

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

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

✓ SITE NAME: North Side Canal Company Slaughter House SITE NUMBER: 22

✓ LOCATION: ~~One and three-fourths~~ miles north and ~~one-eighth~~ mile east ^{NE} of Jerome v. c.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Cheryl Hymas
P.O. Box 89
Jerome, ID 83338

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

✓ The nomination includes the North Side Canal Company Slaughter House and the property on which it stands, the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Section 7, T8S, R17E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/703470/4735410

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1910 ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: Excellent, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This round, flat, concrete-roofed building is about ten feet tall and ten feet in diameter. Two structural steel beams go completely through the structure, with their ends extending about six feet on each side. A small, six-paned, horizontal window is set at about mid-height and about four inches inside the wall. The opening below the window is covered with mortar. A wooden door is set just inside the opening, opposite the window. The opening is lined with wood. The rubble stonework has light, sand-colored mortar in slightly-indented, medium-width joints. A line has been incised in the pointing mortar.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This small structure is significant as an example of innovation and resourcefulness in the use of lava rock to build farm buildings and an example of a vernacular slaughter house type. With the Custer Slaughter House and the Arthur D. Silva pig slaughtering pen (sites 1 and 3), the North Side Canal Company Slaughter House represents some of the variety in home-built slaughtering facilities used by South Central Idaho ranchers and farmers. Built at an early demonstration/experimental farm, this building was used to hang slaughtered animals. It would have functioned

well, for the stone walls keep the interior cool. This functional structure was built by an unknown mason in about 1910.

MAJOR BIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Callen, Gus, interview with Marian Posey-Ploss, Jerome, Idaho, Summer 1978.