INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Paris (Partial Inventory: Architecture)

SITE NAME: Hoffman barn SITE # 16

LOCATION: ~~North Second~~ East, Paris, ~~Idaho~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Jackie Lynn Passey, Paris, Idaho 83261

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Paris, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Hoffman barn in T-2111, block 5, lots 4 and 5, of the Paris Original Townsite, and the property on which it stands, with a margin of one foot around the Hoffman barn.

UTM(S): 12/4, 67, 570/46, 75, 180

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1880s EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, agriculture

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition altered original site

This barn, attributed to a Hoffman, with its combination of horizontal log lower story and diagonally-sided upper loft, dominates the center of block five in the eastern side of Paris, an area of open flat blocks rich with rural architecture. The rectangular barn misses the usual lateral lean-tos that serve as visual anchors for the tall Paris barns. Its log walls, roughly square notched, are left in the round with the log crowns extending beyond the corner joints. In the balloon frame upper level, under the east gable, is a large pentagonal hay opening, surmounted by an extension of the ridgepole for the pulley system. Below, attached to the gable wall, is a ladder. In the south wall is a door to the lower level. The forty-five degree roof of full-length lumber shingles has diagonal bracing. The barn measures about twenty-five by twenty feet, and is presently used for hay storage.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Hoffman barn is significant for its attractive play of diagonal texture against horizontal logs, demonstrating that even utilitarian vernacular structures can have aesthetic merit. This barn is also a significant variant of the Paris barn type. It is a two-story variant that combines frame and log construction, characteristic of six of our fifty Paris barns. Square notching is a predominant jointure for Paris log architecture.

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Hoffman barn, site #16
North Second East,
Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho

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View from southeast

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