

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

NOMINATION: (TOURTELLOTTE AND HUMMEL ARCHITECTURE ~~IN IDAHO~~ TR)

✓ SITE NAME: Wallace, J. N., House SITE NUMBER: 23

✓ LOCATION: 1202 Franklin Street, Boise, Ada County (001), Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

C. D. Lute
P. O. Box 1723
Boise, ID 83701

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Boise South, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the J. N. Wallace House and the property on which it stands, lot 6, block 73, Boise City Original Townsite. Legal description on file at the Ada County Courthouse, Boise, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,64,330/48,30,100

DATE OR PERIOD: 1903-1905

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: excellent unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The J. N. Wallace House is a shingled colonial style house of unusual style and scale. It is rectangular in plan, the deep dimension extending back along Twelfth Street and the short side fronting Franklin. A deep porch runs from the left front corner, past the left-of-center entrance, and at right angles around the east side to a beveled dining-room window and entrance bay. The porch is inset under the two-slope roof and its east-side pent; supports are a combination of square corner posts and turned flanking columns, all in the Tuscan order. The low walls of the porch are covered with bands of variously shaped shingles, as are the large gables and dormers. The first-story walls are veneered with random-coursed stone.

The gables of the house are very prominent. Both the front dormer and the side-wall gables display pediment-like upper sections formed of deeply extended eaves, the lower, pent sections of which are supported on modillions. On the side gables close eaves are used below these outset sections. The lower edges of the roof are hipped back to the close eaves and are also underlined with modillions. The large front gable is elaborated with a dimple window and a small shingled balcony; the sash window has a clear upper light with a large triangular inset. The side gables, too, are further elaborated with shallow square upper-story bays.

A large sheet-glass light has been let into the rear gable, which opens over the small, outset, original rear porch. Comparison of the house with the original drawings and a contemporary newspaper photograph show that its main elevations are entirely unaltered.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Wallace house is architecturally significant as the most elaborate and imposing of the shingled colonial style houses yet described. The scale is unusually large; only the Smith house (site 9) is a peer in this regard among the earlier shingled colonial style houses in the Group. The front dormer is very large. Its scale and that of the side gables are emphasized by the very deep outsetting of the pediment-like apexes. This in turn emphasizes the textural quality of the shingled upper surface, which is contrasted very handsomely with the stone veneer first story. The ridgebeam is pitched low on this house, suggesting a move toward the bungalow style. The basic form and decorative treatment of the house are clearly continuous with others of the style, however; the newspaper called the house Dutch colonial, as it had the Stone house (site 10).

The Wallace residence was reported in the local press as commissioned by and built for Jennie V. Wallace, wife of mining man John N. Wallace. Plans were drawn in 1903 for a house expected to cost \$3,000, but the house was not completed until 1905, at a reported cost of \$4,700.

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