

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

NOMINATION: Long Valley Finnish Structures (Thematic Group)

SITE NAME: Charles Koski Homestead SITE # 8

LOCATION: Approximately one-and-one-half miles southeast of McCall on unnamed country road in "West Place Subdivision."

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Freida I. and Ralph H. Colton, 620 6th Avenue, Lewiston, ID

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: McCall, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than one 83501
2.5

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Charles Koski Homestead building and the property on which it stands, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 22, T18N, R3E.

UTM(S): 11/5,72,320/49,70,660

DATE OR PERIOD: 1907 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: State

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

good condition altered original site

DESCRIPTION:

This hewn-log home measures twenty-eight-by-forty-two-feet with a five-and-one-half-by-twenty-nine-foot porch on the east side. The two-story structure contains eight rooms, with doors on the east and west walls and sixteen windows, most with the original panes of glass. The structure sits on its original granite rock foundation. The interior has been little changed except for the moving of an interior stairway. The only major remodeling has been the construction of a utility room on the northeast end of the first floor, and the conversion of one downstairs bedroom into a bathroom. The upstairs bedroom on the north end is essentially the same as it was originally, with its hewn-log walls left uncovered. The roof has been covered with asphalt shingles, as have the outside walls, and the porch on the west side has been made smaller. The house has been lived in continuously since its building in 1906.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This hewn-log home is the largest such structure in Long Valley, and an excellent example of the Finnish method of constructing log buildings. Although it is presently covered with asphalt shingles it is basically unchanged from its original condition and could quite easily be restored to that condition. Built by Charles Koski over 70 years ago, it is in very good condition. Don Koskie, grandson of the builder, plans to buy the home and restore it sometime in the near future.