



**A, D, I, & J. MAGER DISTRICT
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The town of Sidney, located eight miles south of Steamboat Springs, established its post office in 1887. When a general store was opened, several ranches were constructed around the town, which, by 1910, also had a church and school (See Sidney Schoolhouse below). The Mager house, built circa 1902, and its outbuildings are one of the few remaining Sidney landmarks. A small stream, Oak Creek, runs directly behind the house. Fred Eichoff, a stagecoach driver, purchased the land and later transferred it to his sister, Louisa Mager, in 1903. According to her grandson, the house was of log construction on a cobble foundation and used by the family as a summer home. Thereafter, the house was sided with wooden clapboards. Louisa's daughter Brunhilda taught at the Sidney Schoolhouse and gave music lessons to local ladies. The property consists of the one-and-a-half story house, two small sheds, and a three-bay, open, corralled stock shed (right side of photograph.). The Mager property has changed hands six times but has retained its architectural integrity and continues to represent the significance of agricultural operations in the Yampa Valley.