

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

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

✓ SITE NAME: Keating, Clarence, House

SITE NUMBER: 47

✓ LOCATION: ~~Approximately five miles northeast~~ <sup>NE</sup> of Jerome, <sup>vic.</sup> ~~ID~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Willis and Mary A. Hill  
c/o Ralph D. Eslinger  
1201 Falls Avenue E, Suite 20  
Twin Falls ID 83301

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Shoshone SW, 7 5 minutes

ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

✓ The nomination includes the Clarence Keating house and the property on which it stands, the NE 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 3, T8S, R17E. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome Idaho

UTM(S): 11/707740/4736785

DATE OR PERIOD: 1917

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: H. T. Pugh

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: Good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The one and one half story Keating house is approximately 37 by 24 feet with a basement and shingled gable roof. The roof has flared, enclosed, boxed eaves with returns, and a plain, narrow bargeboard. Clapboard is in the gable walls above the one-story stone walls. Centered, shallow, shed-roofed dormers penetrate the roof on both sides. Each has a pair of almost square single-paned windows in it. A panel of three two-paned double-hung sash windows is centered in the peak of each gable wall. A centered porch covers almost three-fourths of the first floor level of the facade. Its hipped roof begins just below the attic level windows and is flared in the same way as the main roof. The porch has narrow siding on its ceiling and enclosed eaves and moldings. The porch has low stone walls with a centered stoop entrance that also has low stone side walls. Four outset piers support the porch at each corner, and flanking the entrance. They are about twelve inches taller than the porch walls. The porch walls, the stoop walls, and the tops of the columns each has concrete coping about four inches thick, extending about four inches beyond the stone. Wide, square-tapering wooden porch posts are on the piers. A centered door with sidelights is flanked by two windows on the front exposure. The double-hung two-paned windows in the house have nearly-flush concrete lintels about six inches wide and set into the stone about four inches on each end. Their sills are narrower, slightly outset, and sloping. All of the windows are

set close to the outside of the walls. The small brownish stones in the random rubble walls have rose-colored mortar in the slightly brushed-out, medium-width joints. A low, shed-roofed, frame addition is offset to the left on the rear. All of the concrete and wooden portions of the house are painted white. The concrete steps and floor of the facade porch are painted red.

#### SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is significant as an excellent rural example of the Colonial Revival style and as an example of excellent craftsmanship. The flared eaves and the windows near the surface of the walls seem to lighten the solidity of the house. At the same time the centered porch on the gable facade, and the squat, tapered porch piers show the influence of the bungalow style. The Keating house has a very attractive interplay of color, texture, and design details. It was built in 1917 for farmer Clarence Keating by H. T. Pugh, master mason. It was the second and most detailed and elaborate of the five houses Pugh built in 1917. It is the only house attributed to Pugh in which he used rose-colored mortar. The house shows his usual care in selecting stones of similar rounded shapes and colors and his competent use of concrete. Its modest elegance must have been a positive influence on building with stone in the town of Jerome itself. The small frame addition is unobtrusive.

#### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHY REFERENCES:

North Side News (Jerome). June 28 and July 19, 1917.



Lava Rock Structures in South Central Idaho  
Keating, Clarence, House, site 47

Five miles northeast of Jerome  
Jerome vicinity, Jerome County, Idaho

Photograph by Duane Garrett  
Summer 1981

Negative on file at the Idaho State Historical Society,  
Boise, Idaho

View from southwest

Photograph one of one