

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

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Potlatch

SITE NAME: Three-room House, 940 Cedar Street

SITE NUMBER: 4

LOCATION: 940 Cedar Street, Potlatch, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Violet Matson
Box 183
Potlatch, ID 83855

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Potlatch

ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the house at 940 Cedar Street, a detached frame garage built at the same time as the house, and the property on which they stand, lot 5, block 5, Potlatch.

UTM(S): 11/507800/5196650

DATE OR PERIOD: 1906

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Probably
C. Ferris White

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: Good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This one-story frame, square bungalow has a wood shake gable overhang roof with exposed rafters. It faces east with a wooden door on the east and another wooden door off-center on the west. The open post porch on the east is recessed with one post. The west porch has been enclosed. It has eight double-hung sash windows, each two-over-two lights, two per side of the house. The only major alteration is the enclosed west porch. It is sided in painted shiplap.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This 22' x 22' three-room house was constructed in 1906 at a cost of \$604. In 1906 the lumber company constructed 19 3-room houses. Next to the bachelor quarters in the town's boarding houses, these were the least expensive rental units. After the company sold the town in the 1950s, most of these three-room houses were either removed to make way for larger houses, or extensively remodeled and enlarged. This is the only three-room house which remains largely as originally constructed, and it is architecturally significant as our only representative of the smallest house type in the repertoire of workers' houses built in Potlatch.