

Peterson Tape #5, Side B

Sign above door, this cabin, 38 miles from Unalakleet, later Alaska Scouts, 15 July 1944, sign inside on floor says 10 miles.

Cabin in ruin, log saddle notch construction in corners. Small short cabin. Floor has risen some. Logs have settled some, approximately height at eaves, 5 foot max. Ridge pole at 5½ feet, allowing settling 6 foot assume only shelter cabin, not roadhouse. Other names W. P. Ryan and J. Ivanoff.

Ten-Mile Cabin, galvanized roofing to north side of cabin indicates structure possibly had corrugated galvanized roofing at one time.

Twenty-Two Mile shelter cabin in ruin. Roof down. Central purlin, looks like a double central purlin, no intermediate purlin. Purlin's G-pole roof, sawed on top. Plank door, one by plus or minus 10 inches, rough sawn circular. Wood stove inside, little burner. Some galvanized tin around inside indicates possible galvanized roof at one time. Doors and windows cased. Rough sawn one by four circular. Stove inside is an old Dudley, small rectangular stove. Logs have been peeled. Inside is, has been blazed to somewhat square walls beyond, to the point of, beyond removing stubs and yet not to the point of completely leveling it. No indication of wall covering inside. Floor system one by plus or minus eight inches, rough sawn up on with stringers, floating floor as per others riding from entry to rear which is north to south running the lengthways throughout the structure. Door attached inside, swings in with _____ hinges. Chinked with moss only. Approximately 51 feet north of existing structure, ruins of other old log structure, saddle notch construction, large circular cut spike, galvanized metal roofing. Approximate size north to south is 24 feet north to south by approximately 12 feet judging from the small pile of logs probably a low walled roof to a dog kennel of such. Appears to have a G roof, G-pole roof on it. Probably about four logs high each wall. Doesn't appear to have been any windows or doors on the west side. Unable to tell on other.

Peterson Tape #3, Side A

No. 2 cabin on Hunter Trail after leaving Ophir approximately 1½ miles out from Mason, Brown Creek cabin, evidence of galvanized roofing, rough cabin, rough saddle notches, purlin logs, log poles, deep holed roof with log on top, approximately 6 _____ of logs standing, right on trail. Facing trail, front entryway facing east-northeast, evidence of recent roof collapsed, approximately 5-8 years ago.

At the ARC frame-built structure on Hunter Trail, structure similar to the on the _____. However, conditions are much more deteriorated and also evidence that it was built in a different period. All of the lumber is rough sawn. Circular rough sawn, white spruce, planking on the back wall, evidence that it was perhaps longer structure at one time. Sides are drop siding, commercial manufactured, four-paneled door unlike the five-panel horizontal door at the other cabin. Floor completely gone with exception of framing. Fabric unable to determine. Artifacts include six-inch black-iron stamped frying pan, large cup with U.S.N. stamped on the coffee mug, light metal with white enamel blue-marbled, aqua blue-marbled colored enamel coffee cup. Roof is gone, evidence one-quarter inch sheetrock.

(In helicopter, difficult to hear) Unable to land at Shermeier Roadhouse. The helicopter _____ coming up. _____ quite evidence that _____ recognized where the new cabin was located so we hovered and I took several photographs _____. Dikeman Roadhouse, we stopped on leaving with probably outhouse located approximately 35 feet _____ facing the river with the front of the building to the right-hand side _____ the river. What seems to be a foundation laying in the woods _____ in reality was actually part of the roof structure due to the fabric _____ that was similar to that on the roof with the 90 pound felt paper with the _____ it looks it was probably right there due to recent flooding. Structure _____

Located what we believe on July 14, to be approximate roadhouse, possibly downriver too far in actually _____ Oregon City. Cabin intact, brown roof, traps on front door, took approximately 10 pictures. Evidence of trappers use

recently. Log with barred saddle notch, roof, crude cabin, facing in approximately straight west. Front door center, no windows front. Single pitch roof front to rear. Trail off the existing path trail to the east approximately one-quarter to one-half mile.

Cripple Landing, structure #1, systematic walk through structure beginning with the rear entry porch or all-weather entrance, rough frame, spruce pole or deep hole studs, 1 x 7 drop siding walls on exterior only, not insulated, 1 x 8 rough sawn floor, perpendicular to log wall of structure. Roof with black 90-pound tar paper roof. Rear entry with door plank with horizontal, diagonally bracing. Wood peg latch. Two steps up to rear office. All trim green. Screen door green, 30s and 40s. Two-door screendoor swinging out. Fur door with two-foot approximately two-foot six by two-foot glass panel top. Solid wood panel single-panel bottom fur door, fur plywood inset. Rear office walls are beaver board or cellutex(?), ceiling cellutex with batten on seam. Ceiling is one by eight ship lap or drop siding milled. Ceiling walls exterior log approximately plus or minus eight-inch diameter. Log ends dressed to receive casing, chink cloth Portland cement, outer chinking. Logs have been peeled with a draw axe it looks like. The floor in this section five-eighths by 3½ tongue and groove fur running short-end of the structure, across the short-end of the structure. Windows on south and on east. Larger windows pivoting, hinged at bottom, opening inside. Evidence of wood shutters, vertical planking, horizontal nailer members on hinges. Four-inch strap hinges. Pantry off of office. Frame interior partition with planking on office side only. Inside is rough framed, cellutex ceiling, east wall looks like it used small pieces of leftover scrap to construct wall. Building board on wall seal cracks. Pantry includes large one-quart, or five-pound Royal baking soda can, Hills Brothers coffee, recent Ole beer bottle, there are cake pans, bed pans, white enameled plates representative of most cabins, French oven, galvanized metal or enameled metal, windows, double windows, two exterior, two over two pane manufactured fur painted green, hinged on the bottom, opening in for some and storm windows on the outside. Store room, dark wall, chest hanging on wall, floor in danger of collapsing into cellar. Small cabinet, wall with muslin and wallpaper. Small arched windows provide minimum light, evidence of wallpaper muslin tacked at ceiling and not even painted. No doors on either pantry and store room into office. Desk in room, above desk Alaska Airlines

announcements tacked to walls with schedules out of McGrath, one jet purchase announce talking Totem, November 1916, and publication of Alaska Airlines with another schedule April 1, 1961, from Cripple Landing received by mail. No evidence of a mail address on schedule. Floor in structure badly humped, settling completely west, completely beyond repair. Entering from office to main room, sealed with door horizontal, one random width, three-quarter inch by random width six-inch planking, nailed horizontal on office side with vertical same board on other side sandwiched together. Main room bad deterioration of floor, cellar full of water. Ceiling is cheesecloth painted basically an oak or perhaps at one time a white color. Beaver board with muslin and wallpaper on all walls. Walls between office and structure are log, indicating earlier construction. Linoleum on the floor, light brown swirl pastel pattern, flowers around the edge, defining an area. Indications are that this is a kitchen, work, sewing room. Floor unit is the same. Three-quarter inch by 3½ inch tongue and groove floor painted oak or gold or yellow. Bedroom, one, two, three, five-panel manufactured door, similar to doors of other structures by one and one-eighth. Door swings into office or main living unit. Bedroom back, log chinked with fiberglass, windows framed with fur milled, screen windows and windows, wallpaper on walls over muslin, ceiling muslin, painted. Floor the same as office or living room. Front door similar to rear door entry. Large glass over large plywood panel below. Plywood panel fur lumber hinge pivots, swings into room with screen door out front. Front porch crude, milled lumber, single plate top, bottom. Three foot six inch stud on center. Drop siding exterior only. Door each end of porch. Large burl wood stump been cut off perhaps served as meat cutting table. Three sets of windows pivoting in. Two-panel over two pane with screens outside. Building paper between studs and outside siding. Five-panel door on north end of porch, rough planked door on south side of porch. Directly out the south entryway to front porch large pile of firewood. Twelve steps to upstairs at eight and one-quarter inch height each landing. Top of landing to top of landing. Upstairs obvious bedroom perhaps front part used separately. Ceiling has been painted Army gray. Rear half of the upstairs unpainted. Perhaps served as different room. Evidence of one, two, three bunks. One of the them small, indicates perhaps child. Old Newsweeks dating January 1967. Planking same as downstairs. Runs long direction of structure. Walls upstairs are milled with what looks like white spruce, one by eight drop siding. Painted gray, front half only. Windows swing in on the vertical with screen windows. Uninsulated

roof, salmon tin cans as used in salmon canning. Planking around all walls with exception of south wall upstairs. North wall has planking.

Woodshed, building #2, built in two phases. Buck lanked wood in original structure. Well built spruce deep holed frame. Horizontal nailer, flush with poles. Vertical slab nails. Slabs cut circular, single slope roof. Eight foot front, approximately six foot to the rear. Second stage wood floor, or dirt floor in structure. Slab pole roof with rounded edge down and rounded edge up over crack. Double slab roof. Split wood and it's been cut recently within a year or two. Split wood in other structure approximately two cords rougher built. Less care in construction. Slabs sporadic, use of scrap wood. Wood slab on ground directly in front or to the northwest, east corner of structure. Wood runner looks like wood dog sled. Bobsled remains leaning against wall; evidence, it looks like a horse bobsled.

Rear addition, room #3, evidence of small at one time, log structure; corner sealed with rougns on lumber. Blazo cans around foundation to seal. Three over three windows each side. Seven by nine. Doors rough but cased. Vertical planking on doors, horizontal nailer from one by eight drop siding contents include dresser, 40-inch dresser, two-drawer with bottom door cabinet. Galvanized metal bathtub, homemade. On stand with wooden mop bucket inside. Fish net, gil net hanging from inside. Possible recently used trappings. Floor structure nearly gone. Two mop buckets, one broken. Six inch ridge purlin with deep holes on gable to outer walls no intermediate purlins. Flattened metal barrels, nailed on as roofing with one by tens nailed on top of deep holes along side of purlins for hood support. Log peeled, dressed Portland cement or mud chinking, no fabric or moss evidence in chinking. Rear addition corners are not saddle notched, are butted and probably nailed, no evidence of nails, however, from logs into ends of others. No overhang or soffit around sides of structure. Rear addition front has soffit approximately 14 inches. Saddle notched construction corner on front, original structure. Rough saddle log peeled. Trees are probably sawn rather than chopped due to square ends. Front addition original structure building #3 obviously some sort of shop. Log structure peeled, chinked inside with moss recent chinking. Work bench with antifreeze can, white metal enameled nine by six enameled serving bowls. Looks like furnace grates from a wood burning

stove. _____ powdered buttermilk, wooden box, various tools, scythe, trap handles, nails, bolts, screws, old frying pans, pipe fittings, bell jarred seal rims, Folger coffee cans, Polaski whip saw blades. Structure has dirt floor, random width, one by plus or minus eight inch rough sawn roof, circular sawn, single purlin, no intermediate purlin, direct wall inside dressed with broad axe, some areas. Shelf for looks like paint storage on one side and work bench with drawer on other. West entrance, building #3, door outside milled vertical planking inside, horizontal sandwiched outside, six strap hinge by two and three-quarter. Roof with planking and rolled flattened barrels on top. Evidence of chopped logs on front corner notches.

Cabin #4, Cripple Landing, recent camp. Cabin recently has been stocked for possible later use as shelter cabin. Good condition, excellent condition, will still serve as shelter. Stocked with one to two pounds of coffee, reading material, flour, paper towels, oatmeal, beans, salt, applesauce, sugar, coffee, instant and regular. Soliton(?) for aches and pains, matches in bottle, seasoning, wood is available in the other woodshed. Fishing line, wire, stone sharpening set, kerosene lantern, high-backed wooden chair, wood cook stove, bed with mattress, felt blanket or sleeping bag, frying pans. L.L. Bean catalogues, spring of 1962, large wooden trunk with appears to be blankets or pillows, storage cabinet, cooking cabinet, with plates, seasoning, baking soda, bowls marked Ironstone China, J.G. Merkins, Handly, England. Large ceramic platter, muslin ceiling nailed to plank ceiling, must be truss rafter. Floor structure sound. Recent use. Almondan(?) bottle, Rainer beer can, old round-top, I believe Kenworth. Old RCA tabletop or shelf top radio, veneer cabinet, near destroyed. J. and B. scotch bottle, kerosene Blazo, hand saw, broom back saw. _____ safety, same as other cabins. Two prescription bottles found on site, one is from Burt's Payless Drugs, 701 4th Avenue, Anchorage and Dr. Fitzpatrick for a John Olson. "Take one tablet every four hours for cold prevention." Second month, third day, 1962. Other prescription bottle is to a Robert Arnold from Dr. Fritz, same pharmacy, says, "Place one dropful in each nostril four times daily." Fourth month, 25th day, 1962.

(In helicopter, hard to hear) _____ Cripple Landing house towards river, modern, looks like somebody using it for a residence as riverboats and such located there. Cripple Landing seems to be located on some kind of _____

something off the river about 300 yards. The trail section, according to Harold _____ trail section from Cripple Landing to Poorman _____. Main trails out there he notes he and his brother were lost out there one time, cat train, and _____ working their way on and off the _____ to find the trail. _____ confusing in that area. Get _____ address for mailing a copy of _____ plan.

July 16, Galena, had to lay over an extra night, 15th, due to bad weather. Attempt to talk to Charlie Evans at his residence at Newtown, new part of Galena where he lives but was unavailable to talk. Couldn't locate him in town. Checked out Ed Nulner(?), the other serum runner, Charlie and Ed are the two serum runners. Ed seemed reluctant to talk but he never been anywhere, really didn't know anything about the trail. Run Whiskey Creek to Galena stretch and his brother took it from there eight to eighteen miles down river.

Cabin ruins just between Fifth of July Creek and Long on Fourth of July Creek where the trail crosses it. No evidence of a roadhouse in that vicinity. However it was a sizeable log structure with walls standing. We will call that one Fourth of July Creek cabin on Ruby trail. No evidence of galvanized roofing, rough structure, bark on saddle notched _____. Probably Charlie Carlos at Ruby said that there was a roadhouse at Long and no other. No onsite visit and only pictures taken, black and white, 35mm, July 16. Greenstone historic mining camp, evidence of new trail, new mining activity. Gulotna(?) Crossing, July 16, unable to land due to tall grass. Took several shoots. Three structures quite evident, a structure between. Evidence of three structures, one outhouse and there are ruins of an older structure between the three. Log, evidently sod roof, no evidence of galvanized metal at all. Unable to land at Gulotna Landing.

Unable to locate Hub House ruins. All that remains is an outhouse this side of two cabins down. No evidence of tin, wood structure.

Cabin site generally located on stream with tread water. Two old log sod roof cabins, rough mining cabins up side stream off _____ summer trail off Dominion Creek cabin circled on map. Two cabins in that locale. Roof on one, fairly intact, roof on other fairly well gone. Various size of large mining pipe at

locale of cabin. Up summer trail towards ^{OPHIR} ~~Dolfer~~(?) approximately three miles
 from mouth of other creek with two cabins, ruins of what may possibly be a
 cabin ^{ON} or skid, no time to _____ fuel. _____ project _____, various
 crates _____ help to better understand supply points of the trail.
^{OPHIR} ~~Uifer~~(?) _____ trail junction of winter, summer approximately 1½ miles to
 the north of ^{OPHIR} ~~Uifer~~ off the end of the airstrip. Explore possibility of dedi-
 cating a house to _____ to _____ people in and around Iditarod
 community and along trail. When ^{PHOTOGRAPH} Wayne comes west have him concentrate on
 getting good aerial landmark photos and trail segment photos along with site
 photos.