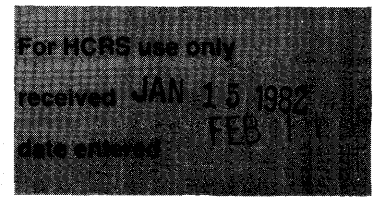


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic IVERSON, Urjans, Cabin

and/or common

**2. Location**

OFF MN 104

street & number (Off Highway 104.) not for publication

city, town Sedan vic GILCHRIST TOWNSHIP vicinity of congressional district 7th

state MINNESOTA code 22 county POPE code 121

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Storage

**4. Owner of Property**

name Vivian Kittelson

street & number Route 2

city, town Brooten vicinity of state Minnesota 56316

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pope County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Glenwood state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980 federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Urjans Iverson Cabin is located in a wooded area at the western edge of Gilchrist Township. The site is on the southeast corner of a farmstead, a short distance south of the West Lake Johanna Church, and about one and one half miles southwest of Lake Johanna.

The structure is a one-story one-room cabin with a shingle-covered plank gable roof. Planks are also utilized in the gable ends of the east and west walls. Most of the logs of the cabin are square cut, and square notching with vertical pegs is used at the corners. Openings were cut into both the north and south facades at an uncertain date; these are now filled in with planks and one small four-paned window. The west facade is without openings. The east facade includes the entrance with a plank door and a small four-paned window (boarded over). The structure has no foundation, with a wood plank floor over the ground. Concrete interstice chinking has been used on the building. Overall, the structure is intact, although portions of the roof and some of the logs are somewhat deteriorated.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1866 **Builder/Architect** Urjans Iverson

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Urjans Iverson Cabin is significant for its broad association with aspects of the initial settlement and development of Pope County. The Lake Johanna area hosted one of the largest initial settlements of the county, with four families establishing residence in 1862. They left the area during the Indian War of 1862, but returned in 1864; in 1865 an outpost at Lake Johanna was ordered to be constructed by Company G, 2nd Reg. Minnesota Cavalry as part of the series of outposts created in the aftermath of the 1862 War. The outpost was apparently utilized only a short time. Urjans Iverson was one of several settlers arriving in the area during the mid-1860s, and local sources indicate that he utilized some of the logs from the abandoned outpost to construct his log house in 1866. Iverson left the area in 1868 for Kandiyohi County, and the cabin became the first schoolhouse for District 13 in 1869. It was also used as the church for the Lake Johanna Congregation from 1869 to 1874. The Norwegian background of the initial settlers continues to be represented in the population of the area today.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Armstrong, Hart R., ed. "A Hundred Years of Greatness:" Pope County, Minnesota Centennial Memorial Book, 1866-1966. (Glenwood?): Pope County Historical Society, 1966,  
 Hitman, Bruce. Minnesota Historical Society Survey Form: Urjans Iverson Cabin, 1977.  
 West Lake Johanna Lutheran Church, 1867-1967. (Brooten?): privately published, 1967?

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less than one acre.

Quadrangle name Lake Simon

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A	<u>15</u>	<u>323670</u>	<u>5035620</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

That part of T123N, R37W, Sec. 24 as follows: Beginning at a point 700 feet south of the NE corner of said Sec. 24; thence west 125 feet; thence south 200 feet; thence east 125 feet; thence north 200 feet along said section line to POB.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Dennis A. Gimmestad

organization: State Historic Preservation Office date: September 1980

street & number: 240 Summit Avenue telephone: 296-9068/9070

city or town: St. Paul state: Minnesota 55102

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature: *Russell W. Fridley*

title: \_\_\_\_\_ date: 12/17/81

**For HCERS use only**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Arthur Byers* Entered in the National Register date: 2/11/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Iverson, Urjans, Cabin in Pope  
County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 82003001

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Pope

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Iverson, Urjans, House

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:** off Mn. Hwy. 104

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**