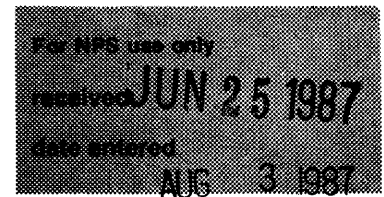


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1. Name

Powder House

2. Location

Approximately 1/2 mile southeast of Pony, Montana, along the county (Potosi) road, in the SE1/4, SW1/4, Sec.17, T2S, R2W, Harrison, Mont. USGS quadrangle.

3. Classification

building; private ownership; public acquisition n/a; unoccupied; not accessible; agricultural use.

4. Owner of Property

Jud Chalmers, Pony, Montana 59747

5. Location of Legal Description

Madison County Courthouse, Virginia City, Nevada

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Pony Historic Resources Survey; not determined eligible; 1985; Montana Historic Preservation Office, Helena, Montana.

7. Description

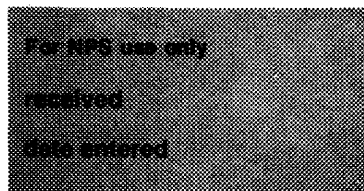
The Powder House is a one story square building with a gable roof covered with corrugated metal and is of coursed rubble stone construction with a coursed rubble stone foundation. The south side of the building has a riveted steel door. The building has no windows. Vent holes in the sides of the walls (above the foundation and below the eaves) provide ventilation.

8. Significance

The Powder House, built ca.1875-1900, is of primary significance because it is the only building near Pony which depicts an important activity related to both the commerce and mining of Pony during the town's period of significance. Local merchants stored explosives in such buildings until sold to local miners. Dynamite was important to the mining process, as an aid to the removal of rock.

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The Powder house is also significant because it possesses the distinctive characteristics of a particular type of construction found in historic mining districts. The building has thick masonry walls with vent holes for providing circulation of air. There are no windows or other large openings to the building other than the heavy steel door. In the event of an accidental explosion of the contents stored within the building, damage to surrounding property would have been minimal due to the construction materials employed and the distance of the Powder House from the Pony Townsite. Powder houses are found in a number of historic mining districts in Montana. All are of similar dimensions and materials and are usually placed at least 1/2 mile from densely populated areas.

9. Major Bibliographical References

see attached continuation sheet

10. Geographical data

Acreage: 10.14 acres

Quadrangle: Harrison, Montana

Quad. Scale: 1:62,500

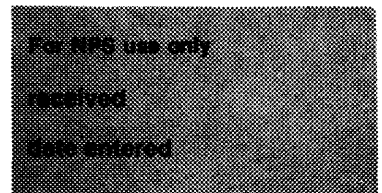
Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

Beginning at at point (UTMs Point A: Zone 12, E--432000, N--5056000) approximately 50 yards due northwest of the Powder House on the south side of the county road (Potosi Road) about 1/2 mile southeast of Pony, proceed northwest on the road approximately 700 feet to a point where where the 5480' contour intersects the road; then proceed southwest approximately 700 feet to a point on the 5520' contour 495 feet directly north of the section line dividing sections 17 and 20; then proceed southeast along the 5520' contour approximately 800 feet to a point on the same contour; then proceed north approximately 800 feet to point of beginning.

The boundary for the Powder House is drawn so as to include within the boundary the proper historical setting for the building. The setting is an area of open prairie, situated about 1/2 mile away from Pony. This spacial relationship is important because the distance of the Powder House from the town, as well as the open area around it, insured that in the event of an accidental explosion,

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damage to surrounding property and people would be minimal, if there was any at all. As stated above, powder houses are found in a number of historic mining districts in Montana, and are usually placed at least 1/2 mile from populated areas.

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- C. E--431600, N--5056050
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