

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

NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho ^{7A})

SITE NAME: Arambarri, Galo, Boarding House

SITE NUMBER: 33

LOCATION: 109 ~~North~~ Greenwood Street, Shoshone, ID 83352

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Leora Coffey
Shoshone ID 83352

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Shoshone, 7 5 minute

ACREAGE less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Arambarri Boarding House and the property on which it stands, Lot 4 and the North one foot and 4 inches of Lot 3, Block F, Shoshone Townsite. Legal description on file at Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/711765/4756940

DATE OR PERIOD: 1914

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Ignacio Berriochoa

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, commerce

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This one and one half story building is approximately 31 by 60 feet, with the narrower gable wall facing the street. The shingled gable roof has wide eaves with a narrow bargeboard. There are three shallow dormers with shallow gable roofs. with narrow barge boards. Each dormer has two double-hung windows in it. The dormers and the gable walls above the stone walls are of unpainted shiplap. The stone wall on the facade and rear is about three feet shorter than the two high one-story side walls. The east wall has dressed, closely fitted rectangular stones laid in a broken coursed pattern. The wide joints have been tooled in a raised squared-off manner, outset about one inch and about one inch wide. The flat upper surface has been painted white. There are two display windows with three mezzanine panes above flanking the high recessed entrance. Concrete steps lead up to the entrance. A sign advertising antiques hangs from a board above the door. Two symmetrically placed double-hung windows with entablature heads are in the gable above the shop front. The side walls and rear wall are random rubble with the mortar brought out flush with the wall, thus minimizing the angularity of the stones. There are no windows in the south wall at the first floor level, apparently because another building was once next to it, but there are five symmetrically spaced windows low on the north wall. Each has curved window heads and a stone relieving arch above it. The bottom of the window openings are lined with mortar. There are two windows and a door on the rear wall, with two windows in the gable at the second story level.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is significant as an example of the use of lava rock for early twentieth-century commercial architecture and as an example of a commercial building important in Shoshone's economic development. It was built by Basque mason Ignacio Berriochoa for Galo Arambarri, who operated a boarding house for Basque herders there for many years. Boarding houses for the many Basque sheepherders that came into Idaho in the early twentieth century were an important factor in retaining them in their lonely jobs. There they could find familiar food, customs, and companionship on their vacations. The sound, utilitarian work of Berriochoa can be seen in the stone arches above the windows and in the finished, detailed stonework on the facade. The building is clearly a public or commercial building because of its size and proportions. It appears that the display windows and recessed entrance are original, patterned after a store and hotel architecture of the period. The construction of this substantial building in 1913 and 1914 is an indication of the growing economic ability of the Basques.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Berriochoa, Carlos, interview with Marian Posey-Ploss, Shoshone, Idaho, Summer 1980.

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