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NOMINATION: Long Valley Finnish Structures (Thematic Group)

SITE NAME: Gust Laituri Homestead SITE # 6

LOCATION: Approximately three miles northeast of Lakefork, off Pearson Road, in the East ½ of th NW¼ of Section 34, Township 18 N, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Lake Irrigation District, Mrs.James Nisula, Secretary, Lakefor Idaho 836

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Lake Fork, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Gust Laituri Homestead building and the property on which it stands; NE¼ NW¼, NE¼ NW¼, Cection 34, T18N, R3E.

UTM(S): 11/5,72,840/49,67,725

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1905 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: State

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

good condition altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

This hewn-log home, measuring approximately sixteen-by-thirty-feet with a hewn-log partition creating two sixteen-by-fifteen spaces inside, is constructed of timbers taken from the area, fitted together in the Finnish style, and double notched at the corners. The structure is fourteen logs high to the gables, which are sided with milled boards placed horizontally. The hewn-log partition is notched into the exterior wall and cut flush with the outside timbers. The building has a door on the south end, windows on its west and north walls, and an attic door in the south gable. Its east wall has been cut away so that the building can be used as a garage by its present owners, the Lake Irrigation District. It sits on a rock foundation and its roof is covered with corrugated metal sheeting.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure is at least seventy-five years old, for Gust Laituri the builder died in 1906, and it is a good example of the Finnish techniques of fitting logs together horizontally and of extending inside partitions through the outside walls. Although its east side has been cut away and the structure is currently being used for a garage, it is one of the oldest and soundest Finnish-built log homestead buildings in Long Valley.

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Photographer:
Alice Koskella
July, 1980

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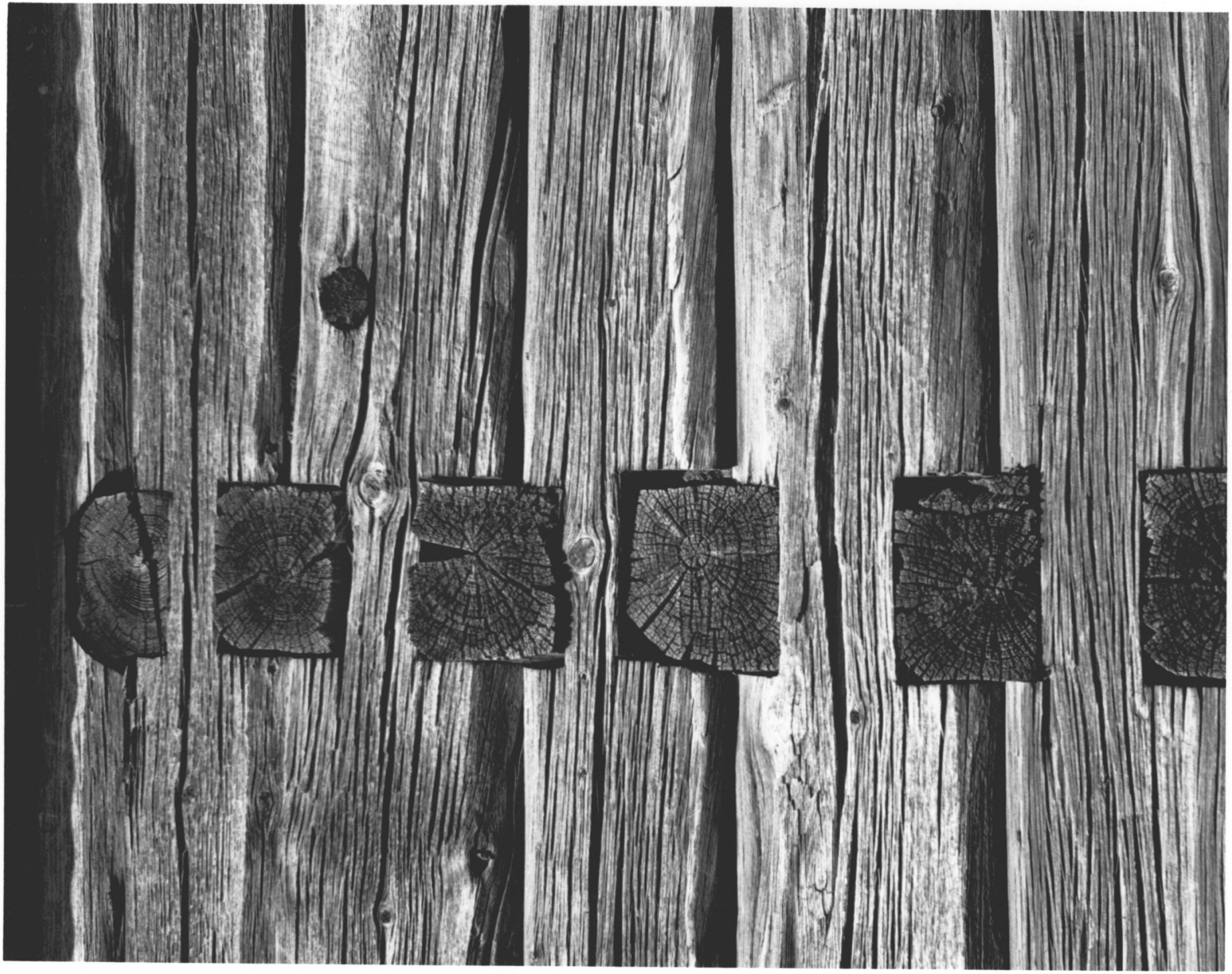
View from southwest

Photograph one of three



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Detail of exterior wall

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Detail of corner notching

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