

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

NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho ~~7/2~~)

SITE NAME: Graves, Lulu, Farm

SITE NUMBER: 94

LOCATION: ~~Two miles north, one mile west, one-half mile north~~ of Jerome ^{NW}

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: J and E Farms, Inc.
Route 4
Jerome. Idaho 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Gooding SE, 7.5 minute

ACREAGE: 5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the described buildings and the property on which they sit, the E 1/2, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 2, T7S, R16E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/701500/4736820

DATE OR PERIOD: 1929 or 1930;
poultry house 1921

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: H. T. Pugh

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The property has three buildings.

House. The Graves house is a nearly-square, one and one-half story building with a gable roof that extends over a full front porch on the east exposure. The porch has rock columns and walls. Centered concrete steps lead up to the porch; the steps have lava rock side walls. There is a centered shed-roofed dormer on the front exposure. It is sided with decorative composition shingles, as are the frame gables of the house. The front wall has a centered door flanked by piers of six-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Concrete lintels are wide and slightly outset. Sills are also concrete, narrower than the lintels, and sloping. The house has exposed rafters and narrow bargeboards along the gables. A frame addition to the south wall leaves the building's significant features intact and fully visible. The property also includes a poultry house, which is a one and one-half story lava rock structure with frame gables, and a cattle loafing shed, which is a one-story lava rock structure covered by a lean-to roof and open on the south exposure.

The poultry house is 45 by 36 feet, with eight-foot-tall rock walls. It has a metal-covered roof. Openings reach the full height of the rock walls so there are no lintels or sills. The loafing shed is 27 by 60 feet, with six-foot-tall rock walls.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Lulu Graves Farm is architecturally significant as an example of the bungalow style as it was used in rural settings, as an example of a farm complex entirely made up of lava rock buildings, and as an example of the craftsmanship of mason H. T. Pugh. The farm is historically significant as an example of a woman-developed and -run farm. The Graves house suggests the bungalow style in its lateral front, inset front porch, exposed rafters, and shed dormer. The masonry exhibits the excellent craftsmanship of Pugh in its carefully-chosen stones and beaded joints. The other buildings on the property represent rural building types found throughout Jerome and Lincoln counties but unrepresented elsewhere in the thematic group.

Lulu Graves, a school teacher in Jerome, drew a claim on this property in the Jerome County land drawing of 1907, and she made a water claim on the property for that year. In June of 1921 Graves had the poultry house built, and in 1929 or 1930 she contracted with H. T. Pugh to build the bungalow style house.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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