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The Poison Creek Stage Station includes a main house, a barn, two root cellars, a schoolhouse, a chicken coop and an outhouse. The two story sandstone house has a hipped roof, shuttered front windows, and a stone porch. Its timbered railing and balcony were added in the 1930's. Builder/owner Matt Proud quarried the stone on this property. Behind the house is a square timber root cellar of simple post and beam construction with a gabled cinder roof. Owyhee flagstone piles flank the entry. One hundred feet to the right of the root cellar is a rectangular dugout schoolhouse which is built of Owyhee flagstone chinked with clay. Its shallow gabled planked roof is supported by eleven exposed 2" x 2" cross beams assisted by posts. The left side of the schoolhouse is in disrepair.

In front of the house on the opposite side of the Jordan Valley Road are the chicken coop and outhouse, both simple frame structures. To the left of the chicken coop is the frame barn which has a three bay gable with a break halfway down which demarcates the stall area. The stalls have feeders and concrete floors overlaid with planks. There is an overhang at the hay door, and the hay trolley's pulley and rail are still intact. The roof is in very poor condition.

These buildings all remain relatively unaltered, but are in poor condition. Owner Dean Hawks and his family recently moved into the main house and hope to restore it and the outbuildings.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Poison Creek Stage Station is significant as a surviving waystation of the late 1880's. It is reflective of the construction methods of the time and discloses the layout and composition of these isolated stations.

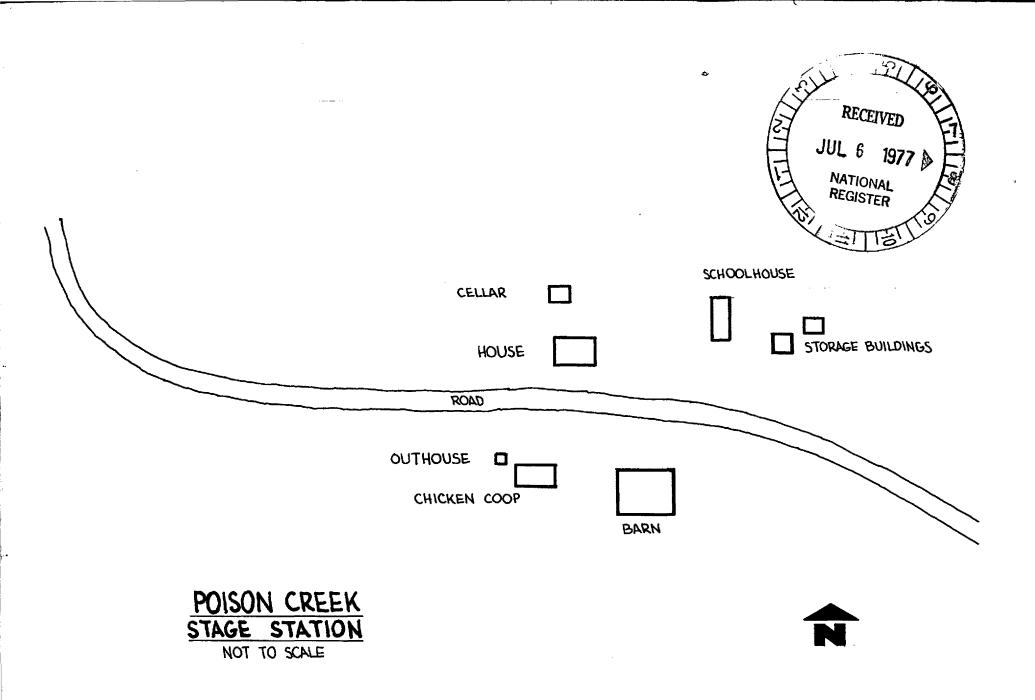
The Poison Creek Stage Station was a way station on the Jordan Valley-Caldwell stage line. The road was constructed in 1886 and shortly thereafter this station was built. In 1912 the main house burned and the present sandstone house was erected on the same site in the following year. In 1915 J. A. Wroten of Jordan Valley who had the mail contract and stage line began to use "auto trucks" on the route and the station's usefulness declined.

This station not only served the stage coaches and their passengers, but with its mail contact with the "outside" world also was the community focal point for the surrounding area, as indicated by the schoolhouse.

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