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NOMINATION: (TOURTELLOTTE AND HUMMEL ARCHITECTURE ~~IN IDAHO~~ TR)

SITE NAME: Butterfield Livestock Company House SITE NUMBER: 97

LOCATION: (Weiser vic. on Jenkins Creek Road, ~~north~~ of Weiser) Washington County ~~(087), Idaho~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Craig Rowan
Route 1 Box 183
Weiser, ID 83672

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Mann Creek, 15 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Butterfield Livestock Company House on tax 5, section 25, T11N, R6W, Boise Meridian, with a margin of 25 feet at sides and rear, and area between the house and public right-of-way, of the Butterfield Livestock Company House. Legal description on file at the Washington County Courthouse, Weiser, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/5,00,550/49,00,350

DATE OR PERIOD: 1918

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: excellent unaltered original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Butterfield Livestock Company House is a two-story brick and half-timber house on the west side of Jenkins Creek Road north of Weiser. The lower level has red brick fabric and an inset, open, cross-facade porch supported on doubled square wooden posts. The posts are seated on pedestals elevated above the general level of teh low brick porch walls. The upper level, above smooth double frieze boards, is stuccoed with fictive half-timber strips. Large low-pitched hip-and-ridge roofed dormers emerge from the front and rear slopes of the low-pitched hip-and-ridge main roof. The dormer has flared, square-shingled sides and contains three contiguous square windows, now filled with louver strips. Rafters are exposed.

The plans call for a thirty-one-by-fifty-five-foot structure, two-story and rectangular except for a small one-story ell outset at left rear and containing a kitchen, rear porch, and bath. The parapeted concrete porch steps are centered.

The main entrance is left of center and transomed and gives access to a large entry/stairhall. The living room with its mission style fireplace marked on the

exterior by the rising of the brick chimney on the north wall, is at right. The upper story is devoted to four bedrooms, with two sleeping porches at right front.

Except for the attic light louvers, which the plans show as six-light windows, fenestration appears original, with multi-pane upper sections in the triple living room window group and the side windows and triple vertical lights in the front door.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Butterfield Livestock Company HOuse is architecturally significant as a fine late example of the two-story box plan (see alos sites 39, 67, and 73), appearing here for the last time in the Thematic Group; like the related bungalow style, one of the lat examples of which appears as site 100, this plan was reaching the end of its period of popularity by the late 1910s. This example provides Weiser with its only sample of the fictive half-timbered Tudoresque ornamental style which was so popular in Boise. The simplified, quite linear floor plan contrsts with that of an earlier, unlocated and presumably unexecuted house designed for the same client, probably about 1910. The earlier house plan boasted a full veranda and side porch, centered entry hall, and both drawing and living rooms, arranged in a frontally symmetrical plan. This level of formality had become archaic, at least in the work of these architects, by the late 1910s.

A. C. Butterfield was a sheep rancher whose company owned range rights in Oregon and Wyoming as well as in Idaho, and whose herds numbered as high as 100,000. The local paper claimed that Buttefield ran the largest sheep farm in the United States.

G. M. Barber had the $5,700 general contract for Butterfield's 1918 house.

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Tourtellotte and Hummel Architecture in Idaho
Butterfield Livestock Company House, site #97
Jenkins Creek Road north of Weiser
Weiser, Washington County, Idaho

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View from east

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