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**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

Feehan, John C., House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Murray

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Shoshone

CODE

79

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dean W. Parrish

STREET & NUMBER

Box 434

CITY, TOWN

Murray

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho 83874

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Shoshone County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Wallace,

STATE

Idaho

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Idaho Historic Site Survey

DATE

November 21, 1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise,

STATE

Idaho

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Feehan house is a one-story building of hewn logs laid horizontally on a foundation of sills and chinked in the interstices between logs. The floor plan, a series of four rooms set one behind the other, is reminiscent of the southern shotgun house type. The gable is front-facing; beneath it is a recessed central door with two narrow round-arched glass panels, pilaster-like white trim flanking this door, and white pilaster corner boards covering the corner-timbering. On either side of the front door is a four-light double hung sash window. These windows are nearly as tall as the door and are simply framed. The house's forty-five degree gable roof, supported by exposed purlins, is covered with corrugated metal over sheathing. The rear two rooms of the house are under a lower roof, and may be later additions.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

PECIFIC DATES Ca. 1884-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Feehan house is of architectural significance as an example of traditional American log building techniques combined in a remote setting with details reminiscent of the Greek Revival style.

Examples of Greek Revival architecture are relatively rare in Idaho, as the style was nationally popular before Idaho Territory was extensively settled. Where this style is found, often it is in a mining community or early Mormon settlement. The Feehan house, probably built sometime between 1884 and 1900, is a late example of the modest renditions of this style found in isolated mining towns. The house's gable-end facade with exposed purlins supporting an overhang, and the use of logs set together with chinking and daubing in their interstices, are common to Idaho buildings in the mining areas of central and northern Idaho.

John C. Feehan was manager of the Murray Mercantile Company, established sometime between 1897 and 1902. Feehan arrived in Murray sometime between 1884, when the town was established in a rich placer gold mining area as county seat of Shoshone County, and 1900, but probably no earlier than 1897. He appears in the 1900 census as a white bachelor, aged 33, born in Iowa. According to oral sources, Feehan built this log house. It is possible, however, that the house was built before he moved to Murray, since the style is an early one and since lumber and woodwork were locally available by 1897.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Correspondence with Dean W. Parrish, November 1979.

Coeur d'Alene Sun, 1884-1903.

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Burke

QUADRANGLE SCALE 15 minute

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 586300 5275225

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

E         

G         

B         

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D         

F         

H         

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nomination includes the log house located in Block 12 (139), lots 4-12 of the city of Murray, Idaho.

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jennifer Eastman Attebery, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

2 February 1980

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

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334-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise,

STATE

Idaho 83702

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Mede Wells*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 29 February 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Ray Duce*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 8/27/80

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 8-21-80

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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Feehan, John C., house  
Supplementary Information (Significance)  
July 8, 1980

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE

Historical photographs of the Murray area in Idaho (see supplementary photographs #1 and #2) and of other north and central Idaho mining towns document that horizontal log construction rivaed frame and board and batten building as a major type of mining town construction. A survey of log architecture begun by the Idaho Historical Society in 1979 has revealed only a small percentage of these log buildings still extant, many of them severely deteriorated, significantly altered, and/or inaccessible from the public right-of-way. Only three log buildings in Murray were noted in the 1979 survey. The John C. Feehan house in Murray is worthy of National Register nomination as a relatively unaltered, well preserved remnant of the northern Idaho log building tradition. The owner of the house has shown an interest in the house's registration and preservation.