

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

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Paris (Partial Inventory: Architecture)SITE NAME: Shepherd Hardware SITE # 70LOCATION: Main Street north of Center, Paris, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: William A. Froerer, 667 Twenty-sixth Street, Ogden, UT 84401QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Paris, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes former Shepherd Hardware buildingand property on which it stands: T-2099, Fraction lots 1 & 2, block 15, Paris OriginalUTM(S): 12/4, 66, 930/46, 74, 880 Townsite.DATE OR PERIOD: 1910 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LocalAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architectureFair condition altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The former Shepherd Hardware building is a simple one-story brick structure with a long rectangular plan and a narrow storefront set substantially further back from Main than is that of the adjoining building. The front part of the structure is earliest, contemporary with the similarly set-back Pendrey Drug building (site #40) on the corner. For approximately two-thirds of its length it is constructed of buff brick, set on a stone foundation. The newer rear section is red-yellow brick on cement.

The facade is a simple one. Plain brick pilasters on the sides have simple corbelled tops; the cornice which runs between them is also formed of several courses of outset brick. Several more outset courses, with a toothed band between them, are set further down on the parapet, and these complete the masonry decoration. The shopfront itself is mostly glass articulated by simple millwork. Narrow fluted pilasters with plain capitals and bases are on either side of the inset central entry. A frieze board above has a single strip of geometric trim under its outset molding. The entry doors are double, the forward panes of the display windows are vertically bisected, and all windows and doors are surmounted by deep upper lights.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Shepherd Hardware building is architecturally significant for its stylistic resemblance to the Pendry Drug Store building and former Bear Lake State Bank building. Both of these earlier commissions were executed by the Tueller Brothers, as was this hardware "warehouse" associated with Shepherd's Mercantile Store next door. This one-story building was constructed in 1910 for \$3,000 and reflects in its set-back the facade line of Main Street prior to 1916. In its toothed row and inset panel, the hardware store is linked with the 1890's style of Pendry's Drug; it is an element which also appears on John Tueller's own house (site #59). The pilaster strips with corbelled "capitals" are evident on the vestiges of the 1905 bank building still visible on Center Street (site #74), and the molded framing of the storefront is also similar to that of the former Paris Post office, presently at the west end of the Browning Block. As such, Shepherd Hardware contributes nicely to the primarily brick fabric of Paris' commercial district.