

NOMINATION: Long Valley Finnish Structures (Thematic Group)

SITE NAME: John Korvola Homestead SITE # 1

LOCATION: At the northeast corner of the intersection of Roseberry Road and Farm to Market Road, one-and-one-half miles due east of Donnelly, Idaho.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Long Valley Preservation Society, c/o Mrs. Velma Shoemaker, McCall, Idaho 83638

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Cascade, 15 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the John Korvola Homestead building and the property on which it stands; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, T16N, R3E.

UTM(S): 44^o 44' 12" latitude, 116^o 04' 20" longitude

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1900 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: State

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

Fair condition altered moved 1978

DESCRIPTION:

This twelve-by-sixteen-foot hewn-log cabin has an eight-foot board extension added to its north end, making its overall dimensions about twelve-by-fourteen. Like most Finnish-built homestead cabins, the Korvola cabin is made of hewn logs with full-dovetail corner notches, and the logs have been closely fit together in the Finnish style so that no chinking between the logs was necessary. The cabin is eleven logs high to the board gables; the boards there run vertically. A low door, typical of Finnish cabins, about five feet high, has been cut in the south end. A small window has been cut in the west wall. The shake-shingled roof has been covered with tin. A second doorway has been cut in the west wall of the board extension.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The John Korvola cabin is of historical and architectural significance as one of the first Finnish homestead cabins to be built in Long Valley. Mr. Korvola received the patent to his homestead in October of 1905, so the cabin was probably built soon after he applied for the patent, which could have been no later than five years earlier, in 1900. The cabin exhibits several Finnish methods of log construction, including hewn logs fitting tightly together on the horizontal, full-dovetail notched corners, and the low doorway in the original log portion. Although the structure was moved from the Korvola property in 1978, it is a good example of early log cabin construction in the Finnish settlement here. Now owned by the Long Valley Preservation Society, the cabin is part of the "Old Roseberry Townsite" area and across from the Long Valley Museum on Farm to Market Road, making it an ideal candidate for preservation and eventual restoration.