

William and Lucina Bowe Ranch,
Wood-Frame Garage
225 feet Southwest of House
Melrose Vicinity
Silver Bow County
Montana

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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 wood frame garage is on the south side of the ranch, approximately 225 feet southwest of the house.

Quad: Melrose

UTM: Zone: 12; Easting 368620; Northing 5053750

Date of Construction: ca. 1950s; move to site in early 1990s

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

Present Use: Garage

Significance: Because the wood frame garage 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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Butte, Montana
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II. DESCRIPTION

This garage stands next to the county road near the complex of livestock buildings and corrals at the south side of the ranch. It is a long wood-frame building (40' x 60'), sided by horizontal boards, and topped by a near-flat gable roof covered with corrugated metal siding. The building has been placed on timber sills, the front (east) wall modified with a large overhead garage door and plywood infill, and small 1x1 sliding windows added on the north and south walls. In addition, timber posts have been set against the exterior of the north and south walls, providing structural support. Centered on the west end wall is an entry with a pair of outswinging doors made of plywood.

The current owners reportedly moved the building to this site in the early 1990s, converting into a garage.²

III. ENDNOTES

2. Jon Axline, "William Bowe Ranch, "Montana Cultural Resource Inventory Form," April 1996.