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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC: H. O. Harkness Stable Building

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 111 South Railroad St. — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN: McCammon — VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: Idaho — CODE: 16 — COUNTY: Bannock — CODE: 005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Merle Martin

STREET & NUMBER: 111 South Railroad

CITY, TOWN: McCammon — VICINITY OF — STATE: Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bannock County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER: East Center Street

CITY, TOWN: Pocatello — STATE: Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: 1972 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN: Boise — STATE: Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X_UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X_FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in exactly due East-West position several yards from the west bank of the Portneuf River is the original building known since its erection as the H. O. Harkness Feed, Sale and Livery Stables. It is rectangular, two-story, with a western pioneer boomtown false front. It is 30' 6' wide across the front by 71' long. Except for the false front it is constructed of heavy native lumber from the Harkness sawmill. In front is a cross-braced main door 8' 6" x 7' 10" which operates on a slide. Directly above the main door is a smaller double-braced door on the second floor 4' x 6'. On the south side of the main front door is a boarded up window 2' 10" x 6' 1". Adjacent to the window on the south we find a small entrance door 2' 10" x 7' 1". In the rear of the building is a large horse door 7' 6" wide x 6' 10" high. The second story door directly above is 2' 6" x 4' high. On the south side there are three windows on the first floor, 1' 10" x 3' 6". On the second floor, south side are three windows 2' 11" x 4' 11".

Visible from the main front entrance is ample evidence of the heavy wear of horses' shod and unshod feet on the heavy floor planking throughout the center passageway. This passageway is between horse stalls and tack rooms. To the left (north) are are several horse stalls and to the right are small rooms for harness, saddles, grain, etc., sometimes called tack rooms. Toward the rear (20' from the rear end of the structure) is a jog in dimensions; the building is actually 2' 6" wider on each side. This area was used primarily for the storage and protection of buggies. The first floor height is 9' 11". Supports are native 4" x 4". Side studding is 4" x 6".

The second floor is primarily an open hay loft which is entered by way of a stairway from the smaller outside front door. Supports of 4" x 6" are every 8 feet. The clear area is 14' above the floor. It is 20 feet to the ridge. In other words, the total height is 30 feet. Strong cross collar ties support the ridge and roof. The building is metal roofed.

Alterations from the original are few. The ten horse stalls are used for storage of various items. In the rear on the south side are six cow stanchions. The original cupola on the roof, which was for ventilation purposes, is no longer extant. The original shingle roof has been replaced by the sheet metal roof. On the south side is a lean-to used to shelter tractors, cars, trucks, etc. The main doors now on slides were originally on hinges. Four small vent "windows" have been added along the first floor southeast side. The small door to stairs going to the second floor. There is plain evidence that the original stairway was situated inside between the tenth horse stall and the first buggy stall on the north side of the building. It is possible the words "and Livery" may have been painted on the front sometime after it was built. It is very evident that the building needs paint and some repair. The present owner stated he had placed one support back of the buggy stalls on each side.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
_PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	_COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	_RELIGION
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	_CONSERVATION	_LAW	_SCIENCE
_1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	X ECONOMICS	_LITERATURE	_SCULPTURE
_1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	_EDUCATION	_MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
_1700-1799	_ART	_ENGINEERING	_MUSIC	_THEATER
_1800-1899	X COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	_PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
_1900-	_COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY	_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
		_INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1883 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The H. O. Harkness Feed, Sale and Livery Stables building is a very well preserved frame building of Western pioneer boomtown construction. It is a two-story building; most western pioneer buildings with a false front were one story only.

In 1882 the Utah and Northern Railroad and the new Oregon Short Line Railroad, both subsidiaries of the Union Pacific, met on this spot, forming a junction soon known as McCammon. In 1883, before the completion of the Oregon Short Line, this building was erected, along with the famous Harkness Hotel. Its purpose was to facilitate the needs of travelers, sightseers, explorers, fishermen, hunters and settlers.

It was part of an oasis in the Territory of Idaho and the intermountain country, surrounded by the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, sagebrush, and a wild untamed country. It is mentioned in W. W. Elliott's Territory of Idaho, published in 1884, as well as in other documents. According to James L. Onderdonk, Territorial Controller, the upper floor of the building had a capacity for the storage of thirty-five tons of hay on one side and 6,000 bushels of grain on the other, with a wagon way between. Loaded wagons were hauled up to the second floor by means of a railway, operated by pulleys and horsepower. It served its purpose for all types of western pioneers including bankers, early Forest Service Rangers and at least one United States Senator. It was involved in housing horses connected with the 1902 Fort Hall Reservation Land Run. H. O. Harkness stabled many of his blooded horses here. Part of his cattle round-ups started here. It was significant in the settlement of Southeastern Idaho. The stable has been in continuous use for ranch purposes for ninety-six years and still serves the present owners. It was, of course, tied to the activities and needs of the guests of the H. O. Harkness Hotel, which itself was completed ahead of the Oregon Short Line Pacific Hotel in Pocatello.

Captain H. O. Harkness was a Civil War veteran and came to this place to manage the Murphy-Harkness toll road to Montana, which included the toll bridge across the Portneuf one-half mile below the stables. He established an "empire" on the frontier, greatly facilitating the settlement of eastern Idaho. He also helped to write the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Elliott, Wallace W. & Co., History of Idaho Territory, San Francisco, California, W. W. Elliott & Company, 1884.

Various Southeastern Idaho newspapers.

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ~~approximately~~ one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME McCammon QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	12	402440	4723125	B			
C				D			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION This nomination includes the H. O. Harkness Stable Building and the ground on which it stands including a 25-foot clearance on all sides of the structu at 111 S. Railroad in McCammon on property owned in 1979 by Merle Martin, between the west bank of the Portneuf river and the Merle Martin house road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE H. Leigh Gittins, Historian

ORGANIZATION Bannock County Historical Society DATE

STREET & NUMBER 740 University Drive TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Pocatello STATE Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Merle Wells

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 6 Dec 79

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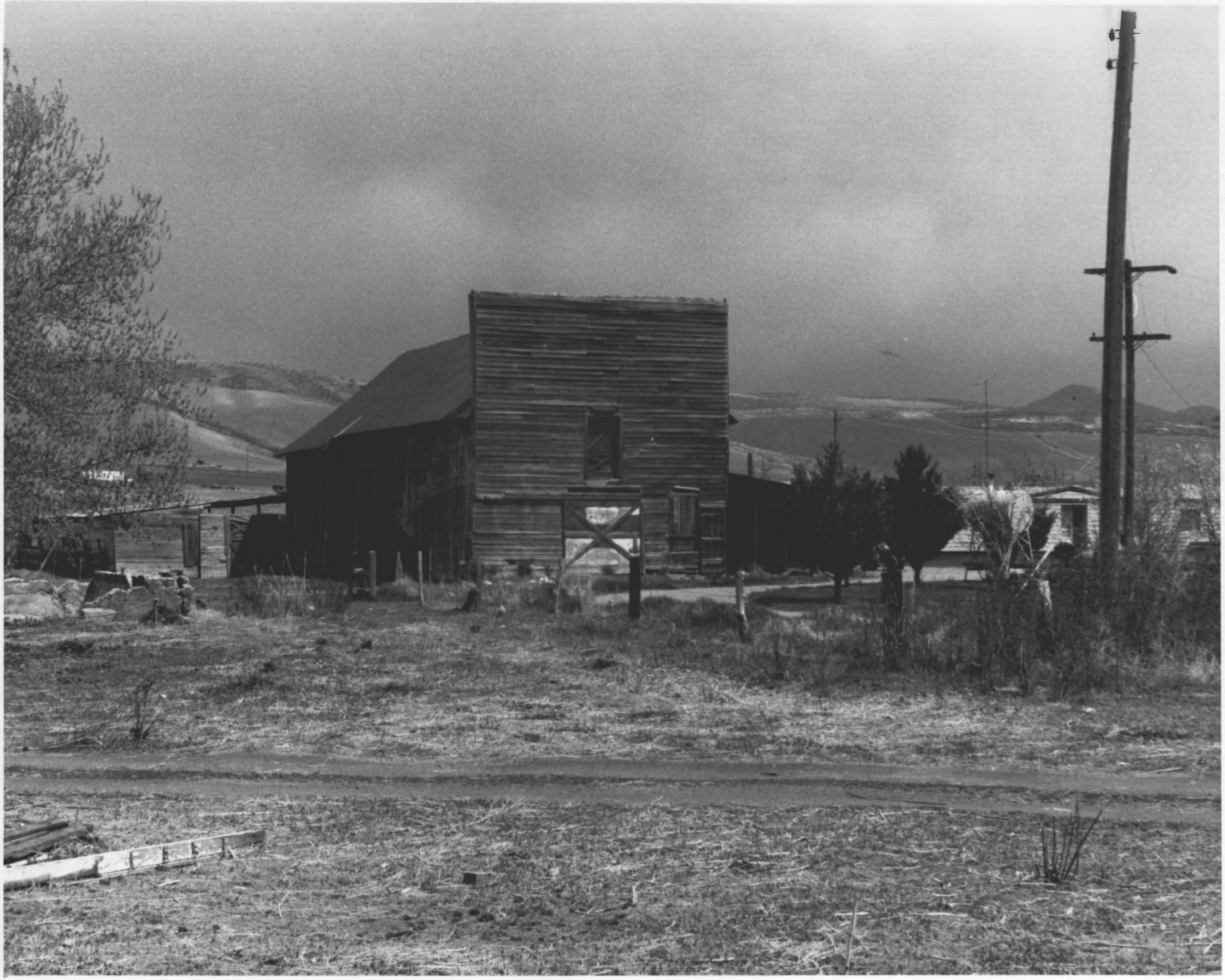
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally J. Oder DATE 2/1/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: W. Ray Luce DATE 1-22-80

for CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



H. O. Harkness Stable Building
111 South Railroad, McCammon,
Bannock County, Idaho

Photograph by C. F. Westenfelder,
Pocatello, Idaho
May, 1979

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Negative in private collection

View from west
Photograph #1 of 2

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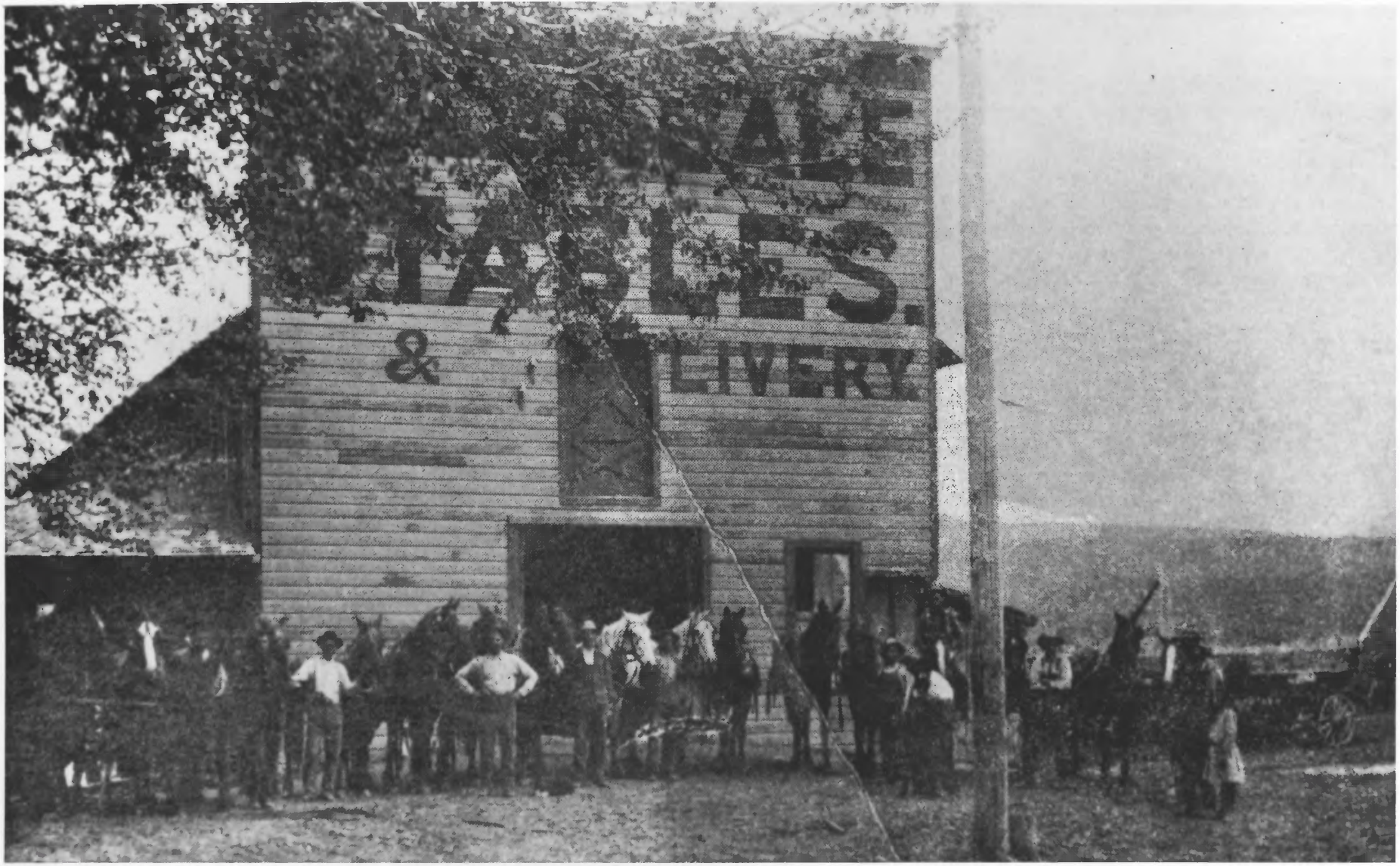
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H. O. Harkness Stable Building
111 South Railroad, McCammon,
Bannock County, Idaho

Photograph of early photograph in
collection of H. Leigh Gittens,
Pocatello, Idaho
October, 1979

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Boise, Idaho

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View from West

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