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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

A. O. Huntley Barn

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

W of Cuprum

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cuprum

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

#16

COUNTY

Adams

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

__OCCUPIED

X UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mary Bokides

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Weiser

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Adams County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Council

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

___EXCELLENT

___GOOD

XFAIR

___DETERIORATED

___RUINS

___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED

___ALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

___MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The A. O. Huntley barn is a board and batten three-story structure with a steep gambrel roof. It is over 100 feet long and 40 feet wide and employs braced frame construction.

The building sits on a raised concrete foundation which housed the cattle. The floor is concrete covered with soil and most all the original stanchions are intact. A 1" x 12" board floor covers the basement. The upper two floors are open and were used for hay storage. Eleven braced beams support the roof. Feed chutes at the beams run the height of the building to the break in the gambrel.

A shed roofed leanto is on the rear, west side of the barn. There is no hay hood, although small hay door openings are in the gables at each end. The pulley is still intact. There are entries to the main floor at the southeast and northwest corner, and an entry to the stall area on the south side.

Originally a wing, which has collapsed and has been removed, extended from the north side.

The barn, although sturdy, is in need of repair. The roof is greatly deteriorated and must be reroofed in the near future if the barn is to survive. The owner is interested in undertaking this project.

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	☒ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☒ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902 - 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The A. O. Huntley barn is architecturally significant as one of the largest barns of its period in Idaho. It is one of the few remaining three-story barns in the state. Locally it is the largest structure in the Cuprum area. It stands in spacious meadows, surrounded by forest, at the intersection of the road which leads to Cuprum and the Kleinschmidt grade. Set at this major intersection, and being the largest building within a forty mile radius, it is the major architectural landmark in the Cuprum area.

A. O. Huntley operated a ranch in the vicinity of the barn since the 1880's. In the late 1890's he grubstaked Ben and Lou Caswell, who went on to discover the gold which kicked off the Thunder Mountain goldrush. In 1901 this principal group of claims were sold to Colonel Dewey for \$100,000 and the following year another claim brought \$125,000. These moneys allowed Huntley to improve his ranch, increase his herd and build this substantial barn as well as a magnificent Queen Anne residence. The residence unfortunately burned to the ground in the 1930's.

A. O. Huntley operated this ranch and a way station at this location until the agricultural depression of the early 1920's. He sold the ranch to the Speropulos family at this time and moved to Oregon. One of the Speropulos daughters still owns the property and would like to restore the barn.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Daily Statesman January 21, 1934 Sec. 2 p. 4 c. 1-5

High Country June 1978 p. 20-21

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 1 5 2 2 1 0 0 4 9 9 0 5 2 5
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This nomination includes the barn and the grounds immediately surrounding it,
for a distance of 30' from barn in each direction.

per phone report 9-22-78
J.F.T.

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

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard

July 28, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

384-2120

STREET & NUMBER

610 N. Julia Davis Drive

Idaho

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

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

Maude Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

28 August 1978

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

ATTEST:

William Labovich

DATE

11/14/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

Nov 7, 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



A.O. Huntley Barn

Cuprum, Idaho

photographer- Patricia Wright

1978

View of the rear and side from the
south.

Idaho State Historical Society

Site Survey file



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view of the interior, second and
third floors

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