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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88003453Date Listed: 2/10/89Gilbert's CabinSkagitWA

Property Name

County

State

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.

Bruce J. Noble, Jr.
for Signature of the Keeper

2/10/89
Date of Action

===== 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.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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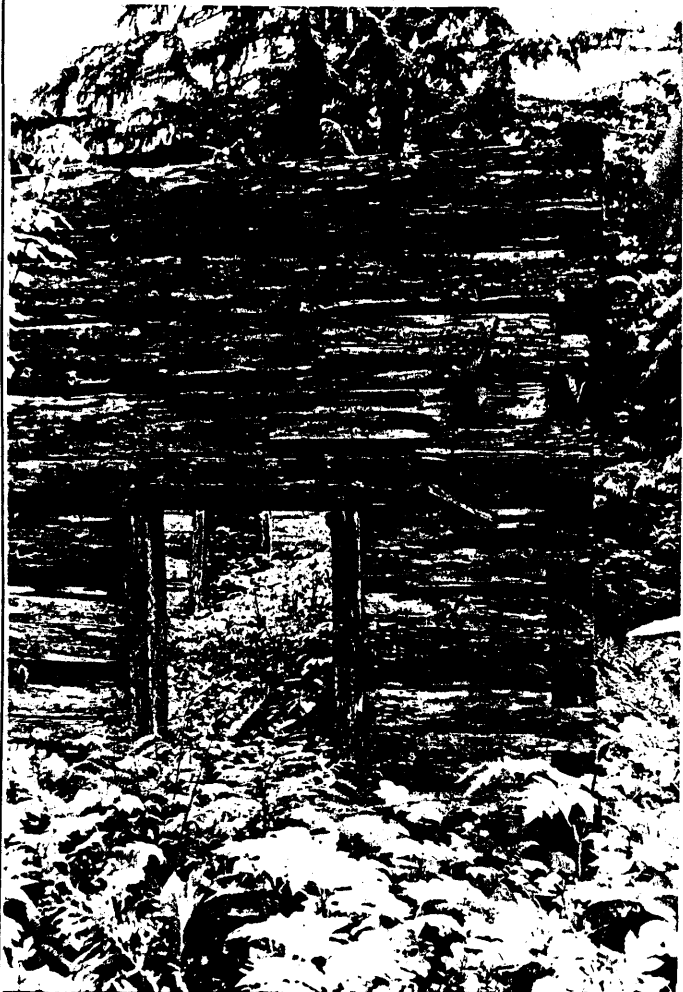
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2001 Sixth Avenue
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NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE (Site) <i>GILBERT'S CABIN (Card 1 of 2)</i>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>c.1894</i>	SITE ID. NO. <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>											
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION <i>South side Cascade River Road at mile (approx.) 20.5, west of Gilbert Creek, near North Fork of Cascade River</i>		ADDITION(S)	SCALE <i>1:24000</i>		QUAD NAME <i>Cascade Pass</i>									
DISTRICT <i>Skagit</i>			COUNTY <i>Skagit</i>	STATE <i>Washington</i>	UTM ZONE <i>10</i>	EASTING <i>641210</i>	NORTHING <i>5372160</i>							
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS <i>National Park Service</i>		CROSS REFERENCE <i>NOCA Bldg. #1024/III-2</i>		DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)			☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ UNKNOWN							
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. <i>Log cabin. Log construction set on log beams; rectangle (18' x 25'); 2 bays wide; 1-story; hand-hewn planked logs (average: 17" wide) with full dovetail notches at corners; entrance opening (34" wide) with plain surrounds on east facade; window openings (2.5' wide) on north, east and west facades with plain surrounds (5" wide).</i> <i>This hewn log cabin was built in the 1890s by a French Canadian named Gilbert Landre. He first arrived in the area in 1888 and built a small log cabin at this site. By 1893 he was hewing logs for a new cabin and had walls halfway up when an avalanche destroyed his work. By 1894 the present cedar log cabin was completed. Originally a 1 1/2-story, gable roof cabin set on a round log foundation with 4/4 double-hung sash, a board and batten door and a front deck running the width of the structure. All that remains today are four walls (12' high) with door and window openings. Landre was a trapper and miner who discovered the Boston ledge (with G. L. Rowse and J. C. Rouse in 1889), and claimed the Chicago, Buffalo and Denver ledges, all located in the Cascade Mining District. All of Landre's interests, comprised of 15 claims, were acquired by the London and Galena Mining and Milling Company which planned to develop them. His cabin became a hostelry for other miners working the area, or people passing through. The cabin was one large room with a loft that was reached by stairs in the NW corner. There were bunkbeds inside. After Landre's death in Marblemount in 1905, his cabin continued to serve as a</i>			CURRENT USE		ORIGINAL USE <i>Residence</i>									
PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☐ NO ☒ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ UNKNOWN		EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ HABS ☐ NHL ☒ LCS ☐ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER		LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☐ NAME ☒ NO				CONDITION ☐ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☒ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS						
SIGNIFICANCE <i>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 stop-over 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.</i>														

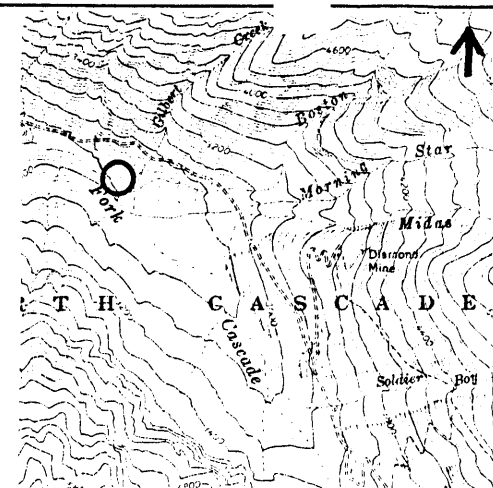
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FROM NW



HISTORIC VIEW



HISTORIC VIEW



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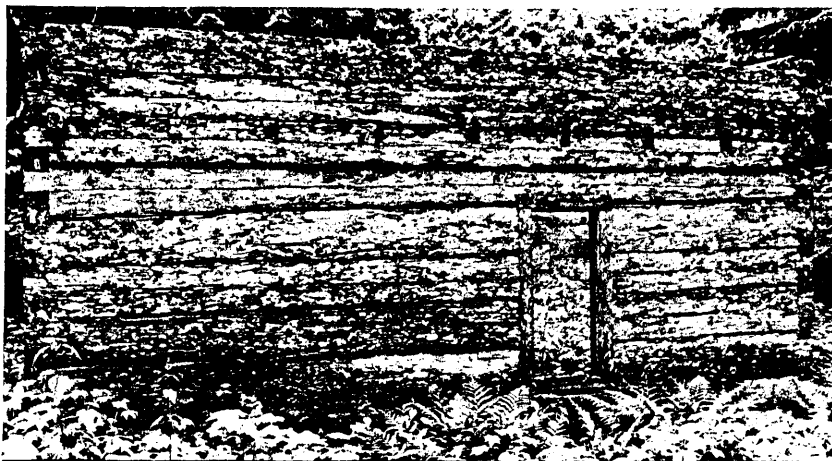
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SIGNIFICANCE <i>This site is significant on a local level for its association with early settlement in the North Cascades and for its potential to yield information on this theme. It is also significant as a distinct building type (log cabin) and method 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.</i>																																								

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DETAIL



NEGATIVE NO.

HABS/HAER QUALITY

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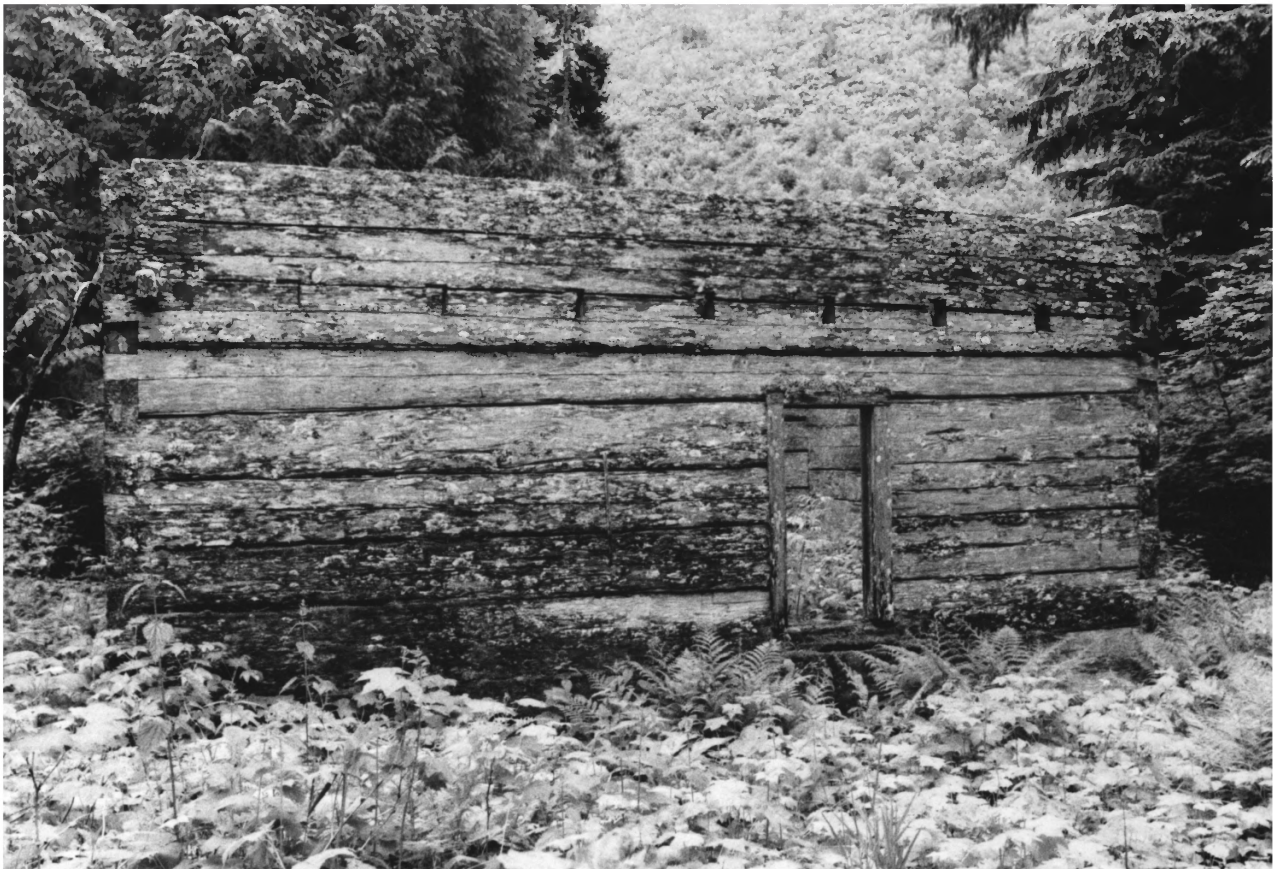
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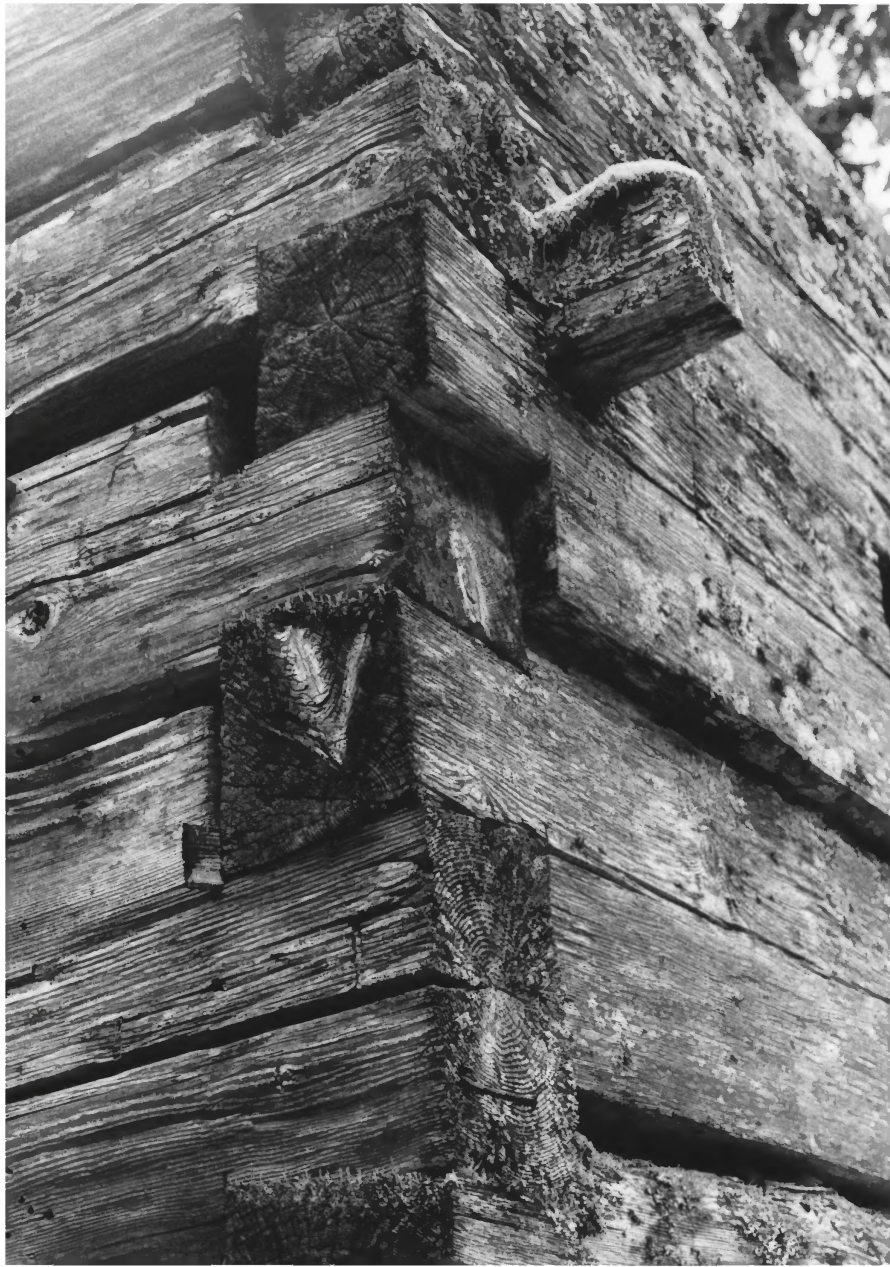
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