

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

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

✓ SITE NAME: Latham House SITE # 68

✓ LOCATION: 152 ^{1st} South First East, Paris, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Smith Gertsch, Paris, Idaho 83261

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes former Latham bungalow and property on which it stands: south one-half lots 9 and 10, block 11, Paris Townsite.

UTM(S): 12/4, 67, 185/46, 74, 490

DATE OR PERIOD: Early twentieth century EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

Good condition unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The former Latham house is a rectangular cottage of rusty yellow-brown brick, with a wood-sided, bed-molded gable and an outset hipped porch on battered, squared "Greek Doric" wood posts. The porch is centered and nearly as wide as the facade. There are triple sash windows in the gable; downstairs windows have upper lights beveled in a diamond and lozenge pattern on the facade, and concrete sills and lintels. The slightly left of center entry is transomed; so is the secondary entrance on the rear left side. There is a corbelled brick chimney left of the ridgebeam. Other than the filling of the front transom, and the even more superficial addition of an aluminum screen door and attic storm windows, the bungalow is unaltered and in good condition.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Latham bungalow has significance as a straightforward example of the style rendered in brick with a plain frame gable. A locally unusual, close-to-grade hip-roofed porch gives the house a particularly open aspect. This bungalow is the one example in the inventory to retain beveled glass upper lights which must have originally been more common.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Latham House is architecturally significant as a brick example of the gable-front Colonial Revival style house exhibiting a slight influence from the bungalow mode. The house's Colonial style features include its classically-massed columns and its symmetrical facade. The columns, although they are molded at the capital to suggest the Doric order, are really square battered posts. In addition, the house's rafters are exposed, although not protruding. The Latham house is similar to site 65, a purely Colonial example of this style-plan combination built in brick, and site 67, a frame example that exhibits Queen Anne style influences.