

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

NOMINATION: Long Valley Finnish Structures (Thematic Group)

SITE NAME: Matt N. Hill Homestead Barn SITE # 10

Approximately  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles southeast of McCall on the east side of Farm to Market Road, in  
LOCATION: the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 18 N, Range 3 E, Boise Meridian.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Dr. Herald S. Nokes, Route 1, Box 107, McCall, Idaho 83638

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: McCall, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one <sup>2.5 ac</sup>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Matt N. Hill Homestead Barn  
and the property on which it stands; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, T18N, R3E.

UTM(S): 11/5,74,450/49,70,255

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1903 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: State

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
good condition      altered      original site

DESCRIPTION:

This frame structure, measuring fifty-by-sixty-feet, is a basilica plan barn, with the aisles being fifteen feet wide on either side of a twenty-foot-wide center nave. It has a steeply-sloping roof and pointed hay hood on the north side. The shingles have been removed and replaced by corrugated metal. The board floors of the aisles are set on hewn-log joists which in turn are set on posts. The uprights and crossbeams and the aisle ceiling joists and the uprights are joined by mortise and tenon joints and wooden pegs. The barn sits on a rock foundation which has been reinforced by cement blocks on the west side. The barn has two windows on the east and three on the west, all of which are boarded over. It is now painted red.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This frame barn, made in the style of Finnish homestead barns throughout Long Valley, is one of the oldest, being seventy-seven years old in 1980, and in relatively good condition. It is still used to store hay and farm equipment, and the interior is virtually unchanged from the original. The mortise and tenon joints, secured by wooden pegs, are examples of Finnish craftsmanship. The pole rafters and hewn timber uprights, floor joists, and cross pieces are still in very good condition.