Gilbert's Cabin

North Cascades National Park Service Complex MRA

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amended Items in Nomination:

Gilbert's Cabin offers evidence of dovetail-notched log cabin design qualities. However, the cabin has lost integrity as a building and therefore is best evaluated as a site. Because sites do not convey architectural significance, this site is being listed based on its historical associations only (ie. only under criterion A). Although the criterion D significance of Gilbert's Cabin has not been evaluated, it is possible that the cabin has the potential to yield information about dovetail-notching as a log cabin construction technique. This information was confirmed over the telephone by Gretchen Luxenberg, historian in the NPS Pacific Northwest Regional Office.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)
Gilbert's Cabin is significant under Nat. Reg. Criterion A: for its association with early settlement and commercial development (mining) in the North Cascades; and secondly under Criterion C: as one of the earliest examples of log cabin construction, and the only example of dovetail-notched log construction, in the North Cascades. The notched corners and massive hand-hewn timbers embody a distinct method of construction that is unique within NOCA. Gilbert's Cabin is significant as a SITE: it was the location of an early settler's cabin, a post office, and generally served as a stopover place for others headed up the Cascade River to mines. Its significance lies in its value as a site - the location of significant activities. The location possesses historic and cultural value despite the building's deterioration. The ruins of the cabin (4 walls remain) enhances the significance of the site.
REFERENCES
Berry, Fred. Personal interview, 2 May 1984.
Thompson, Erwin. History Basic Data, 1976.
Wills, H.W. National Register Nomination for Gilbert's Cabin, 7 April 1972.

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**NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE**: GILBERT'S CABIN (Card 2 of 2)

**SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION**

**DISTRICT**

**COUNTY**

**STATE**

**OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS**

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION**

**SITE ID. NO.**

**SCALE**

**QUAD NAME**

**ADDITION(S)**

**UTM ZONE**

**EASTING**

**NORTHING**

**CROSS REFERENCE**

**DANGER OF DEMOLITION?**

(SPECIFY THREAT)

**CURRENT USE**

**ORIGINAL USE**

**PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY**

- YES, LIMITED
- YES, UNLIMITED
- UNKNOWN

**EXISTING SURVEYS**

- NR
- HABS
- NHL
- LCS
- NPS
- STATE
- COUNTY
- LOCAL
- OTHER

**LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?**

- YES
- NO

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED

**SIGNIFICANCE**

This site is significant on a local level for its association with early settlement in the North Cascades and for its potential to yield information on this theme. It is also significant as a distinct building type (log cabin) and method of construction (half-dovetail-notched planked logs). Although the cabin no longer has a roof, the structural integrity of the notched walls and window and door openings is intact. The structure -- as a site -- has the potential to yield information important to settlement and log construction methods in the North Cascades from the late 19th century.
REFERENCES
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NEGATIVE NO.  
HABS/HAER QUALITY  
YES  
NO

INVENTORIED BY  Gretchen Luxenberg
AFFILIATION  NPS
DATE  Summer 1984
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