

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

NOMINATION: (Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho TR)

SITE NAME: Stickel, John, House SITE NUMBER: 101

LOCATION: ~~Three miles west and seven-eighths mile south~~ ^W of Jerome, ^{V.C.} Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Albert L. Lane III Family Partnership
c/o John Bonnett
2148 4th Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Jerome, 7.5 minutes ACREAGE: less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Stickel House and the property on which it stands, the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 21, T8S, R16E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/698385/4731440

DATE OR PERIOD: 1931 ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Ed Bennett

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: good, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The thirty-foot one-story Stickel house has a basement and a shallow, shingled gable roof with close eaves and a narrow, plain bargeboard. Unpainted shiplap is on the gable walls above the one-story random rubble walls. An opening to the attic has been cut into the front gable. Flush concrete lintels about eight inches wide are inset into the stone on each end. Narrower, outset slip sills are scooped out to ensure drainage. The one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows are placed about eight inches inside the wall openings. The front door, just to the right of center on the gable front, has a small wooden stoop with steep steps leading to it. There is a larger wooden stoop with more easily negotiated steps leading to a side door offset to the right on the right wall. This door is more frequently used than the front door. There is also a bulkhead door to the basement on the right wall. The mortar in the wide joints between the small stones has been tooled to produce beading.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Stickel house is significant because it is an unaltered example of a rural vernacular house and as an example of mason Ed Bennett's craftsmanship. It stands today, just as it was built more than fifty years ago, providing unadorned shelter for a farm family. This plain, utilitarian house may lack design elements, but it

provided farmer John Stickel with comfortable shelter when it was built in 1931 by mason Ed Bennett of lava rock from the Stickel place. A front and side porch may have been planned, but the very hard financial times most farmers experienced in the 1930's probably made it impossible to finish the house with these desirable amenities. Because of the small stones and the tooled mortar in the wide almost flush joints, the mortar seems more prominent than the stone in the masonry. The original interior features are intact.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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