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Troberg Residence (Building #67)

Bear Creek Compound

The Troberg Residence (Building #67) is a log structure dating to 1916 that apparently served as the Gold Room of the Canadian Klondike Mining Company. After 1939, it was moved to a remote corner of the site and converted to a residence by the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation (YCGC), which had established a service facility for its gold mining operations at the Bear Creek industrial complex. Operations at the facility ceased in 1966, and the property was acquired by Parks Canada, the present custodian, in 1975.

Reasons for designation

The Troberg Residence is a “Recognized” Federal Heritage Building because of its historical, architectural, and environmental values:

As part of the Bear Creek Compound, the Troberg Residence is associated with the corporate phase of Yukon’s gold mining history. Its early log construction and apparent original use as the facility’s Gold Room link it with the Canadian Klondike Mining Company, but it also illustrates how the site’s buildings were moved and adapted to meet changing requirements as a result of the YCGC’s renewal and expansion program in the 1930s.

The Troberg Residence is simple and functional in design, and exhibits good workmanship and appropriate use of materials. It has a 1-1/2-storey rectangular log construction up to the roofline and a wood-frame structure above. Its gable roof has a large shed dormer on each side, and these, as well as the upper portions of its end gables are clad with horizontal wood siding. Unlike most of the other buildings on the site, its front façade is its long elevation, rather than in the end gable. It is protected by a deep roof overhang supported by wood brackets. The ground floor has three large rooms, including a kitchen with a side door, around a central opening with stairways leading upstairs and down to the basement.

Although surrounded by trees and located away from the cluster of buildings around the large open yard, the Troberg Residence reinforces the residential character of this functionally obsolete but remarkable intact village-like mining service facility, with its 80 structures and several landscape features relating to large-scale mechanical placer mining.

Character-defining elements

The following character-defining elements of the Troberg Residence should be respected:

- The simple and functional nature of its design, and its overall good workmanship and appropriate use of materials.
- Its residential form and proportions, which, although modified following its relocation, distinguish it from the other residential buildings on the site.
- Its combined log and wood-frame 1-1/2 storey structure and exterior materials: its exposed saddle-notched log walls, its horizontal siding above the roof line, its gable roof with an overhang and wood brackets, and its shed dormers.
- The arrangement and detailing of the windows and doors and their surrounds.
- The domestic nature of its remote site, with its surrounding trees, and its remote spatial relationship to the main grouping of Bear Creek buildings.

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