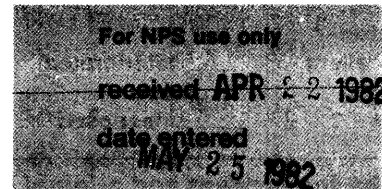


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Wickahoney Post Office/Stage Station

and/or common N/A

## 2. Location

street & number N/A N/A not for publication

city, town Wickahoney N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Idaho code 016 county Owyhee code 073

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name J. R. Simplot

street & number 4000 Simplot Lane

city, town Boise N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83702

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Owyhee County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Murphy state Idaho 83650

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1972  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise state Idaho

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Wickahoney Post Office/Stage Station is a one-and-a-half story lava rock house with an attached barn of similar material at the right rear. A wing with a wooden bay window extends from the square dwelling's facade. A porch protects the remainder of the facade. All windows have wooden frames. The shingled roof has seven gables.

Behind the attached barn is a hemispherical concrete oven, and to its right is a board-and-batten outbuilding. A lava rock barn of similar construction is to the left rear of the house and adjoins a stone corral.

This long-abandoned post office is located in a remote desert area. Although deteriorated, it remains intact due to its nearly inaccessible location.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1895-1911 **Builder/Architect** Dow Dunning

**Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)**

The Wickahoney Post Office/Stage Station is significant as a well preserved and especially pretentious stage station of the turn of the century. Few Idaho stage stations are extant from this period, and only two of those are constructed of lava rock. Canyon Creek Station, the other lava rock example, has been gutted so that only its exterior walls remain. Located on the stage road between Mountain Home, Idaho, and Mountain City, Nevada, the ranch served as a post office from 1895 to 1911. Dow Dunning, who homesteaded the property and constructed the local stone buildings, served as the postmaster. The building was constructed of local stone, a possible indication of the pretentious aspirations of the original builder. Located in a now-desolate section of Idaho, there was some hope that the area might prosper with the completion of the Mountain Home-Mountain City Road. This stage road, however, did not become a well traveled route. The road served mainly as a supply route for certain northern Nevada mines, close to the Idaho border. However, access was also available to the mines by way of Elko, Nevada, which in time became the major route. The location of the Wickahoney Stage Station/Post Office led to the failure of its development into a commercial center. Its isolation, however, has contributed greatly to its preservation.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

N/A

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Grasmere

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UMT References

A 

1	1	5	8	3	6	3	5	4	7	0	0	7	1	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Wickahoney Post Office/Stage Station at UTM 11/5,83,635/47,00,7 and the property on which it stands, with a margin of fifty meters around the Wickahoney Post Office/Stage Station.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

organization Idaho State Historical Society date March 29, 1982

street & number 610 North Julia Davis Drive telephone 334-3356

city or town Boise state Idaho 83702-7695

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Meredith Wells*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date March 29, 1982

**For NPS use only**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Thomas A. C. [Signature]* date 5/25/82

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Emma Jane Saxe* date 5-21-82

Chief of Registration