

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

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

SITE NAME: Lewis bungalow *Paris, Idaho* SITE # 82

LOCATION: West Second North, Paris, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Joseph P. Lewis, 663 N. 6th St., Montpelier, Idaho 83254

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes the former Lewis bungalow and the property on which it stands: T-3955, fraction of lot 28 north of block 15, Paris

UTM(S): 12/4, 66, 570/46, 75, 360 Townsite.

DATE OR PERIOD: early 20th century EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
Good condition unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Lewis bungalow has front-facing gables on a rectangular body and on an outset, front porch at right. The porch rests on two battered wooden posts which can only be described as elephantine. Siding is shiplap, in the gables as well as on the body of the house. Vertical strips provide ornamental relief in the gables, which, further, are supported on doubled purlins. Clothes-pin bargeboards are also employed.

The entry is just right-of-center on the facade, and contains a door of multi-light window at eye level. Flanking windows have smaller upper and larger lower sections, all of unmulioned glass. Side windows are sash. There is one brick chimney with a simple corbel.

A pipe-iron rail and a width of stair carpet has been added to the thick, concrete, wooden-floored porch. Otherwise the house is unaltered, and in good condition.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Lewis bungalow is architectural significant not only as an effectively unaltered standard example of the style, but as an unusually strong illustration of how the appearance of the standard type could be varied by adjusting a few of the details: here the brackets, stacked instead of the usual figure-four, and the striking outsized pillars supporting the porch.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Lewis Bungalow is architecturally significant as an unaltered example of the bungalow mode in its gable-front form with the typical outset and offset front porch. The house's stacked brackets, oversized pillars, and notched bargeboards make it a good example of this style-plan combination, an example that is in addition esthetically pleasing. Most of the bungalow and Prairie School style houses of Paris have inset half porches. The outset, gabled porch which mimics the main roofline of the house is found elsewhere only on the Orson Grimmer Bungalow (site 84). In Idaho's small towns the outset porch form of the bungalow is a prevalent type.