

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

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

SITE NAME: Erdman, G. H., House

SITE NUMBER: 70

LOCATION: ~~Four and one-half miles west~~^w of Jerome, ~~Idaho~~^{vic}

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Luther Myers
Rural Route 2
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Jerome, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Erdman House and the property on which it stands, the SE 1/4, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 17, T8S, R16E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/696360/4732900

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1920

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Otis brothers

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one and one half story Erdman house is approximately 27 by 31 feet with a shallow, shingled, clipped gable roof. Coursed shiplap is in the gables above the ten-foot-high one-story walls. The gable front has two asymmetrically-set windows and a door. The concrete lintels are nearly flush, about six inches wide, and inset into the stone about four inches on each end. The outset lug sills are narrower and sloping. The windows are set about four inches into the openings in the walls. The gable front windows are double-hung. They have five narrow vertical panes, surmounted by four triangular panes, all over a single lower pane. Other windows are one-over-one-light double-hung sash. A nearly-square miniature version of the larger windows is centered in each gable just below the clipped peak. There is darkened, brushed mortar in the slightly raked out joints in the rubble walls. Offset to the right of the rear of the house is a fruit room about six feet high, built as a partial basement. It is entered through an outside entrance lower than the ground by several feet. There is a cinder block addition to the right of the right wall. It is approximately fourteen by eighteen feet.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Erdman house is significant as a variant example of the modest stone rural houses found in the South Central Idaho region. It varies from others of similar size and shape through such details as the clipped gable roof, the decorative facade windows, and the inclusion of the fruit room-cellar. The house was built in about 1920 for G. H. Erdman, a farmer. The masonry is attributed to the Otis brothers, Hagerman Valley masons. The cinder block addition does not detract unduly from the integrity of the house's significant features.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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