

when it was known as Murray's Halfway Roadhouse (Rogers 1964:57).

Shermeier was proprietor by 1917 when Cadwallader passed through on his way to Iditarod (Cadwallader, n.d.:9). Rivers (1975:211-16) spells this name Shermeyer when relating the notoriety gained at this roadhouse in 1922 when Shermeyer (or Shermeier) was involved in a \$30,000 mail robbery. According to Timothy Twitchell (pers. comm.), Julien DeSade was the last proprietor at Halfway Roadhouse before it was abandoned as a roadhouse in the late 1920's.

No major structures remain intact at Shermeier's Halfway Roadhouse site, but the ruins and artifacts at the site should be maintained and preserved. Further study and archeological investigations into the site may provide useful information.

Whitacker Cabin

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Remains of another building were noted in a small clearing on the opposite side of the river slightly upstream from Shermeier's Roadhouse site. The structure is completely collapsed, and the roof is gone (Plate C-80). Low vegetation is growing within the foundations. Timothy Twitchell (pers. comm.), identified this structure as the Whitacker cabin, dating from approximately the same time as Shermeier's Halfway Roadhouse. The site was not examined on the ground.

The site of Whitacker's Cabin needs to be examined on the ground to determine its current condition. Further investigation into archival and local sources of information may help to determine the historical significance of the site.