

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

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

✓ SITE NAME: Barnes, Tom, Barn

SITE NUMBER: 97

✓ LOCATION: ~~Approximately eleven and one-half miles east of Jerome, Idaho, on Highway 25~~ ^E of Jerome, Idaho, on ^{vic.}

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Omar K. Carter
Rural Route 4
Jerome, ID 83338

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Twin Falls NE, 7.5 minutes ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

✓ The nomination includes the Barnes Barn and the property on which it stands, the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 1, T9S, R18E, Boise Meridian. Legal description on file at Jerome County Courthouse, Jerome, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/721600/4726910

DATE OR PERIOD: 1930

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Pete Duffy, Tom Barns, Ikard

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: deteriorated, unaltered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

The Barnes barn is approximately 30 by 54 feet. It has a high rainbow roof with a kick at the close eaves and almost no gable overhang. The main entrance to the barn is through a large, double, frame sliding door the full height of the stone wall midway on the longer dimension of the barn. Shiplap siding is on the frame gable walls above the one-story rubble stone walls. A pointed hay hood with a hay door below it is on the right gable. The left gable wall has a centered hay mow door and two small, rectangular windows placed about midway toward the widest part of the gable wall. A narrow, full height door is offset just to the right of center on the left end wall. The walls are about twenty-eight inches thick. They were laid up with mud, then plastered on the inside. They were pointed on the outside with untooled mortar. The masonry is in disrepair, with stones loosening and falling out in some sections of the wall.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This barn is significant as an example of a variant in barn design and as one of the last structures on which Pete Duffy, Hagerman, Idaho, mason is known to have worked. The Barnes barn is a rainbow-roofed English barn, a type found in Lincoln

and Jerome counties but found less frequently than other barn types. The rainbow roof found on this barn is a rare style in Lincoln and Jerome counties, where the gable or gambrel roof is more common. The centered entrance on the longer dimension of the barn is less common than are gable wall entrances. Tom Barnes, a farmer, started this structure in 1929, doing the work himself. He put planks across the part of the walls he had finished and put bales of straw on the boards to make a shelter for his animals that winter. In 1930 he hired Pete Duffy to finish the masonry. A Mr. Ikard built the roof. The framing is of one-by-four's bent and bolted in place to produce the curve. The cause of the deteriorated condition of the masonry is not clear. It could have resulted from the weathering, from inadequate footings for the walls, or insufficient ties in the masonry.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Ambrose, Ambrose, son-in-law of the original owner who obtained the information from the elderly, bedridden original owner, Summer 1978.



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Eleven and one-half miles east of Jerome
Jerome vicinity, Jerome County, Idaho

Photograph by Marian Posey-Ploss
Summer 1981

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Boise, Idaho

View from southeast

Photograph one of one