

William and Lucina Bowe Ranch,
Equipment Shed
110 feet Northwest of House
Melrose Vicinity
Silver Bow County
Montana

HABS No. MT-104-E

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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I. INTRODUCTION

Location: The William and Lucina Bowe Ranch is on the east side of the lower Big Hole River Valley in southwest Montana. It lies in Silver Bow County about 0.1 mile south of the community of Melrose and 35 miles north of Dillon. County Road 40 passes through the property and crosses the river approximately 0.1 mile to the southwest.

The equipment shed is on the north side of the ranch, approximately 110 feet northwest of the house.

Quad: Melrose

UTM: Zone: 12; Easting 368580; Northing 5053850

Date of Construction: ca. 1950s

Present Owners: Dale and Rosanna Carpenter
P.O. Box 26
Melrose, MT 59740

Present Use: Shed

Significance: Because the workshop is a modern building, it can not contribute to the historical significance of the William and Lucina Bowe Ranch.

Historian: Mary McCormick
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II. DESCRIPTION

The equipment shed stands about 10 feet west of the workshop (MT-104-E) and within 1 to 2 feet of the log chicken house (MT-104-F). It tall wood-frame building (10' x 16' 6") set on timber sills and topped by a shed roof. The entire south side is open and provides about a 15-foot tall clearance from the base of the building to the roof. Corrugated metal sheeting covers the east, west, and north walls and the roof. A paneled-wood door is on the east wall and a wood-sash window with multi lights pierces the north wall, but it has been covered by boards nailed to the exterior of the shed. Both the door and the window represent recycled elements, older in age than the shed.

None of the sources consulted mention the equipment shed. However, the design and materials of the building suggest a date of construction around the 1950s. The shed presumably was intended as shelter for oversized farm equipment