

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

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

SITE NAME: (Amos) Hulme barn (Paris M.R.A.) SITE # 15

LOCATION: North First East, Paris, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Amos Hulme, Paris, Idaho 83261

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Amos Hulme barn in T-2133, a fraction of lot 1, block 14, in the Paris Original Townsite, and the property on which it stands, with a margin of one foot around the Amos Hulme barn.

UTM(S): 12/4, 67, 200/46, 75, 180

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1880s EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition altered original site

One of the best preserved of Paris' modest log barns is the Amos Hulme barn to the rear of the Hulme house. Built of round logs secured with half-dovetail notches, the barn follows a rectangular plan, with the addition of a one-story log and frame lean-to along its west side wall. A hay door in the south end under the forty-five degree gable roof provides access to the hay loft. Log joists, framed into the east and west walls four logs below the roof edge, support this loft. The roof, covered with board and batten, is supported on lumber rafters. The gables, too, are frame with horizontal sheathing. A Dutch door in the south gable wall is covered with diagonal sheathing.

SIGNIFICANCE:

At least fifty-six barns stand today within the village limits of Paris, and of the fifty-six barns surveyed fifty barns are recognizable variants of a Paris barn type similar in most details to the Mormon barn type described in The Mormon Landscape.

The Paris barn is usually small in comparison to the gambrel-roofed horse barns found elsewhere in Idaho. It is rectangular and has a steep gable roof, a hay door facing any direction except north, a pulley system suspended above this hay door for lifting hay into the full- or half-story loft, and a lower level used for quartering horses or cattle. Hay door hoods, usually pointed, are frequent but seem to be optional, as are full second stories, corrals around the barns, Dutch doors, full-length shingles and side lean-tos. Paris barns were built of log or balloon frame with vertical, horizontal, or diagonal siding. As late as 1900 log barns with straw roofs were being built in Paris. As late as the 1900-07 period, they were still being built of horizontal logs.

The Amos Hulme barn has been chosen as a representative of the Paris barn type because it is in excellent condition, because it exhibits excellent log construction, and because it is a variant with Dutch door, side lean-to, full length shingles, and a corral. Half-dovetail notching, with square, predominates in Paris log construction.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued):

For further representatives of the Paris barn type, see sites #4, 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 33, and examples within the farmyard layouts chosen for nomination.