

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

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

SITE NAME: Silva, Manuel, Barn

SITE NUMBER: 18

LOCATION: Approximately two miles east of Shoshone, ID

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Lorenzo Bollar
Rural Route
Shoshone, ID 83352

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Dietrich, 7.5 minutes

ACREAGE: 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

This nomination includes the Manuel Silva Barn and the property on which it stands, the NE 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 6, T6S, R18E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/715480/4755780

DATE OR PERIOD: c. 1910's

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Ignacio Berriochoa

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, agriculture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: deteriorated, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

This building is approximately 16 by 30 feet. It has a shingled half gambrel roof. A frame wall above the east stone wall is covered with horizontal boards. A low, partially deteriorated stone wall is an extension of the rear wall and turns to parallel the ridgeline, forming a shed. The frame gable walls above the one-story stone walls are enclosed with vertical boards. Several openings have been cut into the south gable. There are three randomly-placed square windows in the left wall. An opening about the width of a double door offset to the left of the facade is partially enclosed with wooden paneling. The unpointed stone walls are random rubble, laid up with mud with a high clay content.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Manual Silva Barn is architecturally significant as an example of vernacular rural architecture and historically significant for its association with Portuguese settlement in Idaho. Undoubtedly the building was planned to be a large barn with a high gambrel roof, but lack of money precluded that it be built all at one time. At some point, the original plans were abandoned, so it has remained one-half of a barn. It is a good example of the incremental building of a vernacular plan with adaptations having to be made because of limited financial resources. Manuel Silva, member of the large Portuguese family who had settled along the two Wood

Rivers in the late 1800's, owned the property from about 1911 through the next three decades. Silva ran a livery stable in Shoshone and was a stage line operator from Shoshone, Idaho, to Contact, Nevada, in the 1910's. He may have used this property near Shoshone to care for the horses needed in his businesses. A series of mortgages on the property between 1919 and 1929 indicate he had financial difficulties. The barn was built by Ignacio Berriochoa, a Basque stone mason, who lived about two miles away. The unpointed random rubble walls are similar to those found in the ruins of the first Berriochoa ranch.

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