

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

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

SITE NAME: Dill, Charles W., House

SITE NUMBER: 24

LOCATION: ~~Approximately two and one-half miles east~~ ^E of Shoshone, ~~Idaho,~~ ^{vic} north of Highway 24

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: John Conway
Rural Route
Shoshone, ID 83352

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Dietrich, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Charles W. Dill House and the property on which it stands, the NE 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 7, T6S, R18E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/715280/4754970

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1911

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: attributed to
the Hayden brothers

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This approximately 24 by 30 feet, one and one-half story house on a high basement has a steeply-pitched decorative composition shingled roof with close eaves. The gables have a plain, narrow bargeboard. Vertical metal siding is on the gables above the one-story stone walls. A window with a wooden frame is centered in the peak of each gable. The facade, on the longer dimension of the house, has a centered door flanked by single windows. The door is approximately five feet above the ground, but there are not steps to it. On each gable wall at the ground floor level is a centered window above two symmetrically spaced basement windows. All of the windows are six-over-six-light double-hung sash with curved wooden heads. Each window and the door has a double row of yellow brick forming a relieving arch above it and a decorative pattern down either side. The brick window sills are slightly outset. The windows are set just inside the wall opening. Rectangular stones in the wall are set in irregular courses with the mortar brought out flush with the faces of the stones, giving the appearance of wide joints. The mortar in the joints has been tooled to produce a beaded line that has been painted white, but the paint is visible only where the walls are sheltered from the weather. The current main entrance to the house is through a frame shed-roofed addition across the rear of the house.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This rural residence is significant as an example of the use of lava rock to construct a common vernacular house type in southern Idaho the gable-roofed hall and parlor house. The house is excellently crafted. It achieves further significance from being the home of Dr Charles W. Dill, who was a respected physician in Shoshone for many years. The proportions of the house, the steepness of its roof, and the placement of the windows and doors are representative of the hall and parlor house type. The masonry is clearly the work of the Hayden brothers, Swedish-trained masons who lived and worked in the Shoshone-Richfield area from about 1909 to 1915. They were unique in their ability to combine stone with decorative brick trim. Dr. Dill bought this property in 1910 and the house was built in the next few years. The house faced the nearby railroad tracks, indicating that when it was built the railroad was perceived as the main mode of transportation. Idaho Highway 24, approximately one-quarter mile to the rear of the house, was developed as a transportation route when the Dietrich irrigation tract was developed. The height of the front door suggests that it was planned that a porch be built, but the coming of the road at the rear of the house changed its orientation to that direction before the porch was constructed. The low rear addition is unobtrusive and does not detract significantly from this nomination. Such additions are frequently found on this house type.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Records of the Security Title Company, Gooding, Idaho.