

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

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

SITE NAME: Daniels, O. J., House

SITE NUMBER: 88

LOCATION: ~~Four and three-quarters miles south~~^S of Jerome, ~~Idaho~~^{vic}

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Lelia Berneice Collings
Rural Route
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Jerome, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: 2.02 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Daniels house and the property on which it stands, tax 14 in the SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 12, T9S, R16E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/703460/4725220

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1929

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: attributed to Marland Cox

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one-story house is approximately 29 by 33 feet. It has a shallow gable roof with a plain, narrow bargeboard. Horizontal clapboards painted white are in the gables above the one-story rubble walls. The one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows are set about four inches into the openings in the wall. Flat stone arches are above each window. A rectangular stone forms a lintel above the centered door on the gable front. There are no sills on the two windows beside the front door, but the sloping rock surface below the window is lined with mortar. There are narrow, outset, sloping, concrete slip sills on the windows in the side walls. The door and two windows on the front wall and the three windows on each side wall are symmetrically spaced. A concrete stoop extends from the front door. There is a frame addition approximately 26 feet long and approximately twelve feet wide across the rear wall. Its gable roof is slightly lower than that of the main house. The mortar in the medium-width joints is almost flush with the surface of the stones. The mortar has been tooled to produce a beaded line, but the line has not been painted.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Daniels House is significant as an example of rural vernacular residential architecture and as an example of lava rock craftsmanship. It is a typical simple rectangular utilitarian farmhouse built to provide secure shelter and typical, in massing and proportions, of other regional farmhouses of the period. Although lacking decorative details, the repetition of symmetrically spaced openings achieves a pleasing rhythm to the design. The style proportions, and masonry are consistent with the work of Marland Cox, but it is not confirmed that he was the mason. The house was built for farmer O. J. Daniels in about 1928. The property had changed ownership a few years before, and in 1928 Mr. Daniels obtained a loan of \$2,800. The full frame addition across the rear is unobtrusive and does not detract significantly from the building.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Records of the Jerome Abstract and Title Company, Jerome, Idaho.