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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic: Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company Log Building and Forge Ruins

and/or common: William Forsythe Cabin

2. Location

street & number: N/A — N/A not for publication

city, town: Thunder City — X vicinity of

state: Idaho — code 016 — county: Valley — code 085

3. Classification

Number of contributory buildings and sites: two.

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	X being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		X no	___ military	X other: abandoned

4. Owner of Property

name: Robert G. Stevens

street & number: P.O. Box 308

city, town: Ketchum — N/A vicinity of — state: Idaho 83340

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Valley County Courthouse

street & number: Main Street

city, town: Cascade — state: Idaho

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title: Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory — has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date: 1982 — ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records: Idaho State Historical Society

city, town: Boise — state: Idaho 83702-7695

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	X deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	N/A moved date N/A
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company log building is a one-story horizontal log structure with a rectangular plan. The round horizontal logs, which were used unpeeled, are notched at the building corners with square notches sawn at the log crowns to create a flush joint. The building has a gable roof supported by log purlins and covered with split shakes. The building's gable spaces are horizontal log.

The Braddock mine building has a gable front elevation with a door opening offset to the left (as one faces the building) and a window offset to the right. These openings are framed with simple milled lumber. The rear and left sides of the building have no openings. The right side of the building has a centered window with the remnants of a double-hung sash window.

Interstices between the building's logs are filled with a combination of split poles on the interior and a mud daub on the exterior.

The nomination includes the ruins of a forge, which is contributory to the site.

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	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	X exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1902–1908 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company log building is architecturally significant as a well-preserved example of the type of log construction typically used in the mining camps of the central Idaho mountains during the period 1860 through the Depression era. Specifically, the building represents log construction during the period of mining speculation in the Thunder City-Roosevelt vicinity, 1900-1904. The Braddock building is associated with the development of the Thunder City-Roosevelt mines. Log construction in the central Idaho mining camps typically took the form of round logs notched with square corner timbering. Interstices were usually left between logs and filled with a combination of split poles on the interior and mud daub on the exterior. The purlin-log shake roof combination is also a predominant form, as is the rectangular gable front plan. Numerous examples of such buildings have been recorded in the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory, particularly in Survey 15, a survey specifically of log architecture in the state. Most examples are not as well preserved as the Braddock building, which has historic significance because of its association with Idaho's last major gold rush. Although Thunder Mountain failed to produce significantly until 1984, mining promotion there provided an important stimulus to Idaho's economy after 1900. Only a few structures remain intact from one of Idaho's most interesting gold rushes, and this cabin is of unusual importance as a representative of that era in mining history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Deed and estate records of the Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company, on file as MS2/562, Idaho State Historical Society, Boise, Idaho.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.4 acres

Quadrangle name Rainbow Peak

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	11	647020	4983150
B	11	647020	4983270
C	11	646900	4983270
D	11	646900	4983150
E			
F			
G			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The nomination includes the Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company log building and associated forge ruins and the property on which they stand an area demarked as follows: Beginning at a point (A) 4,000 feet north and 1,200 feet east of USLM 5A, proceed north 400 feet to B, thence west 400 feet to C, thence south 400 feet to D, thence east 400 feet the point of beginning (

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Merle W. Wells, State Historic Preservation Officer AND Jennifer Eastman Attebery, State Architectural Historian

organization Idaho State Historical Society date February 13, 1985

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city or town Boise state Idaho 83702-7695

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 Merle Wells

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 29 July 1985

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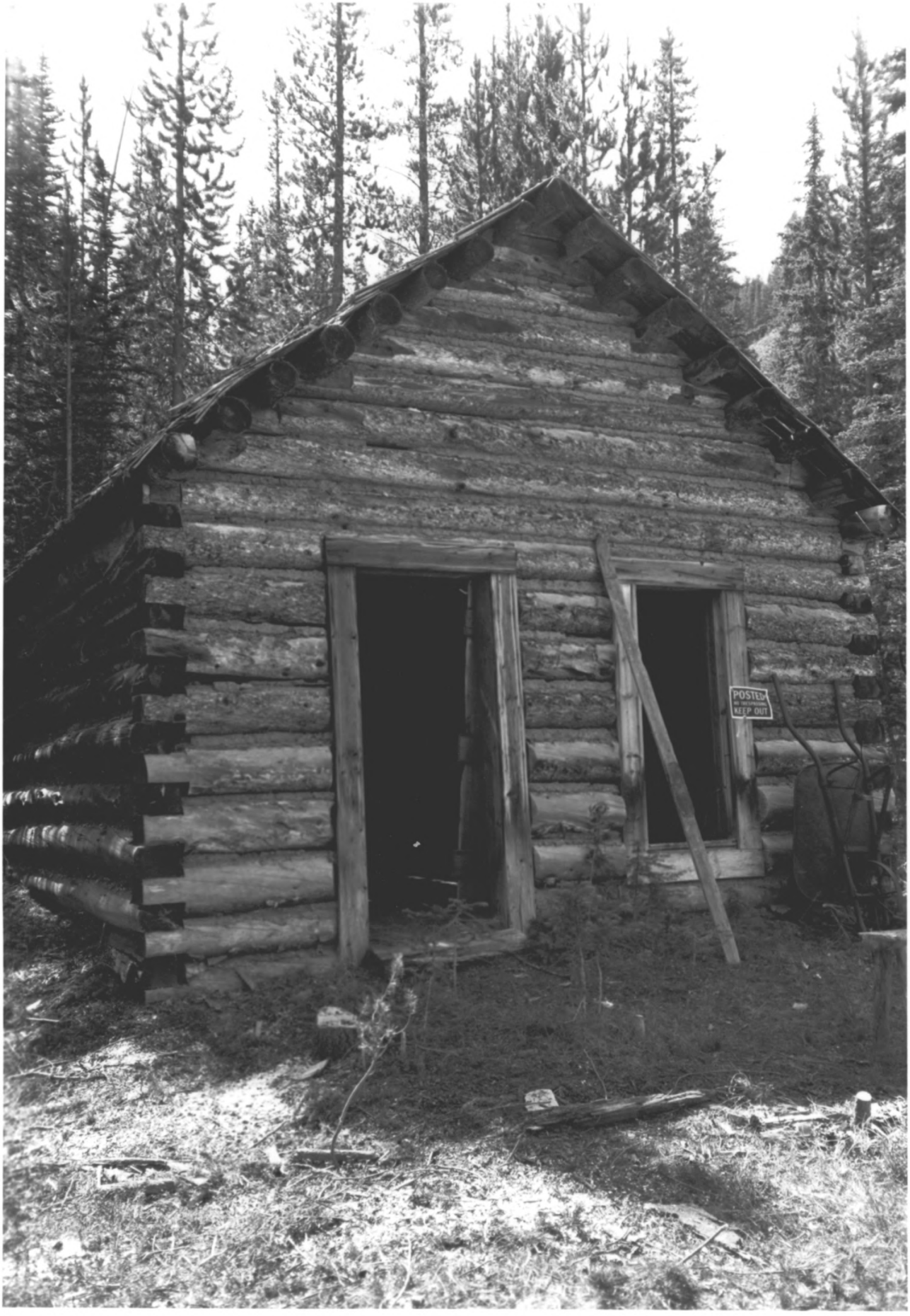
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register date 9/12/85

Attest: date

Chief of Registration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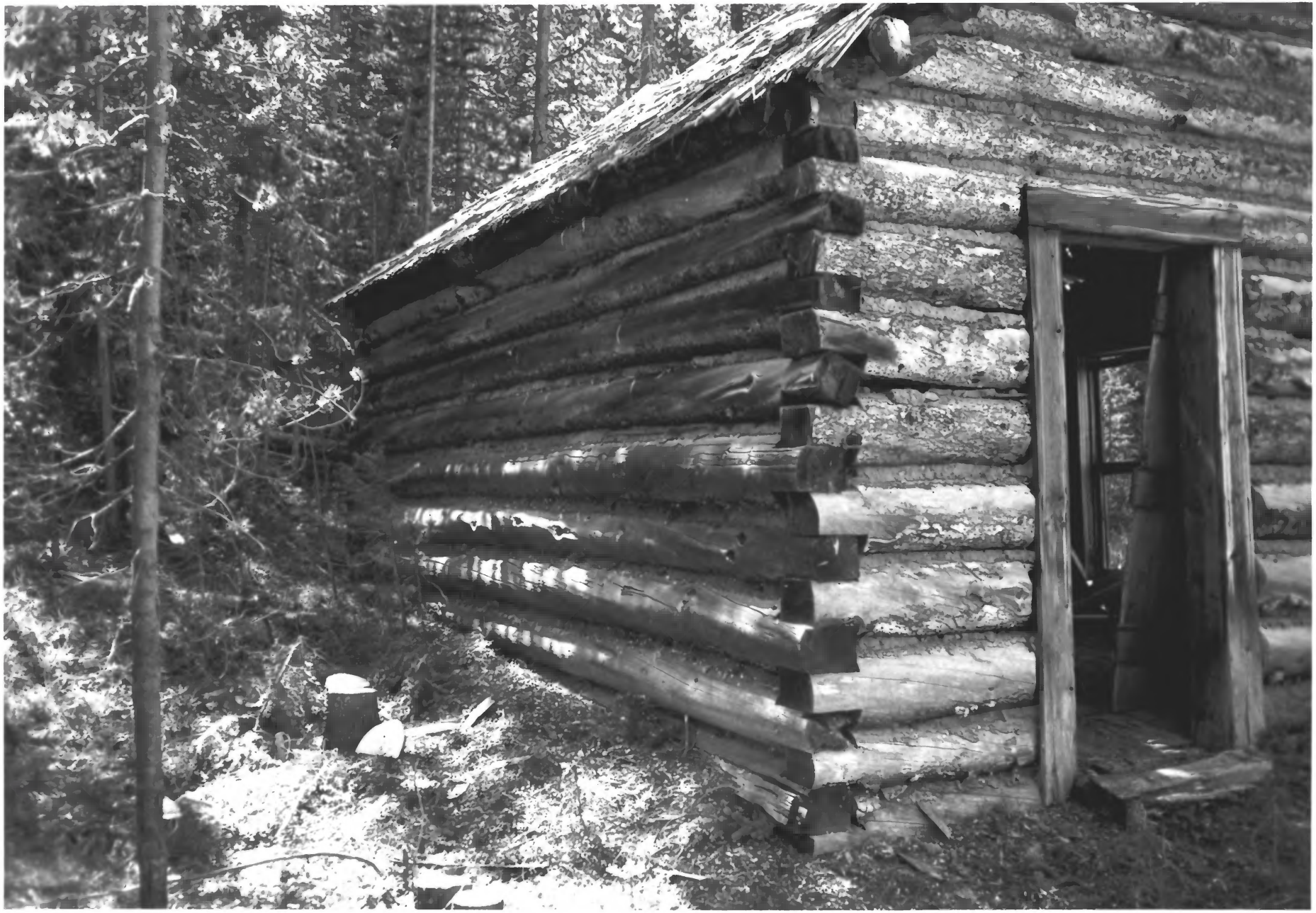
Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company Log Building
Vicinity of Thunder City, Valley County, Idaho

Photograph by Robert G. Stevens
1984

Negative in Robert G. Stevens private collection

View from west

Photograph 1 of 4



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View from northwest

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View from south

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View from east

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