

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

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Paris (Partial Inventory: Architecture)SITE NAME: J. L. Linvall, house and outbuilding (Paris, MNK) SITE # 8LOCATION: East <sup>2nd</sup> Second South, Paris, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Wendell J. Johnson, 537 North Fifth, Montpelier, Idaho 83254QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Paris, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes the J.L. Linvall house and outbuilding and the property on which it stands, the southern fraction of T-2010, lot 5, <sup>Block 2,</sup> Paris Original Townsite.UTM(S): 12/4, 67, 495/46, 74, 390DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1880s EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LocalAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architectureDESCRIPTION: Deteriorated condition altered original site

Now used for hay storage, the former Linvall house is a log example of the hall-and-parlor house type with two frame additions. The log section of the house conforms to type: a two-room building with centered front door and one window either side of it. This section sits on a dry stone foundation. The logs are square-notched with some half-dovetail notches. Logs are left in the round with mud daubing in the interstices between logs. The gable roof is shingled; in its eastern gable is a stovepipe where one generally finds a chimney in this house type. An unpainted balloon frame addition extends under the same roofline westward, and an ell in the rear, also unpainted balloon frame, extends to the rear. This last section is square with an offset door and window in the east exposure.

The outbuilding to the east of the Linvall house is also log, left round with full dovetail notching and split pole chinking. Sitting on a foundation of sills, this building is rectangular in plan with a door in its east, lateral wall, and no other openings. On the north gable end, the log walls extend beyond the corner joint several feet to create a roof overhang for sheltering stock. The roof is shingled, and gable ends are frame with board and batten sheathing.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The J. L. Linvall house is significant as an example of the hall-and-parlor house built with horizontal logs. Its mixture of square and half-dovetail notching is found on the majority of Paris log buildings, and the house has the usual split pole chinking. Frame sections extending to the side and rear of the house probably are later additions, and the house's round logs suggest it may have an early date, as round log architecture often predates hewn.