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

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

SITE NAME: Joseph Rich barn SITE # 18

LOCATION: ~~West~~ Second South, Paris, ~~Idaho~~

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Edward H. Wilcox, Paris, Idaho 83261

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Joseph Rich barn and the property on which it stands: T-2025, fraction of lot 2, block 18, Paris original Townsite, with a margin of one foot around the Joseph Rich barn.

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DATE OR PERIOD: 1870-1880's EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, agriculture

DESCRIPTION: Deteriorated condition altered original site

Joseph Rich's barn is the roofless shell of a large log example of the tall Paris barn with lean-to wings. The central section, built of hewn logs joined with half-dovetail notches, with split pole chinking, is still a fine specimen of tight log construction. The remains of a hay opening can be seen in the south gable. To right and left of this gabled section are lean-tos, one a frame addition used as a garage and one constructed of boards laid flat in even tiers and joined with false corner timbering. This section has a shingled roof set at about a forty-five degree angle. Its gables are batten.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Joseph Rich barn is a significant artifact in the Paris landscape for its connection with an early Paris patriarch, oldest son of town founder Charles C. Rich, and for its exhibition of two Parisian constructions: log and even-tiered planks. The barn also exhibits the most commonly recorded log technique of using hewn logs, joined with the second most common jointure, half-dovetail. Probably built in the 1870's or 1880's, before Rich left Paris, the barn consisted of a central section and right side lean-to until the left lean-to was added sometime after 1929.

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West Second South,
Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho

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View from southeast

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