

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

NOMINATION: Buhl Dairy Barns thematic group

SITE NAME: Kunze, Rudolf, Barn

SITE NUMBER: 6

LOCATION: ~~2 mi. E, 1/2 mi. N~~^{NE} of Buhl

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Stanley Herzinger Estate
c/o N. S. Herzinger
Box 106
Twin Falls, ID 83301

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Clover Quadrangle
7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Rudolf Kunze Barn and the property on which it stands, the SE1/4, NE1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4, Section 5, R15E, T10S.

UTM(S): 11/687780/4717020

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1915

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: fair, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Rudolf Kunze Barn is a rectangular, two-story, balloon frame structure with a flared gambrel roof and wooden siding. The wooden siding is painted red, which was its original color, and the bargeboards, corner boards, windows and door frames are painted white. The original shingled roof is covered with tin, and a square cupola is centered on the top. The east facade contains six fixed windows with four lights each. The west facade is the same. The south gable end has a square hay hood with a bottom-hinged hay door. The door is flanked by two double-hung sash windows of four-over-four lights. A sliding door covers the entrance to the first floor of the barn. There are two fixed windows on either side of the

door. The north gable end has an entrance to the first floor in the middle with a casement window on either side of it.

The interior floor plan of the Rudolf Kunze barn is a simple one. Wooden stanchions and mangers for twelve cows face the wall on the west side of the barn. There is a feed alley in front of the stanchions and mangers. A concrete passageway and gutter run through the middle of the barn. The milk room is enclosed in the southwest corner; enclosed horse stalls were located in the southeast corner. Calf pens are placed on the east side of the barn. The interior has been altered slightly. The stalls where the horses were kept have been removed and that area turned into a granary. Concrete has been poured between the studs on the interior side walls.

The framing of the Kunze barn's roof is different from all the other methods of framing previously described in the thematic group. There is no evidence of the partial post-and-lintel method; rather, a truss system of bracing is used. The rafters are braced in two places, between the upper and lower rafters and the side wall. Here, too, hay was unloaded on the outside of the barn and taken into the barn through a bottom-hinged hay door. No hay hood covers the opening.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Rudolf Kunze Barn is architecturally significant as a good example of a later type of gambrel-roofed dairy barn built in the Buhl area from 1913-1915. The barn is historically significant because of Rudolf Kunze's association with the early Buhl dairy industry.

The Rudolf Kunze Barn follows the pattern of barns built by Dau and Schick, a smaller, narrower barn with side walls on the second story. It deviates from the pattern in its method of roof framing and in its lack of a concrete foundation. The truss assembly method used to frame the roof of Rudolf Kunze's barn was a relatively new method of framing a barn at the turn of the century. It did not appear in the area east of Buhl as a method of framing a barn until the George Watt Barn was finished in 1913. The truss system of braced framing created more open space in the interior of the loft for storage of hay and was a strong support for the gambrel roof.

The Rudolf Kunze Barn reflects agricultural practices of the period. The cow stalls faced outward, and the horse stalls are separate from the cow stalls. Hay was unloaded from the outside of the barn.

Rudolf Kunze moved with his father Gustave to the Buhl area in 1910. He assisted his father with the cheese factory, then started his own farm and dairy business in approximately 1914-15. Carpenters in the area other than Henry Schick built Rudolf Kunze's barn; who they were is not known.

The barn is in only fair condition, because structural problems are causing it to sag. Otherwise, the owners have kept it in good condition, and it is still being used to house calves and feed.

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REMOVAL APPROVED

fu Keeper *Helene Byrne* 4/16/89

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RELISTING APPROVED,
ENTERED IN NATIONAL REGISTER

Paul H. Ferguson 4/5/94

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Kunze, Rudolf, Barn

MULTIPLE NAME: Buhl Dairy Barns TR

STATE & COUNTY: IDAHO, Twin Falls

DATE RECEIVED: 3/22/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/06/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000292

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 4/5/94 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Rudolf Kunze Barn was originally listed in the National Register on September 7, 1983. The property was inadvertently removed from the National Register on October 16, 1989, when it was mistakenly identified as the *Gustave* Kunze Barn, a property which had been recently demolished. The current action serves to relist the Rudolf Kunze Barn to the National Register as a fine example of early twentieth-century dairy barn construction from the Buhl area of southern Idaho, eligible under Criteria A and C (Agriculture and Architecture). This action represents correction of a procedural error by the National Park Service.

RECOM. / CRITERIA Accept A+C / Relist
REVIEWER Paul R. Lusigman
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 4/5/94

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N