

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

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Paris (Partial Inventory: Architecture)

SITE NAME: Lewis barn *Paris MPA* SITE # 19

LOCATION: West Second North, Paris, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Weldon Eborn, Paris, Idaho 83261

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Paris, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Lewis barn in the SE fraction of T-3238, west of lot 17 in the Paris Original Townsite and the property on which it stands with a margin of one foot around the Lewis barn.

UTM(S): 12/4, 66, 555/46, 75, 290

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1880s EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

Fair condition                      altered                      original site

DESCRIPTION:

Excluding the variation in roof profile, the former Lewis barn has a good deal in common with the Paris hay and stock barns, though perhaps on a larger scale (about thirty feet square). Like other Paris barns the basic plan is rectangular with two lean-tos, each attached to a lateral wall. The hay loft has an easterly opening in the gable and a braced hay pulley above this pentagonal opening. The structure is balloon frame with exterior sheathing providing a variety of textures: vertical lumber on the central barn walls, diagonal on the north lean-to, vertical board and batten on the south lean-to, and horizontal lumber in the gables. Corrugated metal covers the gambrel roof. The barn is currently used for wood storage.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Lewis barn is significant as one of the two Paris barns having gambrel roofs. Gambrels are found elsewhere in the Bear Lake Valley, especially in the Georgetown area. The Lewis barn otherwise is representative of the Paris barn type with side lean-tos.