sloping outset lug sills are narrower. The windows are set almost at the outside

of the wall. Windows on the side walls are single-paned. Two single-paned aluminum framed windows are in the peak of each gable and in each dormer. The random rubble walls of medium-sized light brown, rounded stones have darkened, brushed mortar in medium-width shallow joints. There is a brick chimney on the left front roof and a higher stone chimney on the left rear roof. An inset corner porch on the right rear corner, which was originally open, has been enclosed with siding.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This large rural home is significant both as an example of the bungalow style and for its craftsmanship. It was built in 1919 by master stone mason H. T. Pugh for farmer E. V. Cooke. This house was completed in 1919, the same year Mr. Cooke was widowed by his wife's death in the World War I influenza epidemic. He and his infant daughter lived very briefly in the then unfinished house. This was one of two bungalow style houses built by Pugh in 1919. The style of this house was undoubtedly influenced by the Gleason house, built in Jerome the year before. Cooke and Gleason owned adjacent property elsewhere in the county. The slightly smaller Cooke house differs from the Gleason house by having less detail on the porch, exposed rafters, and a gable dormer instead of a shed dormer centered on the facade. The house shows Pugh's characteristically excellent artisanship with stones matched for size and color; darkened brushed mortar still in excellent condition; and well formed, fine grained concrete copings, lintels, and sills. The only alterations are replacement of original windows with single-paned windows, and the enclosure of the rear corner porch. The single-paned windows on the facade appear to be original. The overall integrity of design enhanced by color and varied materials in this much admired country home is not materially diminished by the alterations.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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