

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

NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho <sup>TR</sup>)

SITE NAME: Baugh, W. H., House

SITE NUMBER: 10

LOCATION: Approximately five and one-half miles <sup>E</sup> east of Shoshone, Idaho. <sup>✓ 12</sup>

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: James B. Ritter  
Richfield, ID 83349

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Dietrich, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the W. H. Baugh House and the property on which it stands, the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Section 27, T5S, R18E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/719400/4759745

DATE OR PERIOD: 1910's

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This rectangular house has a shallow, shingled, gable roof with close eaves and exposed rafters. A plain, narrow bargeboard is on the gables. The gables above the one-story stone walls are sided with shiplap. A small horizontal casement window is centered high in the peak of each gable. There are two small gable-roofed dormers with similar windows on each side of the roof. A centered door flanked by double-hung one-over-one-light windows is on the gable facade. Flush, wooden boxed lintels at the top of the walls are above the windows on the ground floor level and above the door. The windows and door are set about midway in the walls. The stones at the bottom of the window openings are lined with mortar. The house's walls are irregularly coursed rubble with many diagonal joints. Darkened mortar has been tooled to produce a beaded line that is painted white. A full stone porch across the rear has been enclosed with asbestos siding.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Baugh house is significant as an example of a gable-front rural vernacular house built in lava rock. It has additional significance because it was the country house of Dr. W. H. Baugh, respected Shoshone dentist. The mason for this rather plain utilitarian structure is not known, but the good condition of the walls suggest the work of a competent stone mason, while the boxed wooden lintels

suggest that he was unfamiliar with the use of concrete. This is one of the few buildings in this nomination that is not placed according to the points of the compass; instead it parallels the nearby Little Wood River. It has many features typical of farmhouses built during the early twentieth century: the gable front with windows flanking a centered door, a half-story, side dormers, a medium-angled gable roof, and a simple rectangular plan. Mortgages were obtained on the property in 1917 and 1918, and the house was built soon thereafter. The enclosure of the porch on the rear wall is unobtrusive and does not detract significantly from the house's appearance.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Records of the Security Title Company, Gooding, Idaho.