

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

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

SITE NAME: Goff, Hugh and Susie, House

SITE NUMBER: 76

LOCATION: ~~Six miles north and two and one-half miles east~~ ^{NE} of Jerome, Idaho. ^{vic.}

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Eric Larson
Kurt and Stevia Webb
Route 1
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Shoshone SW, 7.5 minutes. ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Goff House and the property on which it stands, the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 16, T7S, R17E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/706690/4742775

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1921

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Marland Cox

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one-story Goff house is approximately 34 by 44 feet with a shallow, shingled, gable roof with close eaves. Shingles painted white fill the gable walls above the one-story stone walls. A centered door is flanked by symmetrically-set one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. A wooden stoop extends both from the front and back doors. Roughly formed, unpainted, nearly flush concrete lintels about six inches wide are inset into the stone about four inches on each end above the doors and windows. The narrower outset lug sills are scooped out to accentuate the slope. Offset to the left of the left wall is an ornate four-part twelve-pane window smaller than the wall opening. The area around the window has been filled in with wood. The windows are set at the outside of the walls. There is a low, shed-roofed frame addition, approximately twelve-by-fourteen feet, offset to the right of the rear gable wall. The coursed rubble walls are made of small stones with tight untooled joints.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This modest, utilitarian residence is significant as an example of rural vernacular stone architecture, and also as an example of the work of mason Marland Cox. While larger than many of the simple rectangular stone residences built in the Jerome County area, it has few details. The only real concession to ornament in the house

is the complex window on the left wall. The house's wooden stoop is a feature that was usually built for temporary use until the owner could afford to have a more permanent and sheltered porch built.

Title to the property was obtained by Hugh and Susie Goff in 1919. In December of 1920 the North Side Lumber Company obtained a lien against the property. The house was built in about 1921. Marland Cox was the mason. This house is larger than his own home, but is similar to it in the treatment of the rubble masonry. Cox was never able to prepare molds for lintels and sills that did not show marks from the material he used to line the molds. In this case there are small wrinkle marks in the lintels. Although his houses lacked finely executed details, they were sturdy and functional, as is this example of his work. The low shed-roofed addition is unobtrusive and does not detract from the significant features of the house.

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