

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

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

SITE NAME: Turner, John G., House

SITE NUMBER: 23

LOCATION: ~~Approximately 5 miles west of~~ <sup>W</sup> Richfield, <sup>vic g</sup> ID, ~~on Highway 93~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: James A. Ivie  
Box 387  
Shoshone, ID 83352

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Richfield, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the John G. Turner House and the property on which it stands, the NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 7, T5S, R19E. Legal description on file at Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/724980/4764920

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1910

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Turner house is one-story with a basement, and it measures approximately 25 by 33 feet. It has a hipped roof covered with red composition shingles. The close eaves have sharply angled, exposed rafter ends. There are two red brick chimneys, one at each juncture of the roof ridges. The mortar in the coursed rubble walls is almost flush with the surface of the stones. A tooled line of beading in the joints has been painted white. The house has an inset porch, measuring approximately eight by eight feet, on the left corner of the front exposure. Its square corner column is of dressed stones. The ceiling of the wooden-floored porch is of very narrow siding. There are two doors into the house from the porch. Large slabs of lava are used for lintels for the small, horizontal casement windows in the basement. The double-hung sash windows in the walls of the main floor have stone relieving arches above them that extent to the top of the walls. On the stone wall of the facade and offset to the left on the left wall are a pair of double-hung windows with a stone relieving arch spanning both windows. The facade windows are boarded up. There is a bulkhead cellar door offset to the left and a door offset to the right on the rear wall.

#### SIGNIFICANCE:

This small residence is significant as an example of the use of lava rock to construct a common style-type combination in early vernacular housing of the nomination area, the hipped-roofed Colonial Revival style cottage. The hipped roof on this small stone cottage imparts a sheltered feeling, which is further enhanced by its setting beneath very large, old cottonwood trees near the Big Wood River. The narrow eaves, the roof style, and the window treatment are traditional design elements. The exposed, pointed decorative rafter ends and the paired windows are indications of bungalow style influence. The house presents a pleasing overall composition both in color and in proportion. The red roof, a late addition, contrasts with the medium-sized dark stones. The white lines of the joints give the house a delicately decorative appearance, lightening both the color and heaviness of the stone. The excellent craftsmanship in the house is evident in its good present condition. The house was built for rancher John G. Turner, who owned the property between 1906 and about 1914. Although the mason is unknown, he was almost certainly one of the skilled masons who lived in and worked around nearby Shoshone. The new red roof and the absence of steps to the porch are compatible changes that do not detract from the integrity of this building.

#### MAJOR BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Records of the Security Title Company, Gooding, Idaho.

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