

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

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

SITE NAME: Doughty, George V., House and Garage

SITE NUMBER: 35

LOCATION: Four miles north and two and seven-eighths miles east of Jerome, ID

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: John M. and Sandra L. Thompson
Route 1
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Shoshone SW, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Doughty House and Garage and the property on which they stand, the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 28 T7S, R17E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/706310/4739560

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1914

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: attributed to H. T. Pugh

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

Residence: This one and one-half story house has a basement and a shingled hipped roof. It is approximately 30 by 48 feet. The front of the building is on the narrower dimension. There is a full, inset eight-foot-wide porch across the front. Centered on the roof above it is a shed-roofed dormer. There is metal flashing on all of the roof ridges. A corbelled, red-brick chimney is almost centered. The wide eaves are enclosed with narrow siding, which is also used on the porch ceiling. Single and paired windows set near the outside of the front wall have slightly outset concrete lintels about eight inches wide and narrower, more outset, sloping lug sills. The ends of both are inset into the stonework about two inches. Some of the original double-hung sash windows have been replaced with aluminum framed windows. The porch has a concrete floor and cinder block walls. Tapered, square, wooden columns flank the entrance and support each corner. The interior is unaltered.

Garage: The garage sitting to the right and back of the house is approximately 20 by 23 feet. It, too, has a hipped roof. A sliding frame door opens the entire face of the garage. Some repairs and alterations with concrete are visible on the corners. The rubble stonework on both buildings is similar. Stones with relatively flat faces but curved margins are fit closely together. Dark brushed mortar is in the shallow joints.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is architecturally significant as an example of residential architecture influenced by the Colonial Revival and bungalow styles and as an example of excellent craftsmanship in lava rock construction. The house was built for farmer George V. Doughty in about 1914. The excellent craftsmanship in this house is characteristic of H. T. Pugh's work. The proportions and workmanship very much resemble that in the Schmershall House (site 49), which Pugh built in Jerome in 1917. This house may have influenced Dr. Schmershall, who made medical calls in the country, to choose a lava rock for his residence. This house is transitional in style, showing both earlier Colonial Revival style influences in its use of the hipped roof and bungalow influences in the front porch. Colonial Revival details are retained in the wide enclosed eaves and the symmetrical facade, but the house is lower in profile. This may have been Pugh's first move away from the small, rectangular, gable-roofed houses he first built in Jerome County. If this was the forerunner of the Schmershall house, the original floor of the porch was probably wood and through the years deteriorated. It is unfortunate that cinder blocks were used to replace the porch walls, but this change would be reversible. It is probable that the original doors on the garage were narrower. Opening up the entire face of the garage and installing a sliding door that projects beyond the side wall was a convenient solution to the need for a wider door. Garages were not built in great numbers during this period, and this one is a good example of an early type. The style and craftsmanship of this house make it significant despite alterations.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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