

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

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

SITE NAME: John Grimmert, Jr. house and outbuildings SITE # 55

LOCATION: 135 West ^{2nd} Second North

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: D E. Haddock, Paris, Idaho 83261

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes the former John Grimmert house and outbuildings, which ^{are} ~~is~~ part of block 23, Paris Townsite property owned by

UTM(S): 12/4, 66, 670/46, 75, 285 D. E. Haddock.

DATE OR PERIOD: 1908 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

DESCRIPTION Good condition altered original site

The former John Grimmert Jr. house is a one-and-a-half story Queen Anne cottage with a steeply hipped main block and a large gabled ell emerging at right front. A shed-roofed porch at the intersection, shallow gabled ells on either side, and a shed-roofed rear ell complete the plan.

Siding is shiplap below, square shingle on the flared half-story, and hexagonal and fishscale shingle in patterns in the gable. Corners of the front ell are clipped, with curvilinear brackets. The porch is supported on turned posts, with a balustrade at the left end. Centered above the porch and rising from its roof is a small gabled "dormer" with a blind arched screen. The transomed entry is right of center on the porch.

On the rear elevation a gabled dormer with fanlight appears. The house is presently very well maintained, and except for reglazing of windows is apparently little altered.

The former Grimmert outbuildings are a log barn and a frame granary typical of the small outbuildings found toward the interior of Paris town lots. The barn, about twenty-five feet in length, is a rectangular structure with an upper level hay loft and a one-story lean-to along the long eastern wall. Constructed with round logs notched with square joints, the barn has balloon frame gables sided with horizontal sheathing. The log walls are not chinked. A hay stack enclosed with a corral obscures the south gable and; on the north wall is a ladder leading up to a loft opening. Feeding stalls are attached to the outer north end of the lean-to section.

The balloon frame Grimmert granary has exposed studs and horizontal sheathing. It measures about twelve feet square with a single door in the south non-gable wall. On the opposite wall is a small vent opening. The gable roof, pitched at about forty-five degrees, is shingled.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Grimmett house is architecturally significant as the youngest Queen Anne-inspired house extant in Paris, one which is noticeably similar in plan to the Poulsen house (site #54). The Grimmett house is more modestly adorned but still displays typical Queen Anne devices in the shingled flared skirt and gable end patterns, bay-like front ell and well-hidden fan window on the east side gable.

By 1908, the first bungalow had been built in Paris, making the Grimmett house a late expression of nineteenth-century tastes. John Grimmett, Jr. was noted in the local paper as building "a neat cottage" and that he had "done all the work himself".¹ Grimmett, who came to Paris in 1864 but was raised across the lake at Dingle, inherited caprentry skills from his father, who worked on the Tabernacle. Grimmett's son Orson became one of Paris' prominent builders and his house is also inventoried (site #84).

The Grimmett outbuildings in their scattered farmyard layout are significant as excellent examples of the Mormon granary, typically having exposed studs and having a small (about ten foot) square plan with only one door, and the Paris barn type in log. This variant shows the frequent addition of a one-story lean-to.

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Grimmett, John, Jr., House and Outbuildings

Acreage of nominated property: about 1½ acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nomination includes the former John Grimmett House and Outbuildings and the property on which they sit, T 3773, block 23, Paris Original Townsite.