

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

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Paris (Partial Inventory: Architecture)✓ SITE NAME: Gus Weilermann house SITE # 50LOCATION: Southwest of Paris, IdahoOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Bernard Wilkes, Paris, IdahoQUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Paris, 7.5 minute ACREAGE: less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nomination includes the former Weilermann house and the ground on which it stands (25 feet in all directions from structure), in Paris: T-1880,UTM(S): 12/4, 66, 70/46, 73, 865 fraction NESWDATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1890 EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: StateAREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

Deteriorated condition      Altered      Original site

## DESCRIPTION:

The former Weilermann house, vacant as is the nearby and contemporary Cole house (site # 25) and presently used for storing hay, sits in a field about a mile southwest of Paris townsite. Like the Cole house it is a tall, one-and-a-half story mansard-roofed structure with distinctive flared eaves; it is also stuccoed, almost certainly over stone, with rugged stone quoins showing at the corners. It is ell-shaped, with the entrance centered in the lateral block just to the left of the intersection, and a blind door from the attic just above it. The downstairs windows are segmentally arched; openings into the mansarded attic are gable-headed. There is a frame porch at right, approaching the frame cabin unit on the north end. The house is obviously deteriorated as a residence but it appears stable.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Weilermann house is architecturally significant, as is the Cole house (site #25), for the distinctive contrast of its mansard form and its rural setting. It has added architectural and historical significance for its resemblance to the now-lost house of Jacob Tueller, Sr., whose family was responsible for the masonry. The Tueller house was also L-shaped with identical disposition of openings, including the gabled upper door.

Early research implied that this house was built after the turn of the century, contemporary with the Stoker house (site 46). But the rough stone quoins and similarity to the 1877 Tueller house suggests a date closer to 1890 for the Weilermann house, a decision which has been confirmed by an oral source. Ulrich Weilermann, a Swiss convert who lived originally in nearby Bern, owned this farm after his move to Paris in the 1880's. Weilermann had been a close friend of Jacob Tueller's in Switzerland. His mansard house, next owned by his son Gus, is a well-formed example of Paris' notable contribution to Idaho's rare Second Empire architecture.